

June 29, 2025

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 20: All*

Reading of the Law—Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 428:1

Scripture: Matthew 7:1–6; Acts 13:32–52

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 206: All*

Sermon Text: Matthew 7:6

Sermon Theme: Christ's Striking Exhortation

- 1. A striking analogy**
- 2. A striking prohibition**
- 3. A striking application**

Prayer

Psalter 2: All (2nd Tune)*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 315*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Matthew 7:6 (AM Service)

1. What is the significant connection between our text (v. 6) and the first five verses of Matthew 7?
2. How does Christ give us a striking description of the radical depravity of the human heart?
- 3*. What does Christ mean by “that which is holy,” and by “pearls”?
4. What does Christ teach us here about the response of the unbeliever to the gospel?
5. Under what circumstances must we refrain from communicating the gospel to unbelievers?
6. What sort of discrimination does Christ call us to engage in by way of this text?
7. What is meant by the expression that we must separate the precious from the vile?
- 8*. What is meant by the statement that only the Holy Spirit can transform “dogs and swine”?

Question for Self-reflection

- # How are we to engage ourselves wisely toward unbelievers?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 71:1–3*

Scripture: Matthew 18:21–35

Confession: Belgic Confession, Art. 29 (pp. 19–20)

Psalter 132:1, 5

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 233:1–3, 6*

Sermon text: Matthew 6:12 (Lord's Day 51)

Sermon Theme: Readiness to Forgive

- 1. The Christian's readiness to seek forgiveness**
- 2. God's readiness to grant forgiveness**
- 3. The believer's readiness to be forgiving**

Prayer

Psalter 83: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 316*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Lord's Day 51 (PM Service)

1. What crucial connection is there between the 4th and 5th petition?
- 2*. Why does Jesus use the word “debts” rather than sin?
3. What makes the sin of a believer more grievous than the sin of an unbeliever?
4. Why is the eruption of indwelling corruption such a painful reality for the believer?
5. Why does an appeal to the blood of Christ always move the Father's heart?
- 6*. What does it mean that God is **ready** to forgive?
7. How often must we forgive those who have sinned against us?
8. Why does the praying of the 5th petition demand painfully honest self-examination?

Question for Self-reflection

- # Do we daily seek to be pardoned for our daily transgressions by a God who, for Christ's sake, is ready to forgive?

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We welcome you as we gather to hear His Word today.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters
- Those with burdens and suffering
- PRTS, PCS and GCA
- The upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We remember Leona Timmer's birthday on July 3.

Reminder, to put a message or cards, for Dan Nyhoff's care package, in care of Conrad and Char's mailbox.

Please continue to invite friends to the Vacation Bible School. Friends, neighbors, and acquaintances going into grades Pre-K to 6, are all welcome to join us! VBS will run **July 14-18 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.**

We are planning a **Canvassing and Craft Prep Night on June 30, beginning at 6:15.** Please help us prepare craft kits and spread the word about VBS to the neighborhoods near the church. Bring your family! There will be something to do for all ages! Pizza will be provided for dinner at \$1.50/slice. If you plan to join us, please text Caleb Marcus at (269) 779-1515.

On Friday **July 11**, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Andre Knevel will lead in the singing of Psalters, Hymns, and patriotic music in the HRC sanctuary. The proceeds of this concert will go to the Luke Barnard family, who passed away at the age of 33 years old, leaving a wife and three children behind. Ticket sales will be at the door prior to the concert. Please mark your calendar and join us with your family and friends.

Dates & Events D.V.

- **July 2** Men's prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- **July 7** Registration deadline for The Young Men's Summit August 19-21. See our calendar.
- **July 8-11** HRC Grand Rapids Youth Summer Camp. See calendar for details.
- **July 22** The Consistory will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The first step that God chooses His people to come to, is "belief of the truth" ... He sends the free Spirit to anoint their eyes, to melt their hearts, to persuade and enable them to embrace Christ freely offered in the gospel. A simple heart-felt belief of the truth, is the first mark that we have been chosen to salvation. Have I come to Jesus? Do I really believe the truth as it is in Jesus? Then God has chosen me to salvation. The second step that God chooses His people to come to, is "sanctification of the Spirit". The moment the soul cleaves to the Lord Jesus, the Holy Ghost takes up His abode in that bosom ... He destroys the dominion of sin; He fills, quickens, renews the whole inner man. Have I received the Holy Spirit? Has that heavenly seal been applied to my heart, impressing upon me the features and the mind of Jesus? Then I have the clear evidence that my calling and election are sure.

~R.M. M'Cheyne

Nursery

June 29 a.m.	Infants:	Nicole DeVries
	Toddlers:	Victoria Damon, Vivian Kleppe
June 29 p.m.	Infants:	Jamie Marcus
	Toddlers:	Alexa Schipper, Maelle T.
July 6 a.m.	Infants:	Theresa DeVries
	Toddlers:	Cali VanDyke, Lydia Nieuwenhuis
July 6 p.m.	Infants:	Kaarli Kleppe
	Toddler:	Hailey DeVries, Madison DeVries

Greeters

Morning

Evening

June 29	Jared S
July 6	Joseph V
July 13	Tim N

Bryan K
Tim D
Fred D

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Sunday.

June 29 Parsonage

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The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

~ Ps 19:7 & 8