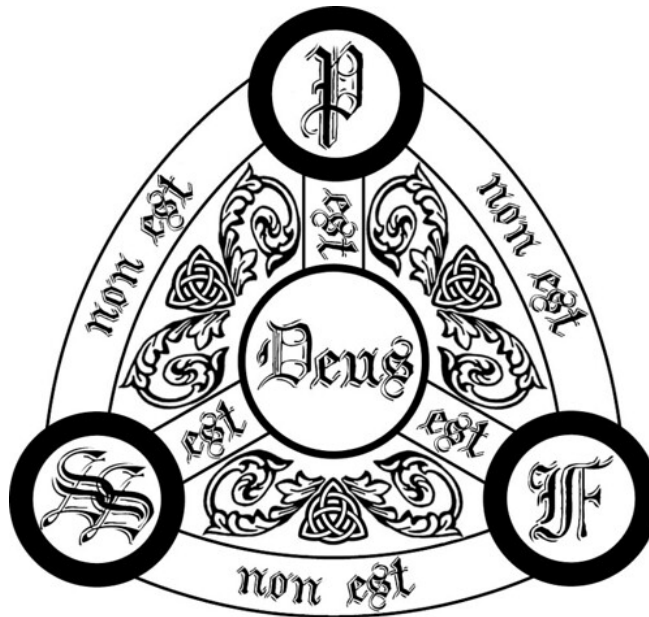


# THE LORD'S DAY

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First 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)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Micah 4:1-2a

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psalms 96

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!**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

†"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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#### 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

Ephesians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the

forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

†Psalm 98A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 48A

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Exodus 31  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 71)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:22-27  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1041)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon Rev. Chris Coleman

### EXODUS 31 ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU

†“Praise God for Joy of Sabbath Blest” #155

### 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>: Building Capital 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. Psa. 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)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-3

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!

#### †Opening Prayer

#### †Responsive Reading Psalms 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 99A

#### †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 Psalm 1

Blessed is the man

**Who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

Nor stands in the way of sinners,

**Nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**And on his law he meditates day and**

**night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water

**That yields its fruit in its season,**

And its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

**But are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**But the way of the wicked will perish.**

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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).

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 6

Scripture Reading                      Colossians 2:8-15  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 984)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon                      Rev. Chris Coleman

COLOSSIANS 2:8-10  
WITH US TO THE END OF THE WORLD

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 18

46 Q. What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

**A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

47 Q. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

**A. Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.**

48 Q. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

**A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that**

**has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.**

49 Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

†Psalm 68A; 1, 6-8, 12

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!**

†"Abide with Me"                      #159  
(unannounced)

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