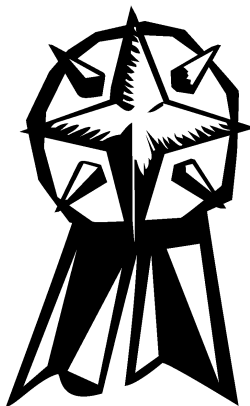


THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2017

Worship Focus

**God's Original Top Ten List –
The Fourth Commandment: God's Representatives**



“Honor your
father and
your mother...”

Exodus 20:12

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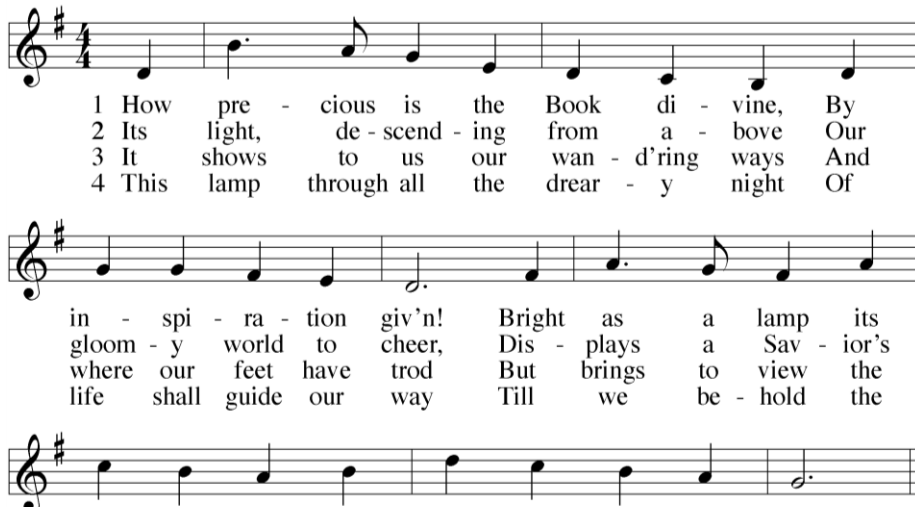
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OPENING HYMN

284 – How Precious Is the Book Divine



1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of

in - spi - ra - tion giv'n! Bright as a lamp its
gloom - y world to cheer, Dis - plays a Sav - ior's
where our feet have trod But brings to view the
life shall guide our way Till we be - hold the

doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.
match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.
clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.

Tune: WALDER (CM) Johann J. Walder, 1750–1817.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



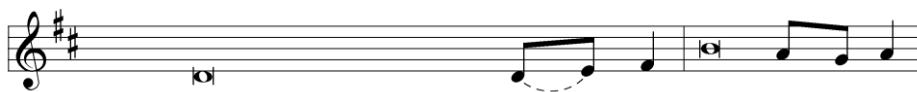
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

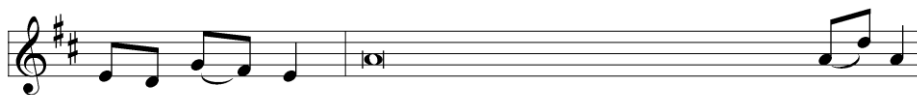


M: General) Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

PRAYER AND PRAISE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



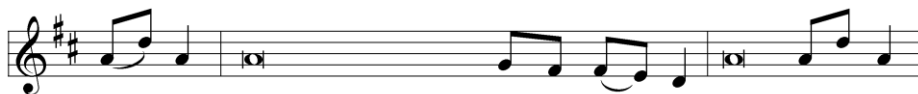
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



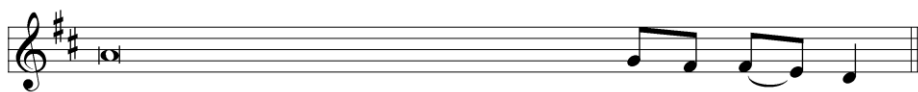
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

I will
PRAISE
YOU



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 5:7-16; 22

God's command to Israel was explicit: Honor my representatives!

DEUTERONOMY 5:7 “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁸ “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. ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

¹¹ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.


¹² “Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ 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 ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

¹⁶ “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you....

... ²² These are the commandments the LORD proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole assembly there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness; and he added nothing more. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

PSALM

Psalm 103



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.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:1-4

Paul reiterates God's command to Israel for the New Testament Church.

EPHESIANS 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”--which is the first commandment with a promise-- ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 2:41-51

Jesus obeyed both his heavenly Father and his recognized parents on earth.

LUKE 2:41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover.

⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.

⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.



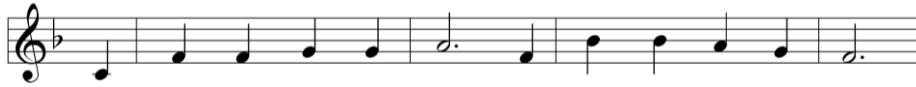
Young Jesus in the Temple

HYMN OF THE DAY

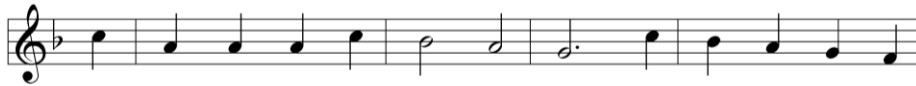
501 – Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, your-self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



In love di - vine you claim Each fam - 'ly as your own.
With heart still un - de - filed You did to man-hood come.
And teach us how to find The love from self set free.



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face And, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing - place of peace.

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Tune: RHOSYMEDRE (66 66 888) John D. Edwards, 1805–85.

SERMON

Ephesians 6:1-4

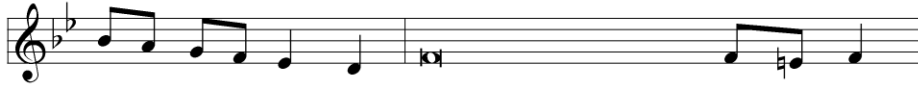
Honor God's Representatives

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



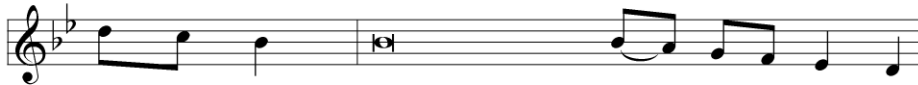
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



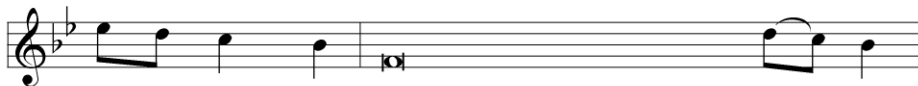
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



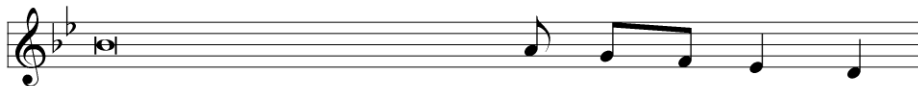
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



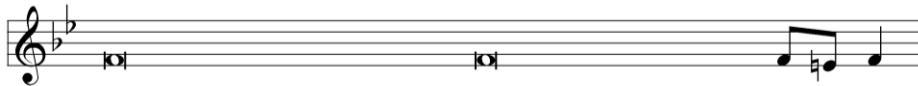
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of

glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to

set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the

sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of

your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the people who are holy to the Lord and for all people according to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence

For the Church on earth, that she would continue to proclaim the faithful God who keeps his covenant and shows steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod president, our district president, our circuit pastor, and all pastors in Christ, that they would serve with integrity and faithfulness and keep the Gospel ever before us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod in convention, that all that we decide may be guided by Your Word and undertaken in prayer and that Your good and gracious will may be done among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would lead with wisdom, seeking what is best for all and in accordance with God's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our life of prayer, that we would not neglect to pray to the God who has promised to hear us, and that we would rely more and more on Him who has made us His people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our vocations, that we would come to see the various offices that God has given us to occupy as gifts through which we serve Him and our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those in need, [*especially* _____,] that they know that nothing shall separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus, and that they know the peace of His presence in the midst of their trials, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn, that they be comforted with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and life eternal with those they love who have died in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, You have called us according to Your purpose and cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with all the saints into Your Kingdom, which knows no end; through Jesus Christ, 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

506 – Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with -
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -
in have set their mind To trust their God and serve
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives
pro - mise make and say: Though all the world for - sake



ly his— How sad and poor and dark it is!
him still And do in all his ho - ly will.
or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.
his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1715–84, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt;
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, Columbus, OH, 1880, st. 3, alt.

Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Matins

The Order for Morning Praise

CLOSING HYMN

Because He Lives

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Led by the contemporary choir

The congregation is invited to join in singing

1. *God sent his son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

Chorus

*Because he lives
I can face tomorrow
Because he lives
All fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives*

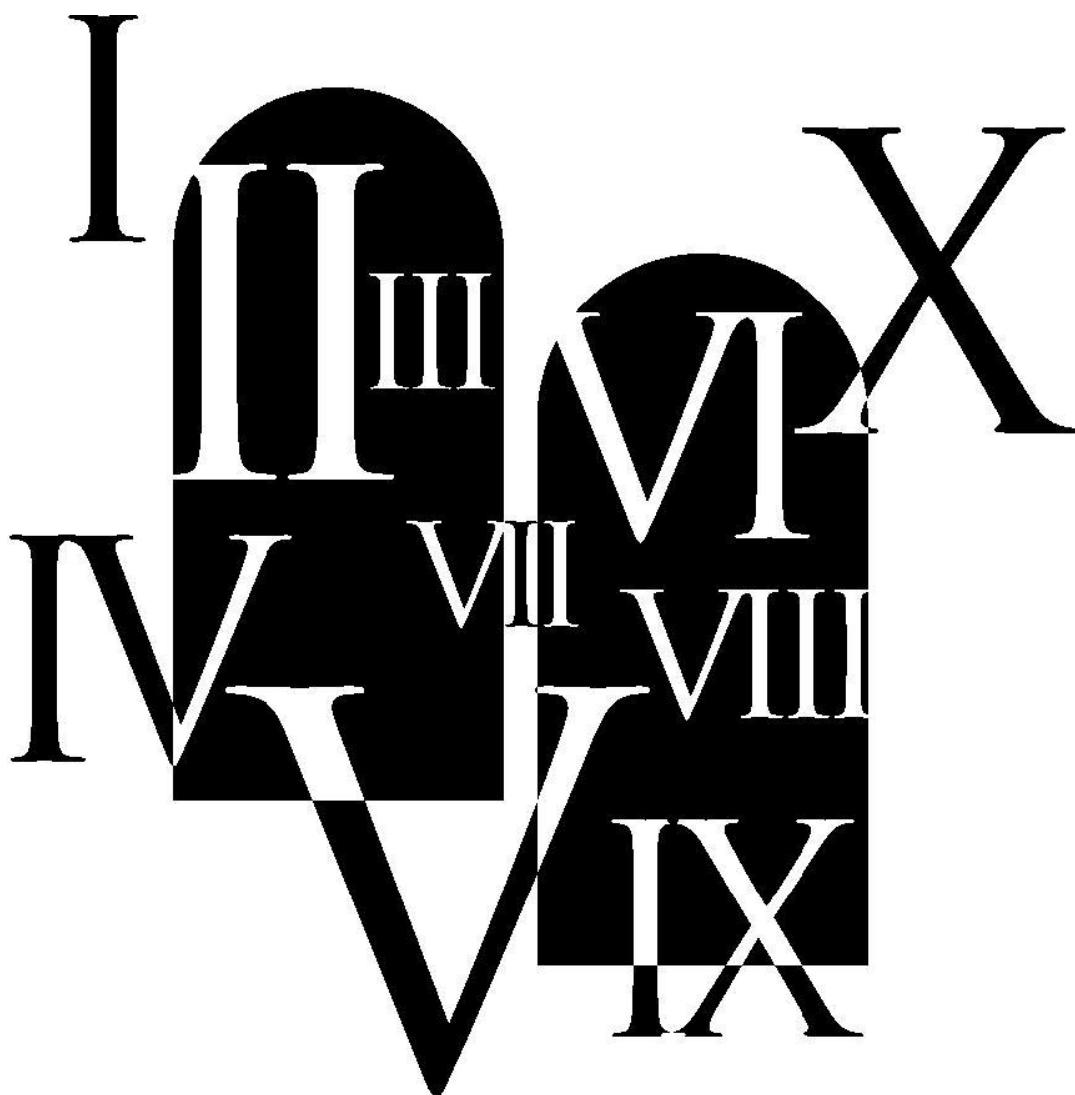
2. *How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives,
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.*

Chorus

3. *And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.*

Chorus

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



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
