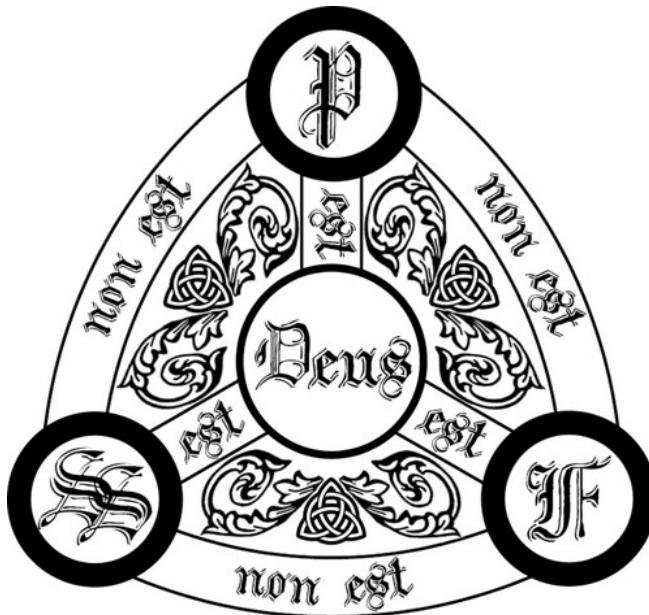


# THE LORD'S DAY

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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

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

“Christian worship is essentially *eucharistia*, thanksgiving, to the God who has given us full and final redemption and in the same act restored to us our broken relationship with all His creation, whose praise we are called to make articulate. We worship because we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”  
(William Nicholls)

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Philippians 2:5-11  
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### †Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 100  
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!**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

†“Now Thank We All Our God”                      #181\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 11:4-5, 7

Prayer of Confession

**Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Your word has shown us how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for the sake of his blood and righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways, for your glory and the good of our neighbor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon                    1 Timothy 1:15  
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

†Psalm 138A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 121A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                    Psalm 24  
This is the Word of the Lord.                    (p. 458)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                    Rev. 21:22 – 22:5  
This is the Word of the Lord.                    (p. 1041)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

PSALM 24

WHO SHALL ASCEND THE HILL OF THE LORD?

†“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #297

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

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**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)*

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

### 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 119B

†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              Lord's Prayer, #3

Jeremiah 9:12-14, 23-24; HC Q & A 122

Who is the man so wise that he can understand this?

**To whom has the mouth of the LORD spoken, that he may declare it?**

Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through?

**And the LORD says: Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it,**

but have stubbornly followed their own hearts **and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them.**

Thus says the LORD:

**Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,**

but let him who boasts boast in this,

**that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.**

122 Q. What does the first petition mean?

**A. "Hallowed be your name" means: Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.**

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 104A; 1-5

Scripture Reading

Acts 23:12-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 932)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

ACTS 23:12-35

WANTING FOR JUSTICE

†“Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

#280

Offering

General 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!**

†“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(unannounced)

#245

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