

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2017

Worship Focus

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments: Holy Desires



"You shall
not covet
... anything
that belongs to
your neighbor."

Exodus 20:17

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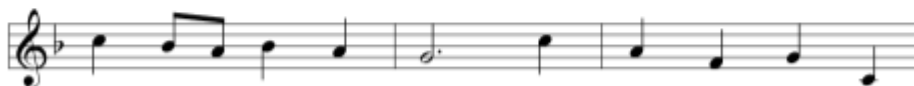
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OPENING HYMN

238 – Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
4 He fills the poor with good; He
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

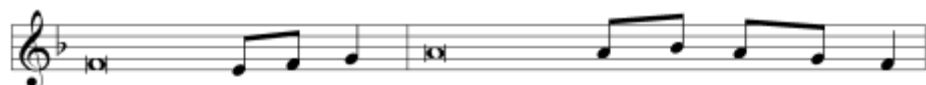
Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us."

ABSOLUTION

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.

A single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D, all beamed together. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



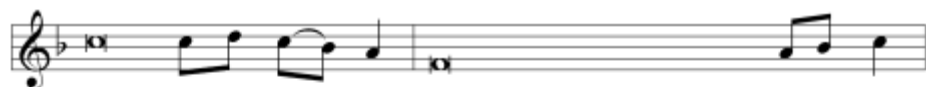
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



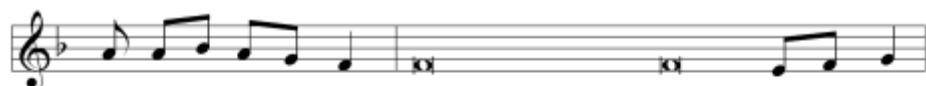
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Exodus 20:1-17

Hear the “Ten Words” of God to His people. In particular, listen as God speaks to our hearts with his word “do not covet”.

EXODUS 20:1 And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

PSALM

Psalm 51b

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Refrain



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone



O Lord, open | my lips,*
and my mouth will de | clare your praise.

O Lord, open | my lips,*
and my mouth will de | clare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would | bring it,*
you do not take pleasure in burnt | offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit,*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure | heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit with | in me.

Do not cast me from your | presence*
or take your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal | vation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus | tain me.

Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
and sinners will turn | back to you.

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 4:1-3

James speaks of coveting and its disastrous consequences.

^{JAMES 4:1} What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Alleluia (Matthew 5:8)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-34

We have no reason to worry or covet because the Lord will provide all that we need... and more.

^{MATTHEW 6:25} “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was

dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

378 – All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall;
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone,
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came
 5 As by one man all man - kind fell



One com - mon sin in - fects us all.
 And us in dread - ful bond - age keeps;
 Flow thoughts and deeds of sin a - lone;
 To bear our sin and woe and shame,
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,



From one to all the curse de - scends,
 In guilt we draw our in - fant breath
 God's im - age lost, the dark - ened soul
 To be our life, our light, our way,
 So by one Man, who took our place,



And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
 And reap its fruits of woe and death.
 Nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
 Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.
 We all were jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
 New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;
 This grace our ev'ry way attend
 Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1–4, 6, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

SERMON

James 4:1-3

God Gets at the Heart of the Matter

1. My desires affect my actions toward others
2. My desires affect God's actions toward me

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and 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

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have sent us pastors as watchmen. Let them be ever faithful in calling sinners to repentance and joyfully announcing Your forgiveness to those who heed their warning. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You are the ultimate authority. Thank You for good government and those with authority over us. Guide them in using their authority according to Your will, and help us to be obedient. Be with those who are under corrupt authority, and give them all boldness and confidence to live in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of all living things. Look with favor upon those who farm. Let their harvest be fruitful, that in providing for the needs of their neighbors, they may find fulfillment in their livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, please look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness, and mental or spiritual malady [*especially* _____]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, in your wisdom you have allowed another natural disaster to bring its devastation to our land. Be the strength and comfort of all affected by Hurricane Irma and its aftermath. Give us the words to say, the hands to help, and the hearts to be moved to generosity for those in need of relief that through our love of neighbor the world might know of your love for the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of the feast to come, receive our thanks and praise for those whom You have already gathered home. Grant us our portion with the saints in light, and bring us to share with them the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

SERMON HYMN

285 – The Ten Commandments Are the Law



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "1 The Ten Com - mand - ments are the law Which Is - rael". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "heard in ho - ly awe. In smoke and fire from Si - na - i". The third staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "The voice of God shook the sky. Have mer - cy, Lord!".

(Turn the page for the final three stanzas)

10 "You shall not crave your neighbor's house
Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
Pray God he would your neighbor bless
As you yourself wish success."
Have mercy, Lord!

11 God gave these laws to show therein,
O child of man, your life of sin,
And help you rightly to perceive
How unto God you should live.
Have mercy, Lord!

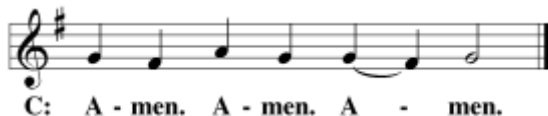
12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we fly,
Our mediator on high.
Have mercy, Lord!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

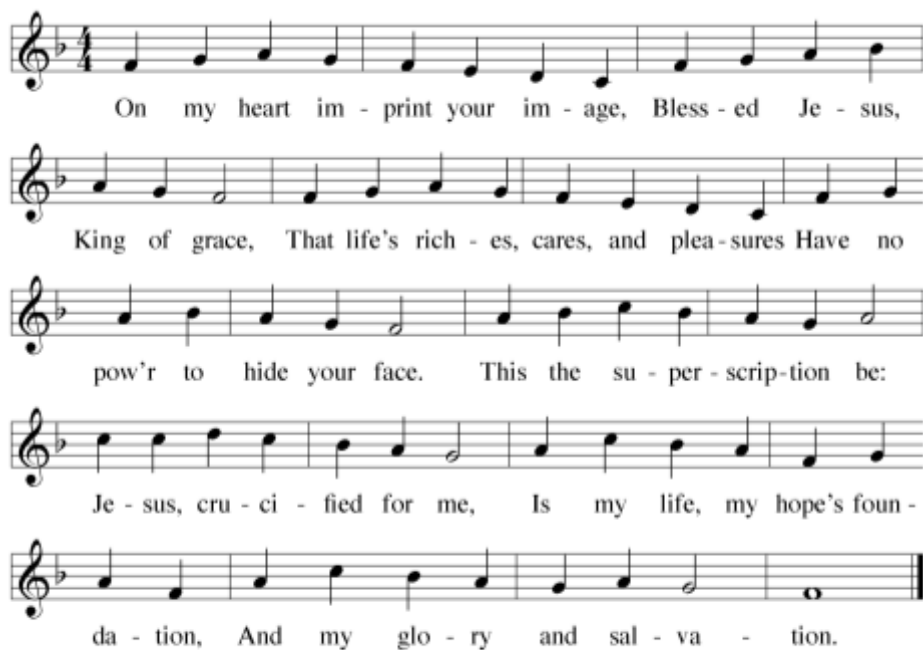


M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

320 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image

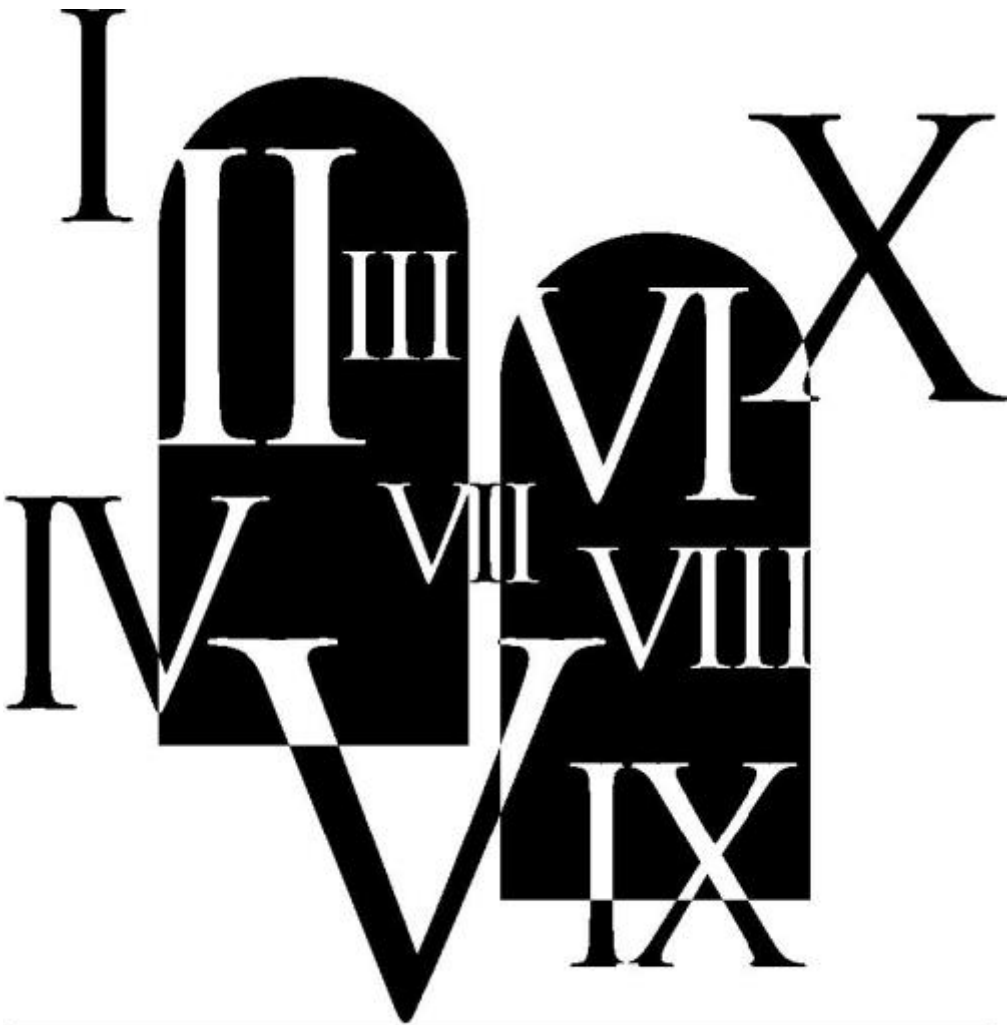


On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -
da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

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



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
