

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 2018

## Worship Focus

PSALMthing to Sing About – God's Sweet Word

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**"I have**  
*hidden*   
**in my heart**  
*that I might*  
**not sin**  
*against you."*

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of Word and Sacrament

## Christian Worship, p. 26

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### OPENING HYMN

### 732 – We Are Singing

#### Refrain

We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are

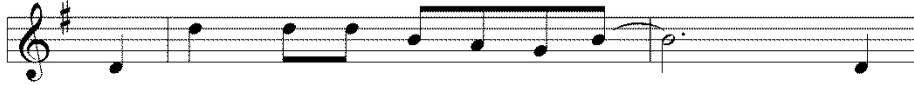
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are



sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.

*Verses*



1 The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of  
2 One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes,  
3 When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, Our  
4 We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's



whom shall we be a - fraid? Though  
this is the thing we seek: To  
shel - ter is God a - lone. Our  
love is ev - er sure. We



foes may be near to de - stroy; The  
dwell in the house of the Lord, To  
feet are lift - ed high, Yes  
shout that the world may hear; We



Lord will be our light.  
live with God for - ev - er. We are  
high up - on a rock.  
sing a joy - ful song.

*To Refrain*

*With music based on the South African Freedom Song, this paraphrase of Psalm 27 underscores the confidence Christians have in God's deliverance from every trouble.*

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## 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.



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.



## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

God declares the seriousness with which he had given his Word and the seriousness of his intent that we listen to it.

DEUTERONOMY 4:1 Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

### **PSALM 119**

Small group

#### ***Refrain***

*Let me sing of your law, O my God;  
Let your love come upon your people.*

*Through your own word, Lord, give us life;  
In your holy keeping, happy is my soul. **Refrain***

*I have made known to you my ways;  
You have heard my pleading; now teach me your laws. **Refrain***

*Show me the way to keep your law;  
Let your holy precepts dwell within my mind. **Refrain***

*Deep in my soul my sorrow lies;  
Ever keep your promise, let my heart be glad. **Refrain***

*O take me far from evil ways,  
And in your great mercy guide me in your paths. **Refrain***

*Within your law I choose to live;  
In the paths of wisdom I walk evermore. **Refrain***

*My heart is strong, my joy is full;  
Following your law, Lord, freely do I walk. **Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20**

In your spiritual battles, be fitted with the armor of God, which comes from the Word.

EPHESIANS 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Lead us to love your sacred Word;  
The holy flame of love impart,  
That kindness may inspire each heart,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God. (186:4)**

## **GOSPEL** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Those who would take God's Word seriously need to take to heart both the Law and the Gospel.

<sup>MARK 7:1</sup> The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and <sup>2</sup> saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles. )

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“ ‘These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are but rules taught by men.’

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”

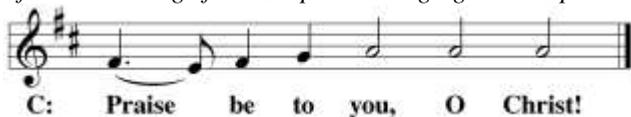
<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'

<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

<sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' ”

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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



## HYMN OF THE DAY

462 – Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis

keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would  
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -  
strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -  
a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or

grant me grace To know and do his will!  
min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.

## SERMON

Psalm 119c

### **A Prescription for Life – Christian Meditation**

1. It refreshes the mind
2. It keeps your life on a safe path
3. It gives rest to your soul

## **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**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Lord God, You know the great evils that lurk in our hearts by nature, defiling us from within. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on all Your baptized people, that He may constantly cleanse our hearts by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look in compassion on all who bear public office in our land. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life all that is not pleasing to You, and prosper with Your blessing all that accords with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this Labor Day weekend, we praise You especially for Your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of that gift as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into Your hands today Your servants who are passing through difficult times [*especially: \_\_\_\_\_*]. Make them strong in You and in the strength of Your might. Arm them with the full armor of God, that they may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having done all, to stand firm, waiting with confidence for Your deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, we know that since nothing outside us going in can defile us, even more we know that there is something coming from outside and going in that makes us clean: the very body and blood of Your beloved Son. Give us faith to welcome Him with joy as He comes to us in this Supper, forgiving, cleansing and restoring us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lastly, Lord God, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to the unutterable joys of Your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. 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, 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.

C: A - - men.

**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**

742 – What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	Un - der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pre - sent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	his		



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

*This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.*

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## 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.



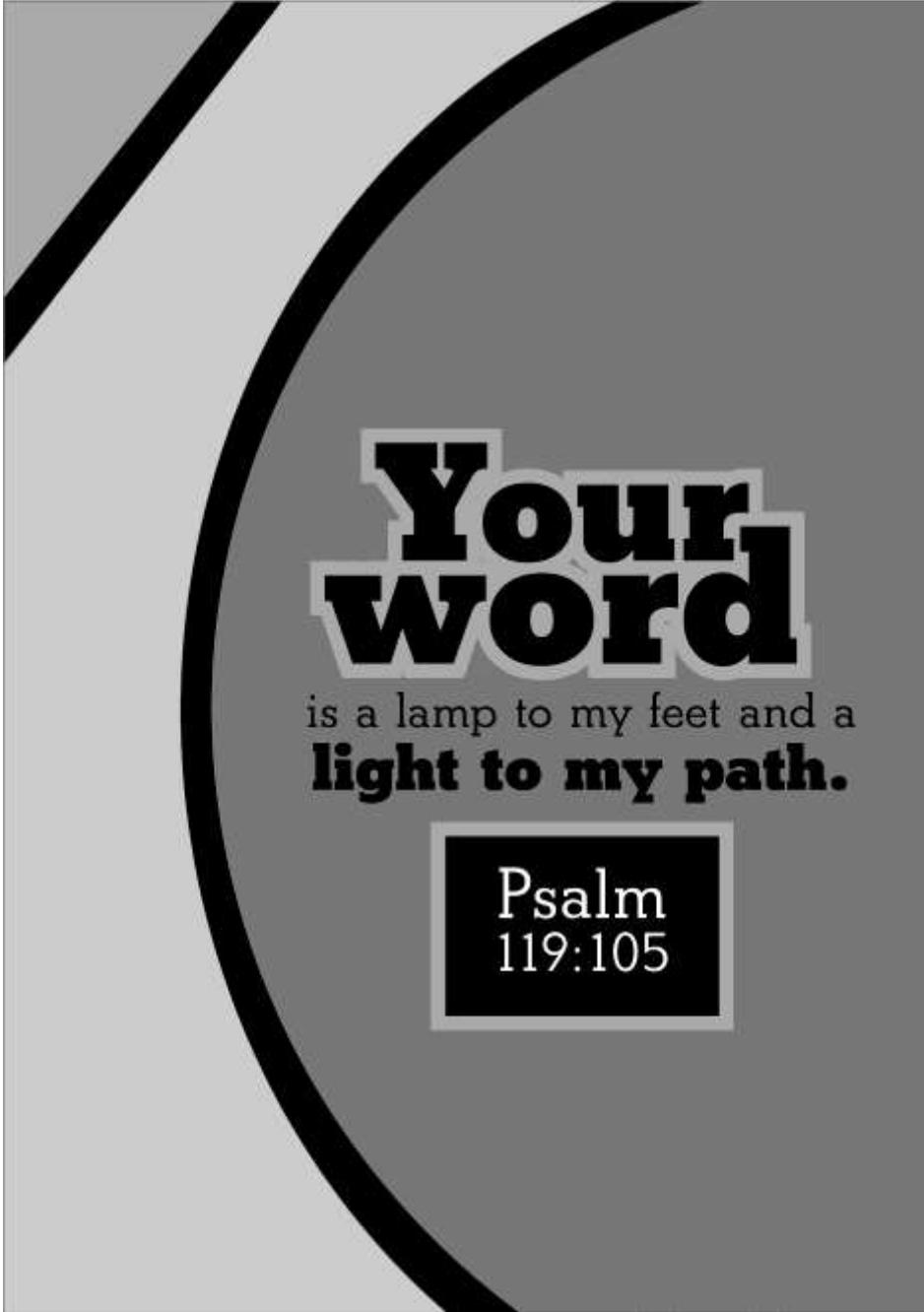
**CLOSING HYMN**

293 – God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

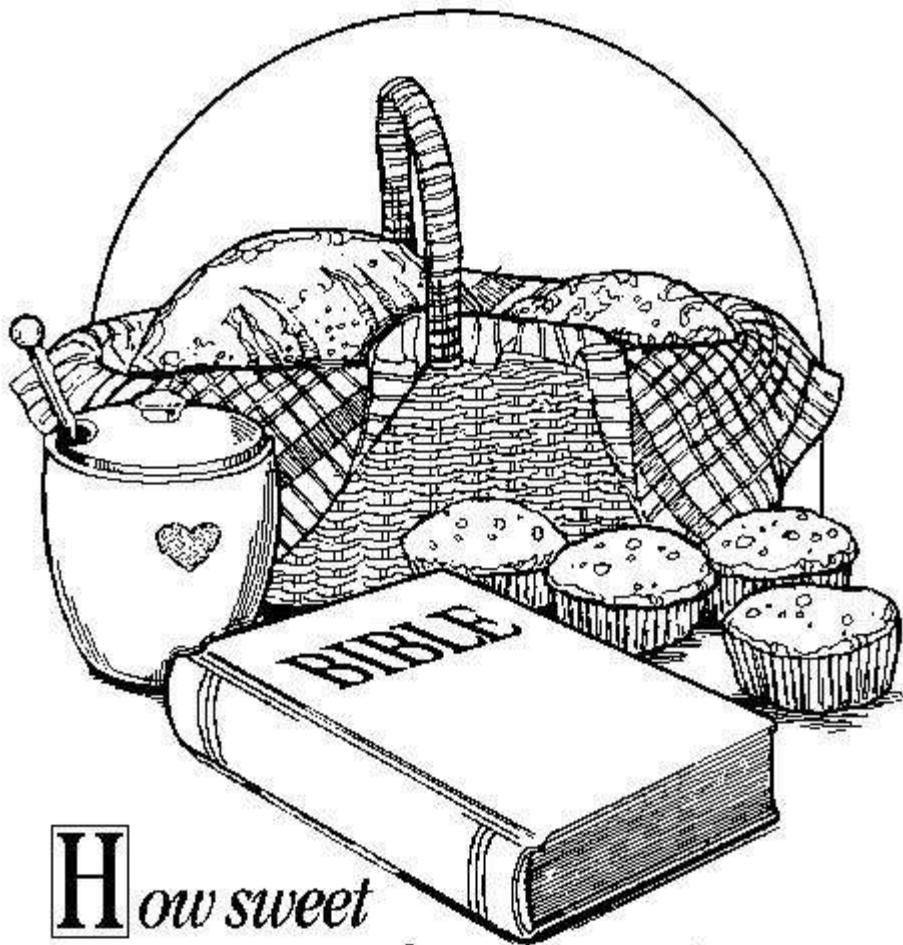
*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*



# Your word

is a lamp to my feet and a  
**light to my path.**

Psalm  
119:105



**H**ow sweet  
are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

*-Psalm 119:103*