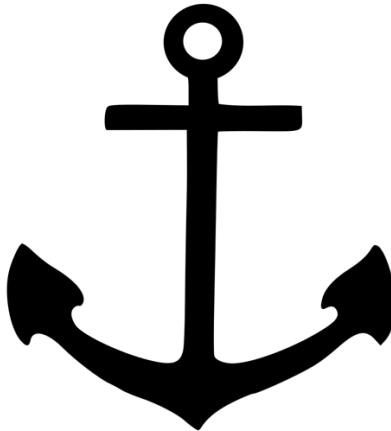


# THE LORD'S DAY

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Ninth 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 12:22-24, 28-29

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the  
city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,  
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are  
enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of  
all, and to the spirits of the righteous made  
perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new  
covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that  
speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.  
Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a  
kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us  
offer to God acceptable worship, with  
reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming  
fire.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading      Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 113

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!**

Praise the LORD!

**Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the  
name of the LORD!**

Blessed be the name of the LORD

**From this time forth and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**The name of the LORD is to be praised!**

The LORD is high above all nations,

**And his glory above the heavens!**

†“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”      #374\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Prayer of Confession      *(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

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we  
were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Response of Praise

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name!**

†Psalm 146

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 4

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Judges 6:1-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Hebrews 4:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Mr. Michael Hakze

JUDGES 6:1-32

LIFE CYCLE OF A JUDGE: GIDEON

†“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”                      #256

### 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)*

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1-2)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship                      Psalm 5:11-12

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

#### †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 23A

#### †Confession of Faith              The 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;<sup>1</sup> 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  
catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. 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

#### Seventh Commandment

Hebrews 13:1-6, 16; HC Q & A 108

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**Remember those who are in prison, as  
though in prison with them, and those who  
are mistreated, since you also are in the  
body.**

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

**Keep your life free from love of money,  
and be content with what you have, for he  
has said, "I will never leave you nor  
forsake you."**

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

**Do not neglect to do good and to share  
what you have, for such sacrifices are  
pleasing to God.**

108 Q. What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?

**A. That God condemns all unchastity, and  
that we should therefore detest it**

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</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).

**wholeheartedly and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.**

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 119T

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 5

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Mr. Michael Hakze

1 CORINTHIANS 5  
A LITTLE LEAVEN

†“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” #411

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen!**

†“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #338  
(unannounced)

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