

Pastor's Bible Study

July 26, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 12

Hymn #790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

Read Genesis 18:20-33

1. What motivates God to share His plans for Sodom and Gomorrah with Abraham? See Genesis 18:17-19.
2. Who are the men in verse 22 who “went toward Sodom?” See Genesis 19:1.
3. Who was crying out against Sodom and Gomorrah? (verse 20)
4. How was Abraham’s prayer answered, and what does this tell us about God’s attitude toward sin?
5. How does this story highlight God’s promises to His people, and what does it tell us about prayer?

Read Luke 11:1-13

6. The prayer Jesus teaches His disciples is also found in Matthew 6:9-13. The setting and content vary from Luke's account. What do these differences tell us?

7. What does the request in verse one tell us about the unnamed disciple and also about us?

8. Luke's account of The Lord's Prayer includes five petitions. What do these petitions address?

- Father, hallowed be your name.
- Your kingdom come.
- Give us this day our daily bread
- Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
- Lead us not into temptation.

9. Jesus follows His instructions for prayer with several illustrations. What do these illustrations teach us about prayer and the character of God?

- Luke 11:5–8
- Luke 11:9–10
- Luke 11:11–13

Devotional Thought (The Lutheran Study Bible)

Jesus teaches that Christian prayers are unfailingly heard because God has promised to hear us, and He always keeps His promises. If prayer depended on us, we could never be sure of God's response, because sin corrupts completely. We can depend on God to keep His promise to hear us and answer us because He never breaks His Word. Prayer is a blessed opportunity granted by the Gospel (TLSB, 1736).

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.