

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

**Focused Prayer Claims What God Wants for Us,
Not What We Want from Him**



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Order of Service for SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

776 – With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task is thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
in his prom - is - es con - fide and no ill can harm you.
safe - ly then your course will run, naught your soul dis - tress - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose in the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;



in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
who in wis - dom tru - ly knows how to stem dis - as - ter.
you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

STAND

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

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. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

719 – Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

BE SEATED

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that 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.”

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What 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? ²⁵Far 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?”

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

²⁷Then 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, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

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

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then 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.”

³¹Abraham 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.”

³²Then 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
 2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
 3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the
 4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
 held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
 low - ly and raise them from the dust.
 name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
 When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
 Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you
 And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
 failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
 nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.
 rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done.

¹TIMOTHY 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer.

¹LUKE 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.”

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

“Father,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

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. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one 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? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If 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!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ

BE SEATED



HYMN OF THE DAY

722 – In Holy Conversation

The worship team will lead the singing. The congregation is invited to join in singing as they feel comfortable.



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

✠ Sermon ✠

Genesis 18:20-32

Daring Prayer is Caring Prayer

Sermon notes:

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *On your phone with the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card,
or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection
Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website,
<https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the code to the left..*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us to pray that Your name would be hallowed and Your kingdom come, and for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us trusting hearts that turn to You in all joy and sorrow, finding in Your fatherly goodness and will all that we ask, seek, need or desire. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, Your righteous Son intercedes on behalf of sinners before Your throne. When the outcry of our sin troubles us, grant faithful pastors to speak Your Word of warning and comfort, that we may be drawn in repentance to His cross and seek shelter in His mercy, and so escape destruction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You have given all rule and authority to Jesus Christ, our Lord. May our homes be permeated by Your Word, that all families may dwell in the light of Your Son. Grant Your Holy Spirit to husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old, and all who live alone, that we may not be taken captive by the spirit of the world but rather built up into Him who is the Head. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You judge the sinful deeds of man in righteousness. Grant us civil leaders who serve in accordance with Your will, condemning what is evil and approving what is good. [*We especially pray for _____.*] May all nations be brought to see the wisdom and glory of Your Son and dwell together in peace and humility. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, You give good gifts to Your children. Grant Your Holy Spirit to [*_____ and all*] those who suffer in body, mind and soul, that confident in Your mercy, they may look to You for comfort and peace in their afflictions. Grant them healing according to Your will and patience to bear their crosses. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

720 – Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above

Congregation sings verses as indicated



Cong. 1 Our Fa - ther, throned in heav'n a - bove, you bid us all to
Solo 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, in pu - ri - ty to
Trio 3 Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray, that Christ may rule in
Cong. 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done just as in heav'n a -



live in love as mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
keep your Word, that to the glo - ry of your name
us to - day and that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring
round your throne, that pa - tient - ly we may o - bey



and pray to you in u - ni - ty— teach us no thought - less
we walk be - fore you free from blame. Let no false doc - trine
still more to wor - ship Christ as king. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de -
through - out our lives all that you say. Curb sin - ful flesh and



words to say, but from our in - most hearts to pray.
us per - vert; all poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
feat his rage; pre - serve your Church from age to age.
ev - 'ry ill that sets it - self a - gainst your will.

Solo 5 Give us today our daily bread,
and let us all be clothed and fed;
from hardship, war, and earthly strife,
from sickness, famine, spare our life.
Let selfishness and worry cease
that we may live in godly peace.

Solo 7 Into temptation lead us not.
When evil foes against us plot
and vex our souls on ev'ry hand,
O give us strength that we may stand
firm in the faith, a mighty host,
through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Cong. 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
that they may trouble us no more;
we, too, will gladly those forgive
who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
to serve each other willingly.

Trio 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
the times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
and, when we yield our dying breath,
console us, grant us calm release,
and take our souls to you in peace.

Cong. 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in you that we may never doubt you but believe that what we ask we shall receive. Thus in your name and at your word we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.

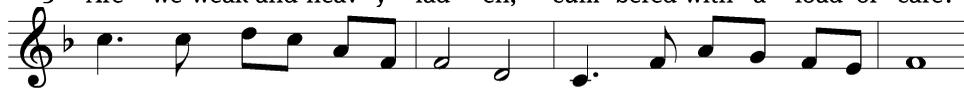


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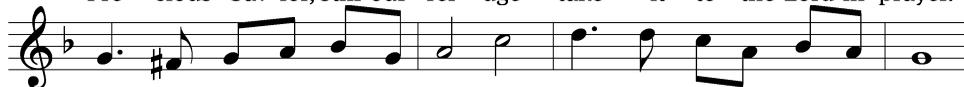
721 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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