

**FOLLOW THE SON**  
**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
Outdoor Worship  
7-27-25

**Theme: Shining the Light on Prayer**

*Our Summer Series at Grace will focus on Discipleship, focusing on following Jesus, the Son. This week is about prayer. Prayer is a privilege, based entirely on the unique and unearned relationship we have with God, our Father. Along with Jesus' disciples we say, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).*

**† GOD CALLS US †**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
ALL: Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SONG**

*"What A Friend We have In Jesus"*

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-  
All because we do not carry Ev'ry-thing to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

**† GOD CLEANSSES US †**

**TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**ALL:** Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**ALL:** Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have sinned against you. We have done the things that we should not have done and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Forgive us, renew us, and restore us according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I declare with joy, “Your sins are forgiven!” In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**SONG OF PRAISE**  
**“The Doxology (lans eerns efrans)”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Praise him above ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia! Allelulia! Allelluia!

† GOD SPEAKS WITH US †

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT**  
**Genesis 18:20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup> that 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.”

<sup>22</sup> The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare <sup>[b]</sup> the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup> Far 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?"

<sup>26</sup> The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup> Then 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, <sup>28</sup> what 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."

<sup>29</sup> Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup> Then 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."

<sup>31</sup> Abraham 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."

<sup>32</sup> Then 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."

<sup>33</sup> When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

## EPISTLE Colossians 2:6-15

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces<sup>[a]</sup> of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh<sup>[b]</sup> was put off when you were circumcised by<sup>[c]</sup> Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you<sup>[d]</sup> alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.<sup>[e]</sup>

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

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.”

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “When you pray, say:  
“‘Father,<sup>[a]</sup> hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.<sup>[c]</sup>

And lead us not into temptation.<sup>[d]</sup>’”

<sup>5</sup> Then 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; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup> And 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.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity<sup>[e]</sup> he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> “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. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for<sup>[f]</sup> a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If 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!”

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ!

### **SONG**

**“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray” (CH 719, Big Blue Book)**

Lord, teach us how to pray;  
as once the Twelve you taught,  
for we can never find the words  
to praise you as we ought.

Lord, teach us how to pray;  
when cares distract the mind.  
Help us to wait in quietness,  
a calmer spirit find.

Lord, teach us how to pray;  
rekindle faith’s bright flae,  
until our faith leaps up again  
to speak and praise your name.

Lord, teach us how to pray;  
remind us day by day  
that you wait eagerly to hear  
before we think to pray.

### **MESSAGE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -  
The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

**BRINGING OF OUR BLESSINGS**  
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

**CLOSING SONG**  
*"Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (LSB 924 v. 1 & 2)*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.

**† GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT †**

**BLESSING**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**ALL: Amen!**

## THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!