

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2017

Worship Focus

God's Original Top Ten List

The Eighth Commandment: God's Gift of a Good Name



"You shall not
give false
testimony
against your
neighbor."

Exodus 20:16

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

222 – Songs of Praise the Angels Sang



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
3 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of
4 And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, Still in



al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
praise shall crown that day. God will make new heav'ns and
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
songs of praise re - joice, Learn - ing here, by faith and



gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
love, Songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Whispered with their final breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death.
Then, amidst eternal joy,
Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.



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:



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. (469:1, 3, 5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 39:11-20

In the way Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph we see the damaging effects of lies told to ruin our neighbor's good name.

GENESIS 39:11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

PSALM

Psalm 119a

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation is asked to sing the refrain, the Gloria, and the second line of each verse.



Blessed are they whose ways are | blameless,*
who walk according to the law | of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his | statutes*
and seek him with | all their heart.

You have laid down | precepts*
that are to be ful | ly obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were | steadfast*
in obeying | your decrees!

Then I would not be | put to shame*
when I consider all | your commands.

I will praise you with an | upright heart*
as I learn your | righteous laws.

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 James 3:3-10

James warns us about the power of our tongue and the necessity of keeping a close watch on what we say.

JAMES 3:3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸ but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL Matthew 12:1-7

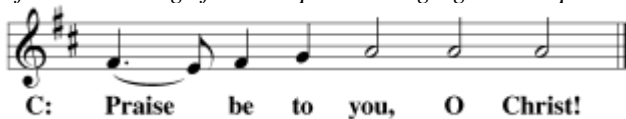
Jesus upholds the eighth commandment by defending his disciples against the false accusations of the Pharisees.

MATTHEW 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

³ He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread--which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. ⁵ Or haven’t you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the day and yet are innocent? ⁶ I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. ⁷ If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



**A good name is
more desirable
than great riches.**

PROVERBS 22:1, NIV

HYMN OF THE DAY

491 – O Master of the Loving Heart



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may
speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.
sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.
Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

SERMON

Proverbs 22:1

God Protects Your Most Precious Possession

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 OFFERTORY



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

For honest and faithful labor, that God would continue to provide His children with work that is fulfilling and beneficial to their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, that God would strengthen them to outdo one another in showing honor, guard them against slothfulness, and let them live peaceably with all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are underemployed, that God would grant them peace and purpose in the work they carry out and provide new opportunities for service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are unemployed, that God would bolster their faith and continue to give them each day their daily bread, that they might find comfort in His provisions and take heart in their worth as His children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those dealing with infirmities of body, mind or spirit, [*especially _____,*] that God would remember them and visit them, that He would strengthen their faith as they await from Him all things good and needful, and that He would keep them ever mindful of His promise of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath; for those who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those who have lost home, property or employment; for all who seek to bring relief and care to devastated lives, broken hearts and injured bodies, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who approach the Lord's table this day, that God would create in them a right spirit for reception of Christ's true body and blood, that each time they receive His good gift of forgiveness they would be strengthened to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us give our thanks and praise, asking that we might at last join them in the feast of joy in the light of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 HYMNS

387 – Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
 bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1835–1928, alt.
 Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.



389 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



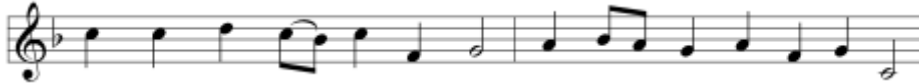
dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly - Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.
 Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.



THANKSGIVING

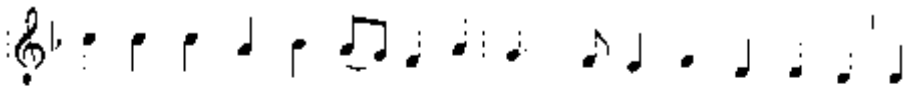
THANK THE LORD



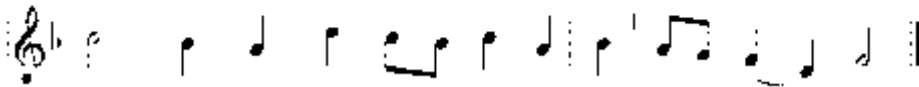
C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

323 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
 shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
 Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.