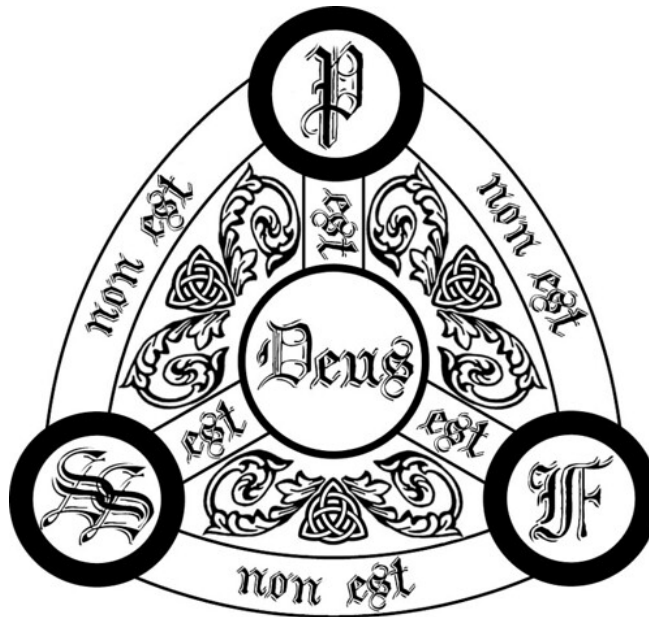


# THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026  
First Sunday after the Epiphany



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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

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 34

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!**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**And let us exalt his name together!**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

**And delivered me from all my fears.**

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Prayer of Confession    (*Book of Common Prayer*, 1549)

**Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and so we are helpless without you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Response of Praise

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and**

**with all the company of heaven, who for  
ever sing to proclaim the glory of your  
Name!**

†Psalm 76

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 45B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      1 Chronicles 17  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 348)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Acts 2:25-36  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 910)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon    Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 17  
I WILL ESTABLISH HIS THRONE FOREVER  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #15

†“Christ Shall Have Dominion”                      #421

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    1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
   2<sup>nd</sup>: Benevolence 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

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

#### †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

#### †Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten  
Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hell;<sup>1</sup> the third day he**

**rose again from the dead; he ascended  
into heaven, and sits at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from there he  
shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy  
catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

†Gloria Patri (unannounced) #571\*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

#### God's Will for Our Lives Psalm 37:1-20

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

**be not envious of wrongdoers!**

For they will soon fade like the grass

**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,

**and he will give you the desires of your  
heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers  
in his way, over the man who carries out  
evil devices!**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

**Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**

For the evildoers shall be cut off,

**but those who wait for the LORD shall  
inherit the land.**

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</sup> “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;

**though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land

**and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

The wicked plots against the righteous

**and gnashes his teeth at him,**

but the Lord laughs at the wicked,

**for he sees that his day is coming.**

The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy,

**to slay those whose way is upright;**

their sword shall enter their own heart,

**and their bows shall be broken.**

Better is the little that the righteous has

**than the abundance of many wicked.**

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,

**but the LORD upholds the righteous.**

The LORD knows the days of the blameless,

**and their heritage will remain forever;**

they are not put to shame in evil times;

**in the days of famine they have abundance.**

But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;

**they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.**

Pastoral Prayer

Exodus 15:1-18

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!**

*Psalm of the Month*

†Psalm 4

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 983)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

A PERFECT SAVIOR

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

29 Q. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

**A. Because he saves us from our sins; and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.**

30 Q. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

**A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.**

†“In Christ Alone”

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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!**

†“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”  
(unannounced)

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