

# Pentecost 7

July 27, 2025

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12 (Year C)

God hears our prayers and answers when we call upon him in faith. Is it so incredible to think that our prayers have an effect on our heavenly Father? Abraham’s requests were heard as God threatened to wipe out the evil of two faithless cities. Jesus taught his followers to seek the Lord, to ask for what they needed, and to trust that their Father in heaven would grant them all good gifts in love and mercy.



### THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

**First Lesson: Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33      Abraham Negotiates for the Righteous**

Soon after Abraham had received the promise of a son in his old age, the Lord saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asked God to reconsider wiping out the cities if there could be found fifty righteous persons among them. The conversation continued until the number was down to ten; then the two parted ways.

**Psalm 138      The Lord Regards the Lowly**

The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for his goodness and mercy. He sang praises to the God most high for his steadfast love and faithfulness to his servant.

**Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)      Rooted and Built Up in Christ**

St. Paul continued his encouragement to the Christians in Colossae, reminding them that their lives are rooted in Jesus Christ. Therefore, they should make sure that no one leads them astray by a false gospel. It is only through Jesus’ death and resurrection that believers are also raised to a new life.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:1-13      Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray**

At the request of one of his followers, Jesus taught the disciples to pray and instituted what we know as The Lord’s Prayer. In addition, he advised them about being persistent in their prayer and asking for what they need. God, in heaven, loves his children so deeply that he will give them the best gifts, even when they ask for less.

### Suggestions for the Sunday:

- \* The liturgical color is green.
- \* The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- \* Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- \* Consider a refresher on the petitions from the Lord’s Prayer in Luther’s Small Catechism.
- \* Consider having a special part of the liturgy today where those who want individual prayer can come forward for the laying on of hands and prayer. Several stations might be set up in the worship space.
- \* Prayer is such an important part of our discipleship that Luther once said: “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

### SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

| Hymn Titles:                          | LBW | WOV | LSB | ELW | REC | Sola |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing    | 559 | --- | 528 | 886 | 30  | 30   |
| What a Friend We Have in Jesus        | 439 | --- | 770 | 742 | 223 | 223  |
| Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven   | 549 | --- | 793 | 865 | --- | ---  |
| Rise, Shine, You People!              | 393 | --- | 825 | 665 | --- | ---  |
| Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now     | 253 | --- | 902 | 527 | 44  | 44   |
| Let Us Break Bread Together           | 212 | --- | --- | 471 | 83  | 83   |
| Go, My Children, With My Blessing     | --- | 721 | 922 | 543 | 53  | 53   |
| Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying | --- | 775 | --- | 752 | 21  | 21   |
| There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy     | 290 | --- | --- | 587 | 186 | 186  |
| Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty          | 250 | --- | 901 | 533 | 46  | 46   |

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and \*\*\* means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

### CONTEMPORARY SONGS

| Praise Song Titles                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|
| How Deep the Father’s Love For Us (CCLI# 155) |
| Jesus Paid It All (CCLI# 4689508)             |
| Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (CCLI# 41848)  |
| My Heart Is Yours (CCLI# 7017788)             |
| Open the Eyes of My Heart (CCLI# 2298355)     |

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