

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Fourteenth 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

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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; Ps. 147

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!**

Praise the LORD!

**For it is good to sing praises to our God;**

For it is pleasant,

**And a song of praise is fitting.**

He declares his word to Jacob,

**His statutes and rules to Israel.**

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his rules.

**Praise the LORD!**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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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

Psalms 32:1-2, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

#### †Psalm 48A

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### †Psalm 54

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      1 Chronicles 1:1-27  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 334)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      Luke 24:44-49  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 885)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon      Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 1:1-27  
A CHRONICLE OF ALL DIVINE HISTORY  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #1

†“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”      #403

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. Psa. 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)*

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

#### †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 99B

#### †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 Romans 13:8-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Pastoral Prayer Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live

**I will sing praises to my God while I have  
my being.**

Put not your trust in princes,

**In a son of man, in whom there is no  
salvation.**

When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**On that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**Whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all  
that is in them,

**Who keeps faith forever;**

Who executes justice for the oppressed,

**Who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The LORD loves the righteous.**

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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).

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

**But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever,

**Your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

**Praise the LORD!**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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!**

*Psalms of the Month*

†Psalm 119M

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 976)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

OUR SHARED FAITH

LORD'S DAY 1

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

(TPH, p. 872)

†“Union with Thee”

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Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**Amen!**

†“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
(unannounced)

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