

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, July 3, 2016

The Christian Year: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service	
“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, as the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.” Psalm 125:1-2	
[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]	
Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	
The Voluntary for Silent Prayer	
*Call to Worship	Psalm 99:1-5
Minister:	The LORD reigns; let the nations tremble!
People:	The King in His might loves justice!
Minister:	You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
People:	Exalt the LORD our God: worship at His footstool! Holy is He!
Unison:	Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!
*Hymn of Adoration	No. 92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!
*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation	
Almighty and everlasting God: In the deepest recesses of our hearts, we long for nothing but you. You have given us this desire and you alone can give us the thing desired. Wrap our lives in the majesty of your love and keep us ever desiring you, always humble, always resting in your grace, always resigned to your will, always fixed upon you alone; for the sake of Jesus your Son and our Savior. Amen.	
*Affirmation of Faith	The Larger Catechism, Q. 54
Minister:	How is Christ exalted in His sitting at the right hand of God?
People:	Christ is exalted in His sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man He is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend His church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes His ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.
Unison:	Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri	Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise; In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty. Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!	
The Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 820)	Psalm 97
*Hymn of Approach	SH No. 2 O Church, Arise!
Congregational Prayers	
Unison:	Almighty, incomprehensible and prayer-hearing God: I bless you that you have made me capable of knowing you, the author of all being; of bearing your likeness, the perfection of all beauty; of enjoying you, the source of all happiness. I come to you in the midst of my difficulties, necessities, distresses. I need the same counsel, defense, comfort I found at my beginning. Continue the gentleness of your goodness towards me, and whether I wake or sleep, let your presence go with me and your blessing attend me. In the name and for the sake of Jesus, my great High Priest. Amen.
A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court	
A Season of Prayer for our Governor, State Legislature and all local agencies	
A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Marriage	
A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life	
For the Unborn	
For the Abused	
For the Aged	
For the Infirm	
A Season of Prayer for the Upcoming Elections	
Pastoral Prayer	
Words of Assurance	
Minister:	Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not become faint or grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Unison:	Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
*Hymn of Response	No. 184 (Tune: St. Columba) The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
*Doxology	Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:	
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;	
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
*Reading of The Holy Scriptures	I Peter 2:18-25
*The Prayer for Illumination	
Sermon	Dr. Michael Allen “CHRIST THE EXAMPLE”
*Hymn of Response	No. 163 At the Name of Jesus

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

Sunday Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, in conjunction with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!