

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12

Sermon Road Map

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Luke 11:1-13 / CW 410

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**Lord, teach us to pray!**

**Our Father, who from heav'n above  
Bids all of us to live in love  
As members of one family  
And pray to you in unity,  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say,  
But from our inmost hearts to pray.**

- Lord's Prayer in Matt. & Luke - different occasions, independent witnesses
- Jesus teaches us prayer/conversation **not** a mechanical exercise
- God called **Father** - in OT only in Isa. 63.
- Jesus' work: intimately connects us to the Most High God as our Father
- All who call the Most High *Father* belong to an eternal family *Our Father*
  - ♦ You do not pray the Lord's Prayer alone!

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,  
In purity to keep your Word,  
That to the glory of your name  
We walk before you free from blame.  
Let no false doctrine us pervert;  
All poor, deluded souls convert.**

**Your kingdom come, we humbly pray,  
That Christ may rule in us today  
And that your Holy Spirit bring  
Still more to worship Christ as King.  
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;  
Preserve your Church from age to age.**

**Your gracious will on earth be done  
Just as in heav'n around your throne,  
That patiently we may obey  
Throughout our lives all that you say.  
Curb sinful flesh and ev'ry ill  
That sets itself against your will.**

- What's in the **name**, Father? relations - history - reputation - belonging
  - ♦ **Contrast our reputation**: sin and neglect that undermines the Father/child/family relationships
- God's love and gospel gives us hearts that want to avoid all that harms this relationship
- Our good works don't save us, but the saved hate evil and love good.
- Hearts and minds fixed on the Father long to honor him, be like him/image
- Hearts that share God's heart - to reclaim other wayward children

**Give us today our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
From hardship, war, and earthly strife,  
From sickness, famine, spare our life.  
Let selfishness and worry cease  
That we may live in godly peace.**

- *daily bread* - table spread - fridge full - snack stash
- Pray: focus on the Father's care and provision - so much more!
- *war, famine* - by his grace more distant
- *hardship, sickness, strife - spare life* - we know, yet compared to many...
- Faith that knows the Father's proven love and faithfulness in Christ Jesus
  - ♦ sees daily life & strife as only *half the picture* - missing God's hand
  - ♦ new mindset frees from worry, from focus on *I think, I feel, I see...*
  - ♦ prays that God free us & fix our eyes on him, seeing life through him

**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.**

- How do our sins trouble us? *troubled conscience, of course*
  - ♦ Fear to face God, knowing our evil - contempt for him and his will
  - ♦ Fixed on legal rightness - wrong, guilt, shame - no relief for law breakers
- The Father's relief comes in the gospel's **rightness**
  - ♦ Your guilt is **justly** paid for by Jesus. Stop *but I...*
  - ♦ Embrace the Father's mercy that found a totally just way to release you.
  - ♦ Living in the Father's mercy, we mercifully view those who hurt us - that they may find the Father's mercy and be freed from sin's reign and ruin.

**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.**

**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.**

- How do our sins trouble us? It also troubles us with...
  - ♦ bad habits, ruts - pulling us away from loving the Father and Jesus
  - ♦ Knowing sin's wretched work, it would be foolish to treat sin lightly
  - ♦ Implore the Father's help to lead us on a different path
  - ♦ Living as a family of mutual support and accountability - stand firm
  - ♦ Community formed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- Trouble is not avoided by ignoring it. Death should not be ignored.
  - ♦ The One who defeated death teaches us to pray for a blessed death
  - ♦ Embracing the life the Father gives, daily delivering us from death until the day he uses death to deliver us from all evil - to sinless glory
  - ♦ Through this focus, daily delivered with his peace - wholeness in Jesus.

Jesus did not teach the word "Amen", but he taught this mindset.

**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!"**

- What is prayer? Just words? No!
- Prayer: engaged in the relationship Jesus gave us with the Father
- A relationship of faith - trusting him, taking him at his word.
- Faith's way of thinking and seeing - revealed in the Word.
- That which is of faith, based on God who has proved himself in history - is **not** an exercise of wishful thinking, spiritual coping technique.
- Prayer is **not** a tool to bother God until he gives in.
- Prayer is faith speaking with **boldness** and **confidence** to God - praying for what He told us to pray about - knowing he loves it and hears.
- Our Amen is **not** from our opinion. It's based on the Word & Lord who has shown himself real and reliable in real history - even ours. Amen