

THE LORD'S DAY

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Seventeenth 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)

“Christian worship is essentially *eucharistia*, thanksgiving, to the God who has given us full and final redemption and in the same act restored to us our broken relationship with all His creation, whose praise we are called to make articulate. We worship because we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
William Nicholls

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 7:15-17
Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; 2 Chron. 20
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!

And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when

they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said,
“Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem!
Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.”

And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

“Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

†“Come, Thou Almighty King” #212*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Psalm 15
Prayer of Confession

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live. Wash us in the pure fountain of Jesus’ blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Inscribe your law upon the tablets of our hearts. And give us the desire and strength to walk in the ways of your precepts. 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 Ephesians 2:1-10

†Psalm 68A; 1-4, 12

Sacrament of Baptism
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 103C

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 6:1-53
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 338)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 15:2-4
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1036)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 6:1-53 THE SERVICE OF SONG EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #3

†“By the Sea of Crystal” #473

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

1 Chronicles 1-9 Outline

- A. Roots of Israel, 1:1-2:2
- B. Royal tribe: Judah, 2:3-4:23
- C. Tribes east of the Jordan, ch. 5
- D. Levi, ch. 6
- C'. Tribes west of the Jordan, ch. 7
- B'. Royal tribe: Benjamin, ch. 8
- A'. Israel Returned, 9:1-34
- A. Priests, 6:1-16 ("sons of Aaron", 6:3)
- B. Levites, 6:17-30 ("his son")
- C. Levitical service of song, 6:31-32
- B'. Levites, 6:33-48 ("son of")
- A'. Priests, 6:49-53 ("sons of Aaron", 6:50)

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

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 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Psalms 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 67B

†Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed, #560

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I

belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

God's Will for Our Lives Galatians 5:16-25

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Pastoral Prayer

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 3

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-31
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
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CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE
LORD'S DAY 3, PART 1
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

6 Q. Did God create man so wicked and
perverse?

**A. No. God created man good and in his
own image, that is, in true righteousness
and holiness, so that he might truly know
God his creator, love him with all his
heart, and live with God in eternal
happiness, for his praise and glory.**

7 Q. Then where does man's corrupt nature
come from?

**A. From the fall and disobedience of our
first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise.
This fall has so poisoned our nature that
we are all conceived and born in sin.**

8 Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally
unable to do any good and inclined toward all
evil?

**A. Yes, unless we are born again by the
Spirit of God.**

†Psalm 8A

Offering Christian Education Fund

†Benediction 1 Peter 5:10-11
And after you have suffered a little while, the
God of all grace, who has called you to his
eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore,
confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him
be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

†“For All the Saints” #408; 1-3, 5, 8*
(unannounced)

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