

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST... Followers of Christ
pray boldly.**



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OPENING HYMN

478 - With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a -
4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
larm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter,
joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

Text: *Morgen- und Abend-segen*, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.
Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616-75, 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 AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The final line ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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.

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:20-32

With full confidence in God's mercy, Abraham pressed God on behalf of his nephew and the city he lived in. Here is boldness in prayer in action.

GENESIS 18:20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

PSALM

Psalm 6

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Refrain

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Psalm tone

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your | anger*
or discipline me | in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for | I am faint;*
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in | anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and de | liver me;*
save me because of your un | failing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from | groaning.*
My eyes grow weak with | sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do | evil,*
for the LORD has heard my | weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for | mercy;*
the LORD ac | cepts my prayer.

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 Colossians 2:6-15

Sins forgiven, we have been made children of God who have every right and encouragement to ask of God—as a child would ask his dear father.

COLOSSIANS 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee? (401:3,5)**

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

The disciples came to Jesus looking for help in learning to pray.

^{LUKE 11:1} One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

⁵ Then he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’

⁷ “Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

409 - Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves
2 You are com - ing to a king - Large pe - ti -
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move
4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -
5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to
tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are
this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners
sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -
my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.
such, None can ev - er ask too much.
spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die your people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, abr., alt.
Tune: VIENNA (77-77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817.

SERMON

Luke 11:1-13

Because God is “Our Father” We Can Pray

1. with boldness
2. with persistence
3. with confidence

CONFESSIOIN 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.**

I Believe

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Brief silence

For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may not doubt but boldly believe that because of Christ, God is our dear Father in heaven who will answer us according to His goodness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the interceding heart of Christ to be formed in us, that we might join in His supplications for the world, asking God to spare it in mercy that many may come to repentance and be saved, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a growing understanding of our Baptism, that we may know it as the foundation of our life as children in God's family and, by the Spirit's grace, be gifted with living out its meaning for our days in this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our fellowship of faith, that we may not be taken captive by philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition and the elemental spirits of the world, but be guarded from all error in Christ's Word and kept faithful in the way of His true bride, the Holy Christian Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, and all who make our laws and preside over our courts, that they may receive wisdom to govern us with justice, that the poor may not be oppressed and the vulnerable not be left undefended, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer with illnesses of the body and mind, [*particularly _____ and all who have asked for our prayers,*] that they might be sustained in faith in their hour of trial and be granted help and healing through the doctors and medical staff that God has provided for their care and comfort, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who know the fullness of our Father's goodness in His heavenly courts, let us give thanks to God, asking that we, too, may one day join them in beholding Him face to face, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, dear Father, 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.**

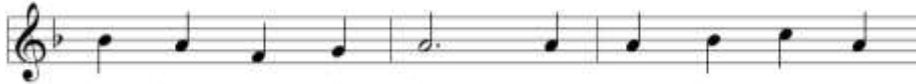


SERMON HYMN

412 - Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With
2 We suf - fer if we cease from prayer; Oh,
3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense Of
4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice That
5 Give these, and then your will be done; Thus



rev - 'rence and with fear. Though dust and ash - es
grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you
god - ly sor - row give; A strong de - sire, with
can for sin a - tone, To cast our hopes, to
strength-ened with your might We, through your Spir - it



in your sight, We may, we must draw near.
we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on the way.
con - fi - dence, To hear your voice and live;
fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ a - lone.
and your Son, Shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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

408 - Christians, While on Earth Abiding

1 Chris-tians, while on earth a - bid - ing, Let us
2 Bless us, Fa - ther, and pro - tect us From all

nev - er cease to pray, Firm - ly in the Lord con -
harm in all our ways; Pa - tient - ly, O Lord, di -

fid - ing As our par - ents in their day.
rect us Safe - ly through these fleet - ing days.

Be the chil - dren's voic - es raised To the
Let your face up - on us shine; Fill us

God their par - ents praised, May his bless - ing, fail - ing
with your peace di - vine. Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and

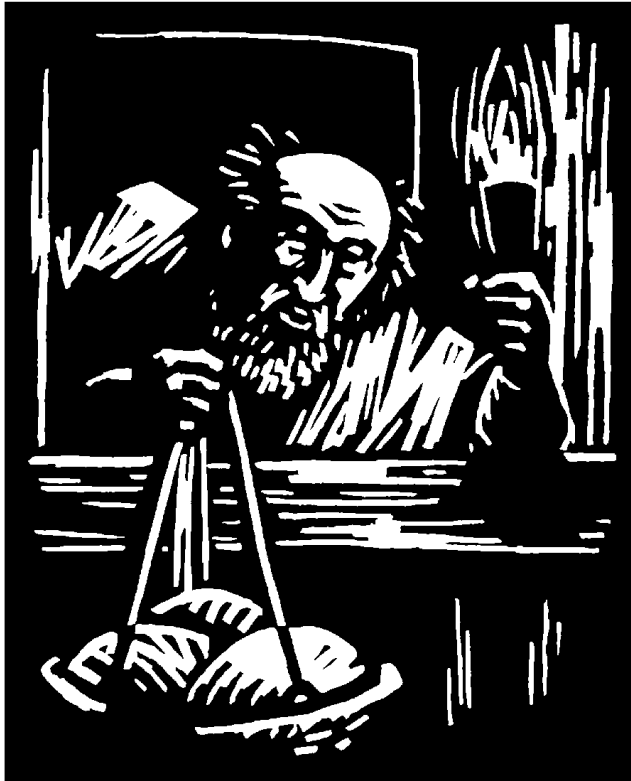
nev - er, Rest up - on his peo - ple ev - er.
Spir - it! Praise him, all who life in - her - it!

Text: Johann Olof Wallin, 1779–1839, st. 1, abr.; Jesper Svedberg, 1653–1735, st. 2; tr. *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901, alt.
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

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

L u k e 11 : 8 , 9

... but because of his persistence
he will get up and give him
whatever he needs.



+ SO I SAY TO YOU +
ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find