

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 Followers of Christ pray boldly. The Prayer of the Day beautifully centers worship for this Sunday: God's ears are open; let us then boldly ask for the blessings he promises.

Hymn

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright CW 412



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With
 2 We suf - fer if we cease from prayer; Oh,
 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense Of
 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice That
 5 Give these, and then your will be done; Thus



rev - 'rence and with fear. Though dust and ash - es
 grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you
 god - ly sor - row give; A strong de - sire, with
 can for sin a - tone, To cast our hopes, to
 strength - ened with your might We, through your Spir - it



in your sight, We may, we must draw near.
 we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on the way.
 con - fi - dence, To hear your voice and live;
 fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ a - lone.
 and your Son, Shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

Stand

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

C: Amen.

Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
 For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
 For sins of habit and sins of choice,
 For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

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Welcome! We thank
 God that you have
 joined us at worship
 today.

Restrooms are
 located in the
 basement. Hearing
 loop headphones and
 Large Print Hymnals
 are available from an
 usher.

If your children need
 to leave worship,
 please take them to
 the basement. A TV
 broadcasts the service
 in the basement.

Today we gather
 together in the
 presence of God. He is
 present among us in a
 special way through his
 Word and Sacrament.
 We acknowledge our
 sin and rejoice in the
 good news of
 forgiveness through
 the life and death of
 Christ. This is the focus
 of our worship.

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Glory Be To God *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung)

Luke 2:14

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| 1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race. | 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share. |
| 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. | 4. You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. |

THE WORD

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

First Lesson:

Genesis 18:20-32

There were just certain ways that things were done in the ancient East. This was not it. Abraham's continued pressing of God for concessions would have seemed presumptuous to any earthly master. Yet Abraham was as bold as this when talking to God! On hearing of the Lord's plans for wicked Sodom, Abraham shamelessly presses the Lord to live up to the meaning of his name. Our confidence is the same as we boldly come before our heavenly Father's throne seeking his free and faithful grace. We come, then, knowing that our dear Father will answer our prayer in the way that is best for us. Though the Lord did not find even ten righteous ones living in Sodom, Lot and his daughters were ultimately saved.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ 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."

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

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

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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."

²⁹ 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."

³⁰ 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."

³¹ 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."

³² 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." (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 6

Refrain



Psalm tone



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;*
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;*
save me because of your unfailing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from groaning.*
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do evil,*
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;*
the LORD accepts my prayer.

**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.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

James 5:13-18

C.S. Lewis said that in prayer God gives us the dignity of causality. Using the example of Elijah's earnest prayers, James encourages a bold prayer life on behalf of others in keeping with the will of the Lord. The righteous are invited to boldly pray for the sick in both body and soul, and God promises to hear those prayer of men made righteous and to respond with forgiveness and healing. Such dignity God gives us! No wonder James can make such a sweeping statement: Is anyone among you in trouble? He should pray.

³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over

them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

Stand

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 11.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

The disciples came to Jesus looking for help in learning to pray. Jesus responds coupling the spiritual-gift petitions of the Lord's Prayer with examples of the boldness with which our Father invites us to ask, seek, and knock.

Rooted in the Word, these requests come from hearts of faith that have been taught to seek not only what we need but even what we want. Our confidence is this: we can come again and again before our Father's throne of grace knowing that every good and perfect gift comes from our dear Father to his dear children.

11 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."

² 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 Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

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

⁹ "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. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ 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!” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above CW 410



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
3 Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray,
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done
5 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



Bids all of us to live in love
In pu - ri - ty to keep your Word,
That Christ may rule in us to - day
Just as in heav'n a - round your throne,
And let us all be clothed and fed.



As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
That to the glo - ry of your name
And that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring
That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey
From hard - ship, war, and earth - ly strife,



And pray to you in un - i - ty,
We walk be - fore you free from blame.
Still more to wor - ship Christ as King.
Through - out our lives all that you say.
From sick - ness, fam - ine, spare our life.



Teach us no thought - less words to say,
Let no false doc - trine us per - vert;
Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his rage;
Curb sin - ful flesh and ev - 'ry ill
Let self - ish - ness and wor - ry cease



But from our in - most hearts to pray.
All poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
Pre - serve your Church from age to age.
That sets it - self a - gainst your will.
That we may live in god - ly peace.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

7 Into temptation lead us not.
When evil foes against us plot
And vex our souls on ev'ry hand,
Oh, give us strength that we may stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to you in peace.

9 Amen, that is, it shall be so.
Make strong our faith that we may know
That we may doubt not but believe
What here we ask we shall receive.
Thus in your name and at your Word
We say, "Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: VATER UNSER HIM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Sermon

James 5:13-18

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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| 1. O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry. | 2. Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord! |
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

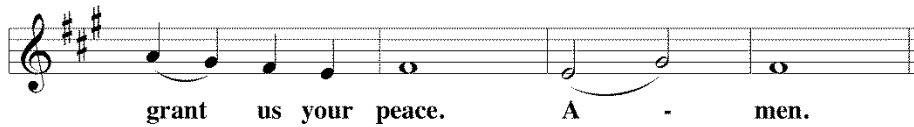
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

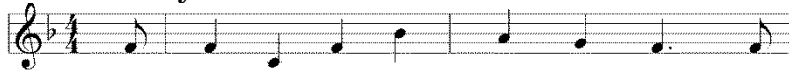
Be seated

Communion Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

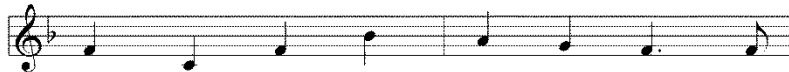
All Christian Who Have Been Baptized CWS 736



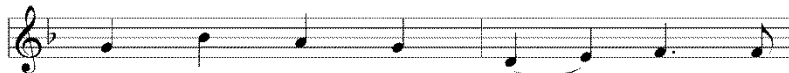
1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And
deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
mised and drowned for - ev - er. The
shame is ful - ly cov - ered With
give God thanks for - ev - er! It
Christ a new cre - a - tion! As



in whose dai - ly life is prized The
demned and lost with all the earth, None
wa - ter of your bap - tism day Re -
all that he once sac - ri - ficed And
gives the pow - er to up - lift In
faith - ful Chris - tians live and do With -



name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
stored a - gain what - ev - er Old
free - ly for us suf - fered. For
all that you en - deav - or. When
in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -

si - der now what God has done, The
 like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
 here the flood of his own blood Now
 noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your
 til that day when you pos - sess His

 gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap -
 in - ward from the high - est good, You
 all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac -
 makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be -
 bap - tism stands and makes you whole And
 glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness Be -

 tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
 con - stant - ly de - nied him.
 cord - ing to our na - ture.
 fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.
 then in death com - pletes you.
 stowed on you for - ev - er!

This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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 Tune: NUN FREUTEUCH (87 87 887) *Etlieh Christlich liden*, Wittenburg, 1524

Stand

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)

Luke 2:29-32

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| <p>1 O Lord, now let your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised
 incarnate, saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever three in one;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.</p> |
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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

Christians, While on Earth Abiding CW 408



1 Chris-tians, while on earth a - bid - ing, Let us
2 Bless us, Fa - ther, and pro - tect us From all



nev - er cease to pray, Firm - ly in the Lord con -
harm in all our ways; Pa - tient - ly, O Lord, di -



fid - ing As our par - ents in their day.
rect us Safe - ly through these fleet - ing days.



Be the chil - dren's voic - es raised To the
Let your face up - on us shine; Fill us



God their par - ents praised. May his bless - ing, fail - ing
with your peace di - vine. Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and



nev - er, Rest up - on his peo - ple ev - er.
Spir - it! Praise him, all who life in - her - it!

Text: Johann Olof Wallin, 1779–1839, st. 1, abr.; Jesper Svedberg, 1653–1735, st. 2; tr. *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901, alt.

Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.