

# LORD'S DAY

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## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, as we gather in your name, we pray for your blessing. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 107.1-9

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 4*

*ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of your mercy and grace. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved or forgiven others as you, for Christ's sake, have loved and forgiven us. Too often we have lived in selfishness and pride, receiving the good gifts you have given, but failing to use them to bless and relieve the burdens of others. Pardon our offenses, we pray. Grant us the grace to feel and lament our share in the evil that made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die for our salvation. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 55.1-2, 6-7

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 243*

*PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER*

## Confession of Faith

Which is the Tenth Commandment?

**The Tenth Commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”<sup>1</sup>**

What is required in the Tenth Commandment?

**The Tenth Commandment requires full contentment with our own condition,<sup>2</sup> with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor and all that is his.<sup>3</sup>**

What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

**The Tenth Commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate,<sup>4</sup> envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor,<sup>5</sup> and all unreasonable motions and affections toward anything that is his.<sup>6</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 79-81

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<sup>1</sup> Exodus 20.17 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Heb 13.5). “But godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Tim 6.6).

<sup>3</sup> “If I have rejoiced at the ruin of him who hated me, or exulted when evil overtook him” (Job 31.29). “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Rom 12.15). “The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Tim 1.5). “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Cor 13.4-7).

<sup>4</sup> “And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, ‘I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.’ And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food” (1 Kgs 21.4). “Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate” (Est 5.13). “...nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer” (1 Cor 10.10).

<sup>5</sup> “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Gal 5.26). “But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth... For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice” (Jas 3.14, 16).

<sup>6</sup> “What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, ‘You shall not covet.’ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead” (Rom 7.7-8). “For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Rom 13.9).

## Prayer for the Church and the World

### -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

#### Sermon

“A Salvation Yet to Be Revealed”

Hebrews 9.16-28

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### \*Song of Response

*Hymn No. 324*

*Christ is Coming!*

### Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer rings. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 402*

*ABIDE WITH ME: FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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### **Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Hebrews and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*Prayer Meeting*: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

**Sermon Notes: "A Salvation Yet to Be Revealed" (Hebrews 9.16-28)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA:* Some fifteen hundred teaching and ruling elders will meet in Birmingham this week, at our annual General Assembly, to pray and consider forty-two overtures that have been submitted by several of our Presbyteries. Pray for the deliberations, that they honor the Lord, are faithful to his Word, and advance the cause of his kingdom.

*The Gift of Peace:* Jesus told his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (Jn 14.27). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* know and are kept in Christ’s peace as they look to him this week.

*The Persecuted Church:* Christians are but a tiny minority in *Niger*, where more than 99 percent of the 23 million people are Muslim. Some are able to live and worship peacefully, but others, especially converts from Islam, come under extreme pressure from family and culture and are often targeted by radical Muslims clerics. Pray for those who are suffering under the power of such Muslim leaders, that God strengthens them, that they know his presence and joy, even amidst their suffering, and that God uses the testimony of their lives to awaken in their detractors a hunger for the true and living God.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he prepares the congregation for electing elders and deacons, and as he continues to reach out with the love of Christ to those in the Kenai Peninsula.

*Ukraine:* Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God continues to use his people to bring help to the hurting and the lost.

## **Announcements**

*General Assembly:* For those interested in live-streaming GA, a link will be posted on Tuesday at [pcaac.org](http://pcaac.org). The Assembly begins with a worship service at 4:30 PM (PT) on Tuesday. There will be business and worship Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and, if needed, Friday morning.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek “Christ,” is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case “Alpha” and “Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.