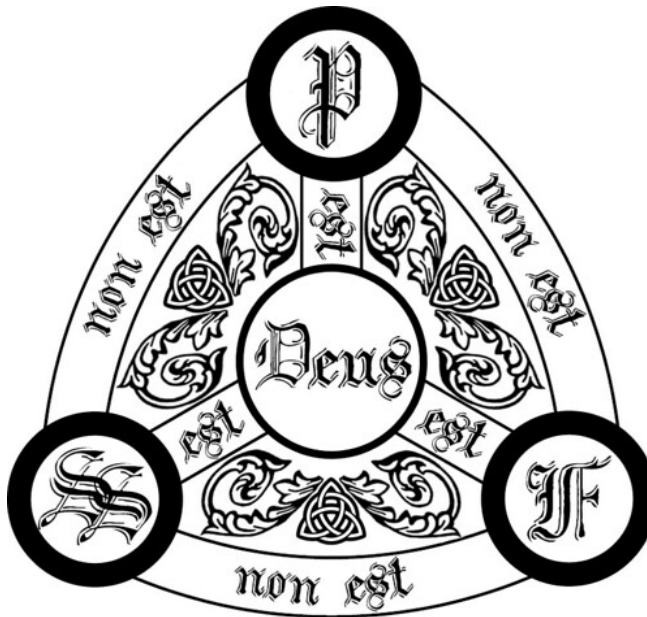


# THE LORD'S DAY

July 6, 2025

Fourth 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)*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1-7)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 65:1-4

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 99

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!**

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion;

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**Holy is he!**

The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

**Holy is he!**

†“Now Thank We All Our God”

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#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 24:1-5

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

†Psalm 22D

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 68A; 1, 4, 5, 7, 12

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Judges 4  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 203)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Heb. 11:1-3, 32-40  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 1007)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon                      Mr. Michael Hakze

JUDGES 4  
LIFE CYCLE OF A JUDGE: BARAK

†“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #214

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>: 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

† = 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 100  
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.

### †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 100A

†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

#### Third Commandment

Psalm 135:1-7; HC Q & A 99

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, **give praise, O servants of the LORD,** who stand in the house of the LORD, **in the courts of the house of our God!** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; **sing to his name, for it is pleasant!** For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, **Israel as his own possession.**

For I know that the LORD is great, **and that our Lord is above all gods.** Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, **in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.**

He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,

**who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.**

99 Q. What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

**A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In summary, we must use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, call upon him, and praise him in everything we do and say.**

## 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 1:17 – 2:5

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 952)

**Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer for Illumination

# Sermon

Mr. Michael Hakze

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

## THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

†“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #224

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†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!**

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

(unannounced) #158; 1-3, 5-6\*

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