

Sunday, July 25, 2010—11:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Spoken Liturgy Worship #1 (with Holy Communion)



***“He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name . . .’”***
(Luke 11:2a)

United Lutheran Mission Statement
***“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him,
to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”***

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Please complete a "Record of Attendance" from the "Welcome Folder" found at the ends of each pew, and place in the offering plate or give to one of the ushers.

- ◆ Congregation Stands P = Pastor A = Assistant C =
Congregation

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

DENNIS HEUKE

- ◆ **GATHERING SONG** *"Shout to the Lord"*
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #821)

◆ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP FOR GOD'S FAMILY**

P We gather in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who gives us comfort and peace.

C **We are God's people. We belong to God.**

P We are God's family.

C **We are joined together in God's global family through our common faith.**

P God welcomes us into loving relationships.

C **We belong to one another. Let us worship our God of loving relationships.**

◆ **WE CONFESS THE BROKEN CONDITION OF GOD'S FAMILY**

P God of love and mercy,

C **Make us a family again. We are bruised and beaten by an insensitive world. Our hearts are hardened and bitter as we go through the motions of living. We are intoxicated by the pleasures of the world and we find ourselves wanting more. God of the human family, we pray that you will restore us to right relationship with you and with each other. Touch our broken hearts and make us whole again. Breath new life into our dead spirits. Speak the word of forgiveness and freedom**

for all the world to hear.

◆ **GOOD NEWS FOR GOD'S FAMILY**

P People of God's family, there is good news today! The God of love and relationships gives us Jesus Christ to make forgiveness and freedom possible. God knows us as no other. God knows our hardened hearts and dry spirits. God knows our failures and disappointments. God knows our sinful condition, yet loves us with unbounded compassion. God's intention is for each of us to live in love. God's provision is the perfect love made known to all the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's welcome is for all people to belong to god's family of love.

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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◆ **“CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD”**

◆ **OPENING PRAYER:**

P The Lord be with; you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray . . .

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous 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?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose 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." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the

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sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let

the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians

2:6-19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

◆ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer. .

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the eleventh chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If 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 The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "What's The Use?"

by Pastor Myron Meyer

◆ SONG

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #742)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (All)

I believe in a great God who created the world in power and love and whose character is reflected in all of creation.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man. His life, His teachings, His miracles, His death and His resurrection combine to provide true forgiveness of sin and life for all eternity. His strength bolsters my weakness, His love covers my failures and His sacrifice forgives my sin. I trust Him as a friend and brother, a Savior and Lord.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God at work in and among us. I believe that God is present and active in today’s world and that I can know some of the joy of heaven right now. I believe that the church of Christ is the people of God and that in prayer, the sacraments, and the fellowship of the church we can experience true meaning and everlasting love in our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Trumpet Solo by Devin Schroeder
(T. A. Dorsey, 1899-1993, arr. A. Melang-Thoren, 2006)*

◆ **THANKSGIVING**

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we come to the table.

C The love of God is a gift we do not deserve.

giving P Responding to the command of our Lord we desire the life-presence of Christ, in his body and blood.

C We come with thankful hearts, praising God that we will be refreshed with Christ’s true presence among us.

◆ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P On the evening of the Passover Feast, and while his disciples were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them saying, “Take and eat; this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for many for

the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.”

◆ **LORD’S PRAYER: (All)**

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.

◆ **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

P This is the Victory Feast of God

C **This is the feast of the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for all sin, for my sin.**

P We praise Christ, whose blood was shed, and whose body was broken.

C **We share a heavenly food as we now come to His table.**

DISTRIBUTION

Hymns During Communion

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying” (three times through)

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #752)

“Day by Day”

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #790)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now as you go on your way, may Christ the Good Shepherd go with you: May he go ahead of you to lead you. May he go behind you to encourage you. May he go beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

