

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

God's Original Top Ten List –
The Fifth Commandment: God's Gift of Life



“You shall
not murder.”

Exodus 20:13

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

260 – Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days,
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:





PRAAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**This day at your creating word
First o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine,
And fill our souls with light divine.**

**All praise to God the Father be,
To Christ, who set his people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. (229:1,5)**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 21:12-25

The Lord applies the fifth commandment to the lives of his Old Testament people.

EXODUS 21:12 “Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall surely be put to death. ¹³ However, if he does not do it intentionally, but God lets it happen, he is to flee to a place I will designate. ¹⁴ But if a man schemes and kills another man deliberately, take him away from my altar and put him to death.

¹⁵ “Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death.

¹⁶ “Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death.

¹⁷ “Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.

¹⁸ “If men quarrel and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but is confined to bed, ¹⁹ the one who struck the blow will not be held responsible if the other gets up and walks around outside with his staff; however, he must pay the injured man for the loss of his time and see that he is completely healed.

²⁰ “If a man beats his male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies as a direct result, he must be punished, ²¹ but he is not to be punished if the slave gets up after a day or two, since the slave is his property.

²² “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. ²³ But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

PSALM

Psalm 139b

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Congregation sings the refrain and Gloria. Cantor sings the verses of the Psalm.



O LORD, you created my inmost | being;*
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder | fully made;*
your works are wonderful, I know that | full well.

My frame was not hidden | from you;*
your eyes saw my unformed | body.

Refrain

All the days or | dained for me*
were written in your book before one of them | came to be.

How precious to me are your | thoughts, O God!*
How vast is the | sum of them!

Were I to | count them,*
they would outnumber the | grains of sand.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:11-18

Not only are those who actively kill, murderers. We also break this command when we hate others or fail to provide for them.

¹ JOHN 3:11 This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-24

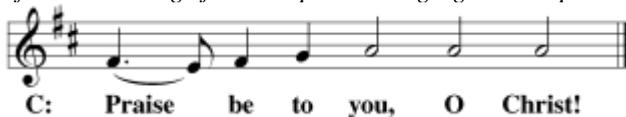
Jesus reveals that God's commandments about murder involve more than just our actions. It involves our words and attitudes.

MATTHEW 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



HYMN OF THE DAY

459 – O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I
 my lips be - fall - ing, But then, when in my
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -
 place I must and ought to speak, My words
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-verbessertes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen,
 1693, alt.

SERMON

1 John 3:11-18

How is Your Love of Life?

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You are gracious beyond measure. In the wilderness, Your Son healed the sick, miraculously fed over 5,000 and satisfied them. We give You thanks for all that You provide to support our bodies and lives. Lead us always to look to You as a loving Father who knows what we need and supplies it. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet what others have or turn elsewhere for what only comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You have made us children of the promise on account of Your Son. Let Your promises continue to go to the ends of the earth. Incline the ears of all to listen, that their souls may live. Make pastors faithful witnesses of the Holy One of Israel, whom You glorified by raising Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for this land, that we may have devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, faithful neighbors and the like. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, as Your Son healed the sick, so also heal those who are sick in our midst [*especially all who have asked for our prayers: _____*]. If it be Your will, restore them to health, or give them strength to accept their affliction, as well as a hope for the day when the corruptible will put on incorruption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Lord, you nourish our spirits with your real presence in the Lord's Supper. Let us worthily receive the gifts you give us, trusting in Your promise of forgiveness, that we may be strengthened in faith toward You and in love toward others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

307 – Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God



1 Won - drous are your ways, O God! No one can es -
2 Search me, God, and know my heart, Lord of truth and
cape you! Far - thest space nor great - est depth Can - not
mer - cy. From a - far, O Lord, you know All my
hide me from you! Long be - fore I came to birth,
thoughts, my se - crets. And if an - y wick - ed way
Your eye saw and knew me. E - ven in life's
Should be found with - in me, Cleanse, for - give me
dark - est hour In your hand you hold me.
by your grace; By your Spir - it guide me.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–90, st. 1, alt.; Claus A. Wendell, 1866–1950, st. 2, alt.
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Tune: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN (76 76 D Trochaic) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.



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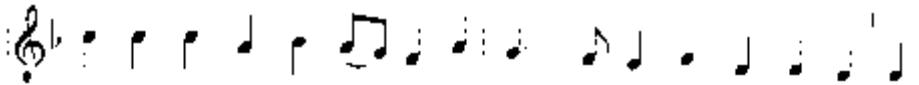
THANK THE LORD



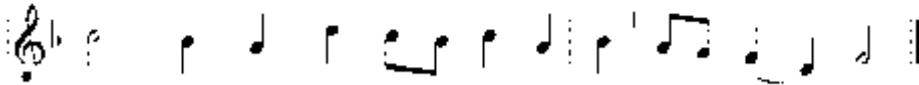
C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-ises and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-in! Al-le-lu-in!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
 Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

458 – May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.
 Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

