



*SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*July 24/27, 2025*

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.



## Year C (2025) – Season after Pentecost (Series 1)

# UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

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### SERIES EXPLANATION

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be *freed* from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

Our worship follows this pattern.

First Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Trinity)	<i>On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God</i>
Second Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On the Mission Right Before Us</i>
Third Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On Christ’s Call for Commitment</i>
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On the Want for Workers</i>
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On a Neighbor In Need</i>
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On the One Thing Needed</i>
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer</i>
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On Useful Resources</i>
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>On Heavenly Treasure</i>

## 721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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*Please stand if you are able*

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

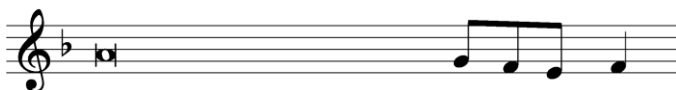
# Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;  
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.  
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 18:16–33

<sup>16</sup>The men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. <sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do <sup>18</sup>since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household who follow after him to keep the way of the LORD by carrying out righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may deliver to Abraham what he has promised him.”

<sup>20</sup>So the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, <sup>21</sup>I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Abraham approached him and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?”

<sup>26</sup>The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, “See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. <sup>28</sup>What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?”

He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

<sup>29</sup>He spoke to him yet again and said, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “I will not do it for the sake of the forty.”

<sup>30</sup>He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?”

He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

<sup>31</sup>He said, “See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?”

He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty.”

<sup>32</sup>He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?”

He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”

<sup>33</sup>As soon as he had finished speaking with Abraham, the LORD went on his way, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# PSALM

## 138A Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

*Psalms 138A*



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is  
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -  
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the  
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.  
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.  
low - ly and raise them from the dust.  
name you the God of time and space.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -  
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er  
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you  
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.  
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.  
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.  
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

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## Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel Acclamation

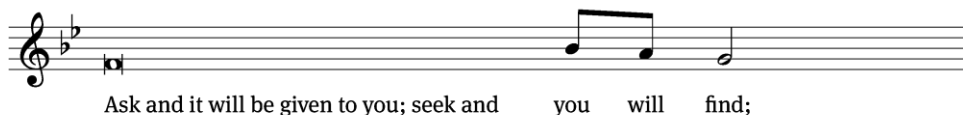
Luke 11:9



*Refrain*



*Tone*



## Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

<sup>1</sup>On another occasion, 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 also taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

<sup>5</sup>He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, would 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 heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

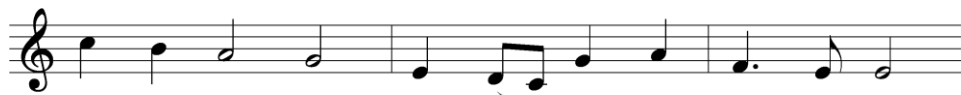
*Please be seated*

## 725 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

CW 725



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, through your Son and  
 2 When we know not what to say and our wound - ed  
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By your Spir - it now at - tend to our prayers and



in your Spir - it. By your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 souls are plead - ing, may your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, through your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, as like in - cense they as - cend



all that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 to your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



that as bap - tized heirs we may tru - ly pray.  
 by his sighs, too deep for words, we are heard.  
 place them on your Fa - ther's throne as your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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## Sermon

Genesis 18:16–33

***“The Judge of All the Earth Should Do Right, Shouldn’t He?”***

*Please stand, if you are able*

## The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Please be seated.*

### 774 God Bless Our Native Land

CW 774

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand  
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;

thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Bless Our Native Land'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn, with two parts: a soprano part (1) and an alto part (2). The second staff continues the melody with the third and fourth lines. The third staff concludes the hymn with the fifth and sixth lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bars.

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## Prayer

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.

**Amen.**

# 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.

# Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

Please be seated

## 773 O Lord of Nations

CW 773



- 1 O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer. We thank you for this  
2 For farms and fields of gold - en grain, for sci - ence and for  
3 Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we that in this coun - try  
4 For - give us, Lord, when we for - get your gifts to share, your



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