

# THE LORD'S DAY

**December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday in Advent**



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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)*

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. Amen!

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

#### †Call to Worship                      Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

#### †Opening Prayer

#### †Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Isa. 40:3-5

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!**

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

**Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

**For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**

†"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"              #313\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

#### Prayer of Confession

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. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.... You shall not bow down to them or serve them. 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. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Deut. 5:6-12a)

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Psa. 51:2-3)**

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, 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. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's. (Deut. 5:16-21)

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. (Psa. 130:3-4)**

Assurance of Pardon                      Psalm 30:4-5  
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and  
give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is  
but for a moment, and his favor is for a  
lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but  
joy comes with the morning.

†Psalm 46C

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm of the Month*  
†Psalm 119X (insert)

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      1 Chronicles 16:8-22  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 347)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Luke 1:67-80  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 856)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon                                      Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 16:8-22  
REMEMBER HIS COVENANT FOREVER  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #11

†“Song of Zechariah”                                      #294

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>: 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

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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)*

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him  
for his mighty deeds; praise him according to  
his excellent greatness! Let everything that has  
breath praise the LORD! 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 122A

†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

Proverbs 3

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 118

**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 119F

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 886)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

THE TRIUNE GOD

LORD'S DAY 8

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

(TPH, p. 875)

†“Glory Be to God the Father”

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Offering

Christian Education 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!**

†“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#300

(unannounced)

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