

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

THE BELIEVER GROWS IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER...

Christians are generous, not greedy.



The
**Prodigal
Son**

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

235 – Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the
Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
God he will re - main, He helps his chil - dren
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -
help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrmschmidt, 1675–1723; abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

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*)

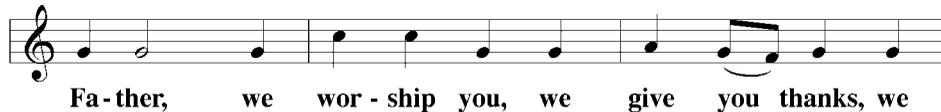
C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.



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



have mer-cy on us. You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re -
 ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray. Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Amos 8:4-7

The Lord does not condemn honest and wise business practices. Rather, he condemns dishonesty in business dealings, specifically as a sign of the self-serving, luxury loving attitude that rules the heart of the greedy at the expense of the needy.

AMOS 8:4 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land
5 saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?”--
skimping the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,

6 buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

7 The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

PSALM

Psalm 38

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

**For your arrows have | pierced me,*
and your hand has come down up | on me.**

**My guilt has over | whelmed me*
like a burden too heav | y to bear.**

Refrain

**All my longings lie open before | you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hid | den from you.**

**I wait for | you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O | Lord my God.**

**Come quickly to | help me,*
O Lord my | Savior.**

**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 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Focus shifts from payment received to payment made, namely, Jesus who generously used his own blood to buy sinners back. As a result, we pray, not for booming economies, but for peace to proclaim this great salvation.

¹ITIMOTHY 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 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 men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its 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 teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

⁸I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How his redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me; With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent. (557:3)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32

The last of Jesus' "seeking and finding" parables narrows the scope from 100 sheep and 10 coins to just two sons. Both sons displayed greed while the father showed his generosity. Praise be to God that He IS that generous Father!

¹¹LUKE 16: 11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

481 - O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made



1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And
 2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All
 3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True



all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at
 tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to
 stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a



your com - mand, And in it now you reign.
 use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.
 deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your
 We hold each gift a trust from you Nor
 A full ac - count - ing we must give And



hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -
 claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -
 see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your



a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
 knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
 throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

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 Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

SERMON

Luke 15:11-32

The Father Wants to Save BOTH Sons!

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, whose testimonies and promises are righteous and true forever.

Brief silence

For the people of God, that we might not misuse the gifts that God has entrusted to the Church nor be captivated by worldly wealth, but that we would use His gifts accordingly and for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For repentant hearts and the joy that, for Jesus' sake, the Lord remembers our sinful deeds no more, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For zeal and understanding to tell of the eternal promises of God to a world that has forgotten or rejected them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rulers and all who are in high positions, that God would grant them every good gift for their callings; that they might exercise their authority for the good of all whom He has entrusted to their care; and that we might not misuse the blessings of prosperity and security, but lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that the Lord would maintain in them a desire to nurture their children in faith and love and holiness, with self-control, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the needy, that the Lord would raise them from the dust and provide for them abundantly, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are employed, that they might conduct themselves in all honesty and industry, and for all employers and managers, that they might treat well those under their supervision, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's blessing on his Supper, that all who partake of his body and blood under bread and wine, might do so recognizing Christ's presence and trusting the forgiveness he provides in this meal, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need of mercy, strength, healing and deliverance, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

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

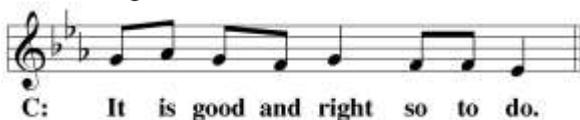
M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



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

487 – O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
 2 The gold - en sun - shine, spring - time air, Sweet
 3 For peace - ful homes and health - ful days, For
 4 You did not spare your on - ly Son, But
 5 We have your Spir - it ev - 'ry hour, The



you all praise and glo - ry be! How can we
 flow'rs and fruit your love de - clare; When har - vests
 all the bless - ings earth dis - plays We owe you
 gave him for a world un - done, And free - ly
 Lord of life and love and pow'r, He will his



thank you prop - er - ly Who gives us all?
 rip - en, you are there, Who gives us all.
 thank - ful - ness and praise, Who gives us all.
 with that bless - ed one You give us all.
 sev'n - fold gra - ces show'r Up - on us all.

6 For means of grace, for sins forgiv'n, 7 We lose what on ourselves we spend;
 For souls redeemed and hopes of heav'n, We have as treasures without end
 What can to you, O Lord, be giv'n, Whatever, Lord, to you we lend,
 Who gives us all? Who gives us all.

8 Dear Lord, from you we all derive
 Our life, our gifts, our pow'r to give,
 Oh, may we ever with you live,
 Who gives us all!

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.
 Tune: ES IST KEIN TAG (888-4) Johann D. Mayer, 1636-96, alt.

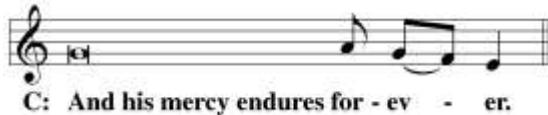
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

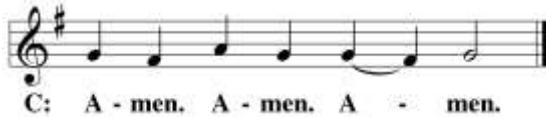
PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.



CLOSING HYMN

449 – Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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

*H*is father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

