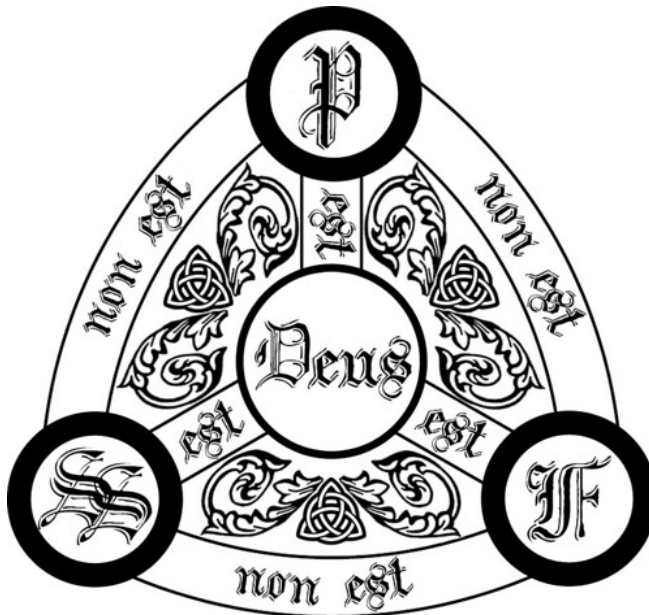


# THE LORD'S DAY

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Seventh 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

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, 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. 104

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!**

When you send forth your Spirit

**You renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**May the LORD rejoice in his works,**

Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**Who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

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

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Confession of Sin

*(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 Corinthians 15:54-58

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

†Psalm 22C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 142

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 142  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 523)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Romans 8:31-34  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 944)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

PSALM 142  
I SAY, 'YOU ARE MY REFUGE'  
EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS #89  
i. The God Who Knows You  
ii. The God Who Is for You  
iii. The God Who Will Deliver You

†“Jerusalem the Golden”                      #468

## 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. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

## Invitation to 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 after the service.

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, 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 122:1-2

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

†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 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 one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> 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 #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

Psalm 119:9-16, 97-104

How can a young man keep his way pure?

**By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I seek you;

**let me not wander from your commandments!**

I have stored up your word in my heart,

**that I might not sin against you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

With my lips I declare

**all the rules of your mouth.**

In the way of your testimonies I delight

**as much as in all riches.**

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<sup>1</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).

I will meditate on your precepts  
**and fix my eyes on your ways.**  
I will delight in your statutes;  
**I will not forget your word.**  
Oh how I love your law!  
**It is my meditation all the day.**  
Your commandment makes me wiser than my  
enemies,  
**for it is ever with me.**  
I have more understanding than all my  
teachers,  
**for your testimonies are my meditation.**  
I understand more than the aged,  
**for I keep your precepts.**  
I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
**in order to keep your word.**  
I do not turn aside from your rules,  
**for you have taught me.**  
How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**sweeter than honey to my mouth!**  
Through your precepts I get understanding;  
**therefore I hate every false way.**

Pastoral 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!**

*Psalm of the Month*

†Psalm 119R

Scripture Reading 1 John 2:18-29  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1021)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

1 JOHN 2:18-29  
GOD WITHOUT JESUS?  
i. Abiding  
ii. Anointing  
iii. The Anointed One

†Psalm 132  
\*Alt. Tune Psalm 98C “Austrian Hymn”

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†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.

†“Arise, My Soul, Arise” #275

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