

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 18, 2019

**THEME: It is a privilege to bring our thanks and requests to God in prayer.**

**HYMN 478:** *“With the Lord Begin Your Task”*

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**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 18:20-33 (NIV)

*Abraham prayed for the righteous who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham demonstrates the persistence and confidence all of us can have in bringing our petitions to the Lord.*

18:20 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 because 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.” 33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 6 (p.66) (sung in unison)

*David’s penitential psalm concludes on the note that every Christian can share: “the Lord accepts my prayer.”*

**SECOND LESSON:** Colossians 2:6-15 (EHV)

*Christ, true God in bodily form, “cancelled the written code” by his death on the cross. Forgiveness is ours. We have been made alive in Christ.*

2:6 Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. 9 For all the fullness of God’s being dwells bodily in Christ. 10 And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. 11 You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, 12 when you were buried with Christ in baptism.

And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

13 Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. 14 God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 11:1-13 (EHV) (sermon text)

*Jesus teaches his disciples the perfect prayer, and illustrates the persistence and confidence with which we should pray it.*

11:1 On another occasion, 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 also taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

5 He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ 7 And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ 8 I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 “I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

11 “What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, would 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 heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

**HYMN 411:** *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**SERMON THEME: If We Know Who to Ask**

**1. We can ask for everything 2. We can ask persistently 3. We can ask confidently**

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**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* (Please Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN 412:** *“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”*

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 472 VERSES 1 & 4:** *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

**SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Serving Us Today ~ August 18, 2019**  
*Organist:* Marjean Schroeder  
*Ushers:* John Hornig, Matt Fink & Larry Stowe  
*Altar Guild:* Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel



**The Flowers Adorning Our Altar** this morning have been sponsored by Dave and Judy Zarter in honor of their wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Translation:** You will note we have been using this new version in our weekly readings. They will always be noted as "EHV". These "new" Bibles are available to purchase. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board.

**Monday, August 19 (tomorrow):** There will be a church redecorating presentation at 6:30 p.m. here in our church. Any interested members are invited to attend.

**We Are Seeking Two Sunday School Teachers** for our upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor.

**It's Time To Start Planning** for another year of fun playing dartball! If you are interested, let Mark Juedes know.

**Just Around the Corner....**Yes, summer is whizzing by and many activities will be starting-up again in September! Starting soon are...Dartball, Bible class, Sunday school, Ladies' Guild and GriefShare sessions. Please take note of our September calendar in the next issue of the Lamplighter and mark your calendar!

**Special Congregational Voter's Meeting September 8:** There will be a brief meeting after Worship Service to review and update our current *Tuition Assistance Policy*. A copy of our current policy and proposed changes are located near our guest registry for your review.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Gloria Pagel and Julaine Hanneman.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Choir start-up will commence Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Anyone interested in singing is welcome. It's fun!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	<b>Office Hours</b>	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 08-11-19	\$2,643.00		
Budget Need to date	\$108,128.00	<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 a.m. Schroeder/Oaks Wedding
Budget Received to date	\$98,530.48	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Worship Attendance 08-11-19		<b>Sunday</b>	September Lamplighter Articles Due

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