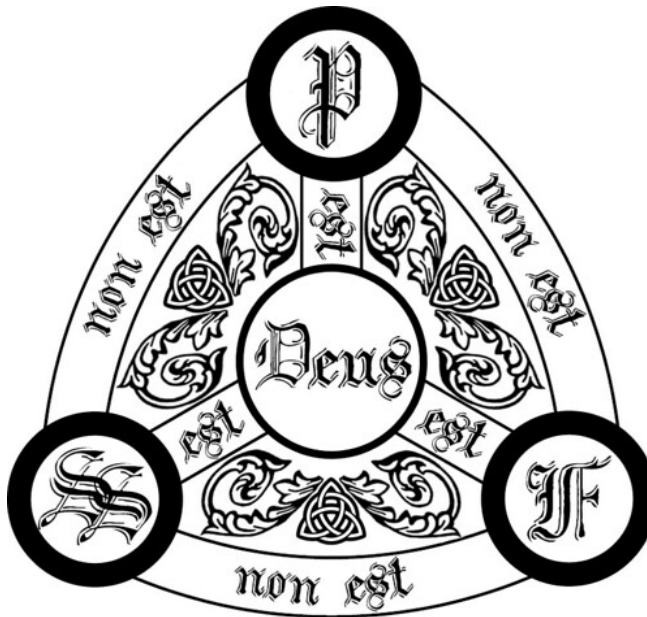


# THE LORD'S DAY

July 13, 2025

Fifth 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)*

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; Ps. 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.**

†“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”                      #369\*

#### 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                      John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the

world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

†Psalm 30

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 119F

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      Psalm 119:33-56  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 513)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      Matthew 11:25-30  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 816)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon      Rev. Nick Smith

PSALM 119:33-56  
I SHALL WALK IN A WIDE PLACE  
EXPOSITION OF PSALM 119 #2

†“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”      #429

### 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

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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)*

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. (Psalm 125:1-2)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

#### †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 121A

#### †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 in 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 (unannounced) #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

#### Fourth Commandment

Hebrews 4:1, 9-13; HC Q & A 103

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

**So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.**

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

**For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,**

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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).

piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

103 Q. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

**A. First, that the gospel ministry and schools for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to the Lord publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.**

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 123

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 953)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Mr. Michael Hakze

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16

THE MIND OF CHRIST

†“Be Thou My Vision”

#446

Offering

General 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!**

†“It Is Well with My Soul”

#476

(unannounced)

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