

THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026
3:30 PM - Catechism Service



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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 3:30 PM
Church Plant: Under Care of Immanuel's Reformed Church (Salem, OR).

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AFTERNOON CATECHISM SERVICE

3:30 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore (Ps. 125:1-2).

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Ps. 67:3-4

Let the peoples praise You, O God, let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

†Invocation

†God's Greeting Eph. 1

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the LORD Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Declaration of Dependence Psa. 124

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

†O LORD, I Will Extol You 30

†Confession of Faith 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;¹ 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
catholic² church; the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and life
everlasting. Amen**

†How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight 133B

God's Will for Our Lives Prov. 9:1-12

Wisdom has built her house; she has when her seven pillars.

**She has slaughtered her beasts; she has
mixed her wine; she has also set her table.**

She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in town,

"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"

To him who lacks sense she says,

**"Come eat of my bread and drink of the
wine I have mixed. Leave your simple
ways and live, and walk in the way of
insight."**

Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and whoever reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

**Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate
you; reprove a wise man, and he will love
you.**

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy
One is insight.**

For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

**If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, if
you scoff, you alone will bear it.**

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 44; Canons of Dort 2.4

² "Catholic" means universal; that is one church across all times, place, and peoples (Belgic confession article 27; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54).

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's 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

† The Fool Speaks in His Heart 14

God Speaks to us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Acts. 7:54-8:3
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1061)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Mr. Brennan Kiledjian

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46 Q. What do you mean by saying "He ascended to heaven?"

A. That Christ, while His disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.

47 Q. What isn't Christ with us until the end of the World as He promised us?

A. Christ is true man and true God. In His human nature, Christ is not now on earth; but in His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit, He is never absent from us.

48 Q. If His humanity is not present wherever His divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?"

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is

evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time His divinity is in and remains personally united to His humanity.

49 Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, He is our advocate in heaven in the presence of His Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will take us, His members, to Himself. Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is sitting at God's right hand.

†Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise #160

Offering Benevolence 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!

†Gloria Patri (unannounced) #572
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.

† = please stand, if able
bold = congregational response

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. In September, we will begin a monthly Psalm/Hymn sing, and prayer meeting. If you'd be willing to host, please contact Mr. Kiledjian.
 2. Please take a look at the schedule on the back table for Church set up/take down and volunteer for a week or weeks your family is available to help.
 3. We want to extend a warm welcome to Elder Krynn Van Lewin, from Immanuel's Reformed Church, for traveling to be present with us this morning. Please welcome him and his wife in Christ, and honor them.
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ABOUT US:

We are a church plant, under the oversight and governance of Immanuel's Reformed Church, in Salem, Oregon. We are part of the United Reformed Churches of North America.

ELEMENT OF THE WEEK

Our forefather, Abraham, received circumcision as a "seal of the righteousness he had by faith" (Rom 4:11). Notably, God told him also to apply it to his children, even before they expressed faith, as a pledge: "I will be God to you and to your offspring after you" (Gen 17:7). This promise was true formally since circumcision set Abraham's descendants apart from pagan

nations. Yet it was also to be embraced spiritually by faith for salvation (Rom 9:7-8). Later, Jesus appointed baptism as the new covenant sign and seal by which professing believers and their children are initiated among God's people. By it, recipients are formally separated from the world, numbered among the holy church, and affirmed in divine promises. While not conferring or guaranteeing salvation to those who remain in unbelief, baptism is a gracious means by which the Spirit nurtures and guides the elect to rest in the Gospel for cleansing and renewal, and daily count themselves "dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ" (Rom 6:11).

TITHING:

Please make all checks out to "Immanuel's Reformed Church."

CARE BY ELDERS:

The elders of Christ's church are not merely overseers of doctrine and discipline, but shepherds who deeply love Christ's flock and are charged to care for His people in the midst of weakness, struggle, and sin. Church discipline is not intended to shame or cast away, but is one expression of Christ's loving care, as elders come alongside His people with prayer, encouragement, wisdom, and correction where needed, always with the purpose of restoration. We therefore encourage all members to seek out the elders freely and honestly, trusting that their desire is to shepherd you faithfully with gentleness, compassion, and gospel hope.

CALENDAR:
