

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER GROWS IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER...**  
**Christians do their duty.**

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## OPENING HYMN

## 261 - We Sing the Almighty Power of God



1 We sing th' al - might - y pow'r of God, Who  
2 We sing the wis - dom that or - dained The  
3 We sing the good - ness of the Lord, Who  
4 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played Each  
5 There's not a plant or flow'r be - low But



made the moun - tains rise, Who spread the flow - ing  
sun to rule the day; The moon shines, too, at  
fills the earth with food, Who formed the crea - tures  
time we turn our eyes To view the ground on  
makes your glo - ries known, And clouds a - rise and



seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies,  
his com - mand, And all the stars o - bey,  
by a word And then pro - nounced them good,  
which we tread Or gaze up - on the skies,  
tem - pests blow By or - der from your throne.

6 On you each moment we depend;  
If you withdraw, we die,  
Oh, may we never God offend,  
Who is forever nigh!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ICH SINGE DIR (CM) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

## 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.

**Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim you,  
Then, adoring, bend the knee  
And confess the mystery. (278:1,4)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** Let us pray. Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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** Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

With evil seemingly unchecked, the believer is tempted to question God's ways. Nonetheless God's people dutifully wait for God's answers. This is how the righteous will live: by faith.

HABAKKUK 1:1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.

<sup>2</sup> How long, O LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?  
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me look at injustice?  
Why do you tolerate wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an appointed time;  
it speaks of the end  
and will not prove false.  
Though it linger, wait for it;  
it will certainly come and will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> "See, he is puffed up;  
his desires are not upright--  
but the righteous will live by his faith.

***Refrain***

*The Lord is my light, my help and my salvation.*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life.*

*If the Lord is my light, what then shall I dread?*

*Whom shall I fear?*

1. *One request, Lord, I make of you:  
To abide in your house forever,  
To reflect upon your beauty with delight  
And to inquire within your temple.*

***Refrain***

2. *Turn your face not away from me, Lord,  
For your face is the light that I long for.  
If my father or mother should forsake me,  
Still you hold me in your care.*

***Refrain***

3. *Teach me, Lord, the way that I should follow,  
Guide my steps in the way of truth and goodness.  
I shall tell of your blessings all my days  
Through the lands of the living.*

***Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 1:3-14**

Look at all the imperatives Paul gives to this young pastor! The Apostle encourages Timothy and all Christians to do our duty and serve Christ who called us because of his own purpose and grace.

<sup>2</sup>TIMOTHY 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. <sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

<sup>13</sup> What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

## 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** Luke 17:1-10

Service to the Lord must never lead to self-righteousness. Rather, we do our duty by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.

LUKE 17:1 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves.

“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> “Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup> Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Faithful  
AND  
Just*

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-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen,  
 1693, alt.

## **SERMON**

Luke 17:1-10

### **I'm a Believer... Now What?**

#### **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 and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our rock, our salvation and our refuge.

*Brief silence*

God, our Rock, Your Son taught us that temptations will come. Prevent us from being the source of those temptations to others, and strengthen us so that we do not yield to those temptations in our lives. Fill us with love that calls each other to repentance, and give us hearts that plead for Your forgiveness and mouths that willingly speak Your forgiveness to our repentant sisters and brothers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, assure all of Your people that You give us a spirit not of fear but of power, love and self-control. Shield us from being ashamed to testify about our Lord, and make each of us ready to share in suffering for the Gospel, because Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, guard the faith passed from generation to generation. Send Your Spirit to work among us so that the faith You have planted in grandparents and parents sprouts also in children. Bless the Christian education efforts of our congregation, so that Your people of all ages are strengthened in faith and prepared for lives of service to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, grant faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing to those who are suffering from the effects of sin in body or mind. [*especially...*] Be their refuge so they are not shaken even in times of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, increase our faith as You serve to Your people Your Son's sin-forgiving body and life-restoring blood. As we receive Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to us, enable us to do all that You command, trusting that we are unworthy but forgiven servants. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, we joyfully praise You for the faith and lives of Lois and Eunice, Paul and Timothy, and all the saints whom You have made examples of faith and good works for us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Preserve us also in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and 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.



### 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

317 – O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks -  
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, Life to  
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor To please



giv - ing bow be - fore you, Here with your bod - y  
 win for us in heav - en, No great - er love than  
 him with our be - hav - ior And live to - geth - er



and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may  
 this to you could bind us; May this feast of that re -  
 here in love and u - nion, Cher - ish - ing our blest com -



fleur - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y,  
 mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, your love and  
 mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy! Let not your good



Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows  
 kind - ness did move you; Let your sup - per move us  
 Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that heav'n - ly - mind - ed



did car - ry, And your blood for us plead In all  
 to love you, All our debt you have paid; Peace with  
 he make us, Give your Church, Lord, to see Days of



tri - al, fear, and need; O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

## 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-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

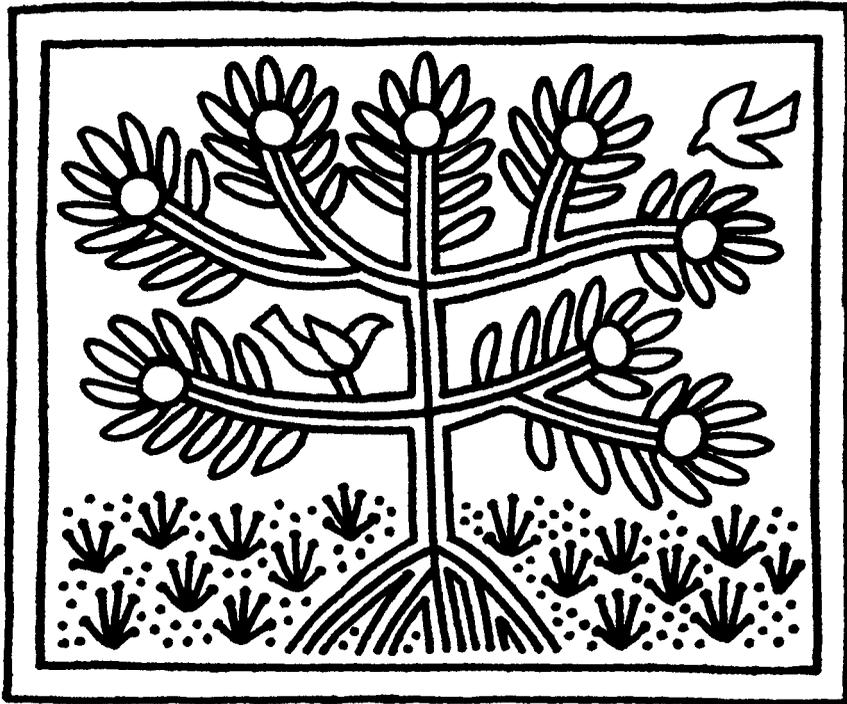
**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored 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.



**I**ncrease our faith!

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# CLOSING HYMN

467 – May the Mind of Christ My Savior



1 May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior Live in  
2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my  
3 May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my  
4 May the love of Je - sus fill me As the  
5 May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and



me from day to day, By his love and  
heart from hour to hour, So that all may  
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be  
wa - ters fill the sea, Him ex - alt - ing,  
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly



pow'r in - spir - ing All I do or say.  
see I tri - umph On - ly through his pow'r,  
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing,  
self a - bas - ing— This is vic - to - ry!  
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

6 May his spirit live within me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859–1928, alt.

Tune: St. LEONARD'S (87-85) A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891–1953.

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

The background features a watercolor-style illustration. On the left and right sides, there are several grey-green leaves. In the center, there is a stack of books with orange and brown covers, and a yellow leaf-like shape behind them. The text is overlaid on this background.

**LORD,  
INCREASE  
OUR  
FAITH**

**LUKE 17:5**