

THE LORD'S DAY

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Once the prelude begins, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and of our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 22

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Amen!

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

My vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

And he rules over the nations.

†“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” #229*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8-14

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

†Psalm 146

Sacrament of Baptism
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 91B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 11
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 342)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Romans 16:17-20
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 950)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 11
DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #6

†Psalm 68A; 1-4, 12

God Communes with Us
in the Lord's Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration
By the promise of God this bread and wine are
for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up
your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering 1st: General Fund
2nd: Missions & Mercy Fund

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction Numbers 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD
make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen!

†Doxology (unannounced) #568*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

† = please stand, if able
bold = congregational response
* = the congregation is invited to lift hands
(during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

REFORMATION SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 46:1, 7, 9, 10; 34:3
God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble.

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be
exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in
the earth!”

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Psalm 46B

Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Confessional Response

We know [God] by two means: First, by the
creation, preservation, and government of the
universe, since that universe is before our eyes
like a beautiful book in which all creatures,
great and small, are as letters to make us
ponder the invisible things of God: his eternal
power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says
in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to
convict men and to leave them without excuse.
Second, he makes himself known to us more
openly by his holy and divine Word, as much
as we need in this life, for his glory and for the
salvation of his own. (Belgic Confession,
Art. 2)

**We receive all these books [of the Old and
New Testaments] and these only as holy
and canonical, for the regulating,
founding, and establishing of our faith.
(Belgic Confession, Art. 5)**

Let us thank God for His holy Word.

**We thank you, God, for your Word. We
thank you for the special care this shows
you have for us and for our salvation.
(Belgic Confession, Art. 3)**

Psalm 119M

Sola Gratia: Grace Alone

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-9

Confessional Response

How are you righteous before God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even
though my conscience accuses me of
having grievously sinned against all God’s
commandments, of never having kept any
of them, and of still being inclined toward
all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of
my own, out of sheer grace, God grants
and credits to me the perfect satisfaction,
righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if
I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and
as if I had been perfectly obedient as
Christ was obedient for me.—if only I
accept this gift with a believing heart.
(Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A. 60)**

Let us thank God for His grace.

**We thank you, God, for your grace. We
thank You that You do not treat us as our
sins deserve, that You do not repay us
according to our iniquities. (Psalm
103:10). We thank you that we are
justified by Your grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
whom You put forward as a propitiation
by His blood, to be received by faith.
(Romans 3:24-26).**

†“Not What My Hands Have Done”

#435

Sola Fide: Faith Alone

Scripture Reading Romans 4:1-5, 20-25

Confessional Response

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21)

Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith, for only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness are my righteousness before God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 61)

Let us thank God for the gift of faith.

We thank you, God, for the gift of faith. We thank you that the Holy Spirit has kindled in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all His merits, and makes Him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. (Belgic Confession, Art. 22)

Psalm 32B

Solus Christus: Christ Alone

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25; Acts 4:11-12; Hebrews 7:25

Confessional Response

Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

Because He saves us from our sins; and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29)

Let us thank God for Jesus, His inexpressible gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

We thank you, God, for Jesus. We thank you that we have in Jesus all that we need for our salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism A. 30)

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" #342

Soli Deo Gloria: To God Alone Be the Glory

Scripture Reading Romans 11:33-36

Confessional Response

What is the chief end of man?

To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 1)

Let us, then, glorify God.

Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, and for Jesus.

†"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #244

God's Will for Our Lives Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Psalm 119B

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

†"Now Blessed Be Jehovah God" #564

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