

THE LORD'S DAY

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Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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, 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. 73

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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You guide me with your counsel,

And afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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

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 1 John 2:1b-2a

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

†Psalm 146

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 119K

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 29:20-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 29:20-30

THEY ATE AND DRANK BEFORE THE LORD

EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #26

†“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” #200

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

Heavenly Father, we who trust in Jesus and have received these pledges of his love, thank you for assuring us of your love and forgiveness. Thank you that we, together with all your faithful people, are true members of his body and of each other in him. Thank you for the assurance that we shall eat and drink with Christ when he comes in the glory of his kingdom.

Remember, Father, your church bought by the blood of your Son, and gather it in holiness into the kingdom you have prepared for it.

Direct each one of us now by your Spirit in all our ways. Stir us to live lives to your glory.

Make us faithful witnesses to Jesus and his

resurrection, eager for the joy of his coming, and made worthy to worship you with all your saints forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Offering

1st: General Fund

2nd: 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)

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**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

THE LORD’S SUPPER

If you are visiting with us this morning, we invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper with us if the following is true of you:

1. you have received Christian baptism into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
2. you have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
3. you have formal, committed membership in a true Christian church.

If you have any questions about this, please speak with an elder.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-2

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

†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 145A; 1-4

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the

right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Matthew 5:33-37)

¹ "Catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

For God commanded... “Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.” (Matthew 15:4)

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

You shall not commit adultery.

Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28)

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. (Matthew 15:19-20)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:34, 37)

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 119:57-80

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 133A

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

THE HOLY SPIRIT, PART 2

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

53 Q. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that he is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

†“Union with Thee”

#448

Offering

General 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!

†“O God beyond All Praising”

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(unannounced)

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