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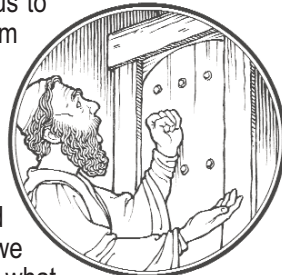
The 9th Sunday of Pentecost

25 July 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

"... ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

When Jesus' disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He taught them the Lord's Prayer. He also told them a parable. In both cases, He wants the disciples to see the disposition of our heavenly Father. God does not answer our prayers because we have talked



Him into it! God does not give us those things which are best for us because we have somehow earned them. God cares for us in His perfect mercy. He desires what truly is best for His beloved children. So Jesus, the One Who saves us from our sins, also teaches us the proper attitude about prayer. May the Lord bless your hearing as Pastor preaches on **LUKE 11:1-13** on the theme, **"WHAT LOVING FATHERS DO FOR THEIR CHILDREN . . . !"** ✠

✠ **Pre-Service Music**

✠ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**

✠ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**

✠ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

P *How do we pray? How do we get God to do what we want? These are every Christian's questions.*

C **Through the Psalmist, God says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me." (Ps. 50:15)**

P *In prayer we cry out to God for His help for this life and for eternity.*

C **God, in His love and mercy, answers us. "The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands." (Ps. 138:8)**

We are:

"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

✠ **The Hymn** — “Praise, My Soul, the Lord of Heaven” — LSB 793

✠ **The Divine Service, Setting One** — LSB 151 ✠

✠ **The Invocation, Confession, and Declaration of Grace** — LSB 151

✠ **The Introit** (Ps. 119:145–149; antiphon: Ps. 50:15)

P *Call upon Me in the day of trouble;* **C** **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**

P *With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!* **C** **I will keep Your statutes.**

P *I call to You; save me,* **C** **that I may observe Your testimonies.**

P *I rise before dawn and cry for help;* **C** **I hope in Your words.**

P *My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,*

C **that I may meditate on Your promise.**

P *Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;*

C **O Lord, according to Your justice give me life.**

A**L****L** **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

P *Call upon Me in the day of trouble;* **C** **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**

✠ **The Kyrie** — LSB 152-153

✠ **The Hymn of Praise** — “This is the Feast” — LSB 155

✠ **The Salutation and Collect of the Day** — LSB 156

A**L****L** (spoken) **O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (sing) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)**

✠ **The Old Testament Reading** — **Genesis 18:17–33** — *Abraham pleads with God's mercy because his nephew Lot lives in Sodom, a city which had come under God's righteous judgment.*

¹⁷ The Lord said, “**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,** ¹⁸ **seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?** ¹⁹ **For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has prom-**

ised him.”

²⁰ Then the Lord said, “**Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,** ²¹ **I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know.”**

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the

Lord. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And He said, "I will not

destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to Him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the Lord went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  **C** Thanks be to God!

✠ The Gradual

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C He has put all things under His feet. (Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.)

✠ The Epistle Reading — Colossians 2:6–19 — Paul wants the Church at Colossae to be filled with Christ so that they will not fall prey to worldly and empty ideas.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, Who raised

Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism (*) and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without

reason by his sensuous mind,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from Whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

* "Asceticism" is the notion that, by the extreme denial of self, one will somehow attain to a higher spirituality, a spirituality which the individual accomplishes.

P This is the Word of the Lord. 

C Thanks be to God!

✝ **The Verse and Alleluia** — LSB 156 (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

P Alleluia. I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Alleluia. (Luke 11:9)

ALL (sing - PAGE 156) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.** (Please remain standing.)

✝ **The Holy Gospel** — **Luke 11:1-13** — In a lesson on prayer, Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer and teaches the disciples that God answers us and deals with us in His mercy.

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter:

C (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And 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 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,' ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give

you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. 

C (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Here all may be seated.)

✝ **The Hymn of the Day** — "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" — LSB 770

✝ **The Sermon** — Text: LUKE 11:1-13

THEME: "WHAT LOVING FATHERS DO FOR THEIR CHILDREN . . . !"

✝ **The Creed — The Apostles' Creed — LSB 159**

✝ **The Prayers** — after each petition: **P** *Let us pray to the Lord . . .*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

✝ **THE OFFERING** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **The Offertory Verse** (stand to sing) — As the offerings are returned to the altar, all stand to sing the verse, LSB p. 159

✝ **The Collect**

P *O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy.*

C **Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us;**

P *through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** (SING) **Amen.** (Please remain standing.)

✝ **The Lord's Prayer**

P *Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

ALL **OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, AMEN.** (Please remain standing.)

✝ **The Benediction** — LSB 166

✝ **The Sending Hymn** — “Children of the Heavenly Father” — LSB 725

✝ **A Time for Prayer** — *Worshipers are invited to personally and quietly reflect upon God's Word which has come to them in worship this morning. Then, as Pastor leaves, all may leave on their own or remain to visit.*

✝ **The Postlude/Recessional**



Soli Deo Gloria!



(To God Alone Be Glory!)

8 and 10:30 a.m. **THE ORGANIST** James Hailey