



# Seventh Reformed Church

**February 23, 2025**

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

2025 Motto Text: Philippians 1:6

## Morning Service 9:45 a.m.

## Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m.

### Invitation to Worship

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### Confession That God Is Our Help

LH 495 *Come, All You People, Praise Our God*

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 38 p. 98

### Prayer for Blessing

**A Greeting from God and Response:** *Doxology*

**Law of God and Summary of the Law**

### Confession That God Is Our Help

LH 538 *Holy Holy Holy*

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 8:1-25 p. 1,200

### Prayer for Blessing

**A Greeting from God**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Response LH 358** *Give Thanks*

LH 646 *O God, My Faithful God*

**Sermon:** *Submission to the Authorities*

Romans 13:1-7 p. 1,206

**Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Response: SH** *Day by Day*

LH 763 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**Sermon:** *Temptation: Reality and Hope*

1 Corinthians 10:1-22 p. 1,217

**Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God**

LH 348 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### Office for the Administration of the Lord's Supper

*(Gluten-free bread wrapped in center of plate)*

LH 831 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* vv. 1-3

LH 696 *Marvelous Grace*

### Parting Blessing from God

**Response SH** *May the Lord Bless You*

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**Response LH 956** *To God Be the Glory*

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Accompanist: Ms. Kris De Koster

Preacher: Pastor Ben Bessett

Accompanist: Miss Elisabeth Haaksma

Welcome!

**Seventh Reformed Church** is a covenant community of God's people that exists to glorify God by gathering, nurturing, and equipping believers according to the supreme Word of God for life in the Spirit, Christian service, and witness to Jesus Christ in Grand Rapids and throughout the world.

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## Morning Notes

*Submission to the Authorities*

Romans 13:1–7

Introduction: The Political Situation in Rome

1) The General Principles of Political Authorities on Earth

a) Political Authorities Come From God (v. 1)

b) Resisting the Government Is Resisting God (v. 2)

c) Rulers Are Instituted to Approve What Is Good and Punish Evil (vv. 3–4)

2) The Christian Responsibility Toward Rulers and Politicians

a) Be Subject to the Government for Conscience Sake (And for the Sake of God's Wrath) (v. 5)

b) Pay Taxes, Respect, Revenue, and Honor, Because They Are Ministers of God in the Political Realm (vv. 6–7)

## Evening Notes

*Temptation: Reality and Hope*

1 Corinthians 10:1–22

1. No Temptation Is Unique. What You Face Has Been Faced by Most.

2. God Is Sovereign over Your Level of Being Tempted.

3. God Will Eventually Bring Your Trial to an End. Be Faithful.