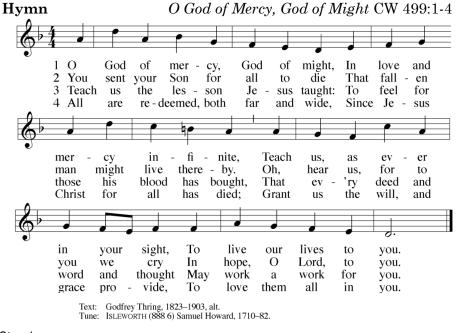
8th Sunday after Pentecost

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Follows Christ*.

The Sunday The believer loves his neighbor.. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all. *Followers of Christ Love their Neighbor*



Stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

- M: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.





Come, Oh, Come Let Us Sing To The Lord The congregation will sing the refrain and verses *Refrain*

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Psalm of the Day





To you, O LORD, I lift <u>up</u> my soul;* in you I trust, <u>O</u> my God.

- Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,* for they are <u>from</u> of old.
- Remember not the sins of my youth and my re<u>bel</u>lious ways;* according to your love remember me, for you are <u>good</u>, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gra<u>cious</u> to me,* for I am lonely and af<u>flict</u>ed.

Look upon my affliction and <u>my</u> distress* and take away <u>all</u> my sins.

Guard my life and <u>res</u>cue me,* for I take ref<u>uge</u> in you.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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First Lesson

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

The Lord commands the Israelites to remember those in need by reminding them that they were once slaves in Egypt. Crying out in need, the Lord answered Israel's prayer and provided for their salvation. God's love for us is always the reason and motivation for our acts of love toward our neighbor.

¹⁷ Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. ¹⁸ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

¹⁹ When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰ When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. ²¹ When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. ²² Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this. (NIV)

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus connects love for God with love for our neighbors. Just as God has had compassion on us, so we are to have compassion on others, especially those in need. This love for others, even for our enemies, grows from the Word of the Lord rooted in our hearts and mouths.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

 27 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[Deut. 6:5]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[Lev.19:18]"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

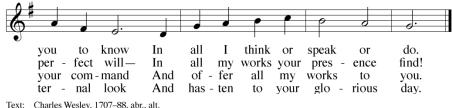
³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (NIV)

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.





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Sermon

Romans 12:9-21

Paul calls on the believer to live the life of faith in joyful response to the Lord's goodness. This means shunning what is evil and embracing what is good. Loving our neighbor means embodying the love of Christ: being humble, brotherly, hospitable, peaceable. Sharing with those in need, especially the enemy, embodies the love Christ had for us. This, then, is truly showing love to our neighbor and doing good to all.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[Deut. 32:35] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

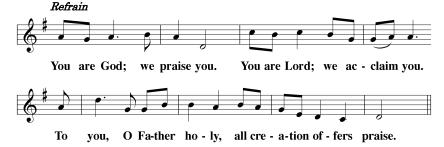
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."[Prov. 25:21,22]

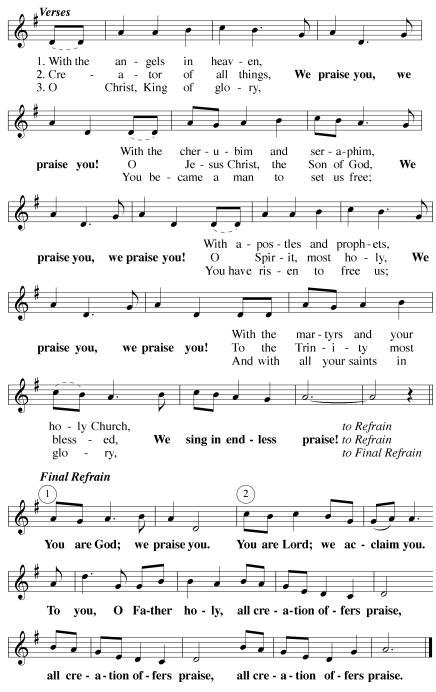
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (NIV)

Stand



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Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I cry to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Grace

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

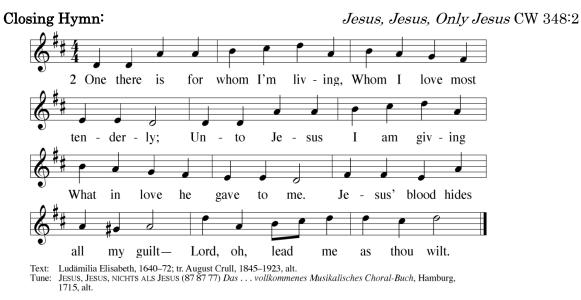
C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.
- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord grant you peach for all your days.
- C: Amen.

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