

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2017

Worship Focus

The Eighth Commandment: God Gift of a Good Name



“You shall not
give false
testimony
against your
neighbor.”

Exodus 20:16

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OPENING HYMN

222 – Songs of Praise the Angels Sang



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
3 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of
4 And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, Still in



al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
praise shall crown that day. God will make new heav'ns and
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
songs of praise re - joice, Learn - ing here, by faith and



gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
love, Songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Whispered with their final breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death,
Then, amidst eternal joy,
Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

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: A - men.

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

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. (469:1, 3, 5)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 39:11-20

In the way Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph we see the damaging effects of lies told to ruin our neighbor's good name.

GENESIS 39:11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

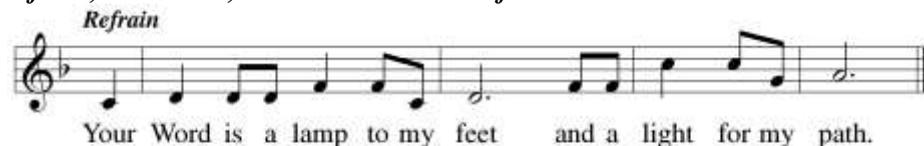
¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

PSALM

Psalm 119a

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation is asked to sing the refrain, the Gloria, and the second line of each verse.



Blessed are they whose ways are | blameless,*
who walk according to the law | of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his | statutes*
and seek him with | all their heart.

You have laid down | precepts*
that are to be ful | ly obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were | steadfast*
in obeying | your decrees!

Then I would not be | put to shame*
when I consider all | your commands.

I will praise you with an | upright heart*
as I learn your | righteous laws.

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 James 3:3-10

James warns us about the power of our tongue and the necessity of keeping a close watch on what we say.

^{JAMES 3:3} When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸ but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. Alleluia (1 Peter 3:10)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Matthew 12:1-7

Jesus upholds the eighth commandment by defending his disciples against the false accusations of the Pharisees.

MATTHEW 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

³ He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread--which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. ⁵ Or haven’t you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the day and yet are innocent? ⁶ I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. ⁷ If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

491 – O Master of the Loving Heart



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may
speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.
sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.
Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

SERMON

Proverbs 22:1

Jesus Proves His Authority to Forgive

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord, who hears our cry and saves us.

Brief silence

Our God and King, we bless and extol Your name forever and ever. If it were not for You, nothing good would dwell in us. We thank You for the baptismal waters that washed us clean and recreated us to be Your people. Help us always to live lives in service to You and in service to our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. We pray that You would send workers into the harvest. Receive our thanks for all the newly called pastors who have now completed their seminary training and are being ordained and installed where You have placed them. May they remain ever faithful to You and be a blessing to those they serve. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy laden by the trials and tribulations of this life. Give comfort to [_____ and] all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have delivered us from this body of death and given us the hope of eternal life. Keep us ever mindful of Your promises during our earthly pilgrimage where evil is close at hand and our desire to do good does not match our ability. Allow us to look forward with faith to the time when You will bring us fully into Your everlasting Kingdom, where we will serve You in both mind and flesh. 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.**

SERMON HYMN

387 – Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.
Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting 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 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

323 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward
 grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -
 take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
 shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
 Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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

“Thy word is a
lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto
my path.”

Psalm 119:105



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
