



WALKER'S CHAPEL

The Wisdom of Proverbs

The Power of the Tongue

July 27, 2025 • The Sundays of Pentecost

Service of Worship
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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 71:4-8; 14-15; 23-24

“Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
you are he who took me from my mother’s womb.

My praise is continually of you.

I have been as a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day. . . .

I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge. . . .

My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
7 God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Ho -
12 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He
18 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the
23 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

Isaiah 6:3; Rev 4:8; Matt 21:9

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession • Prov 3:11-12; 12:1; Psa 94:12; Heb 12:11; Prov 10:17; Psa 23:3

Leader: Father, your Word tells us that the mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but we have often used our words to wound and not to heal.

People: We have spoken hastily and carelessly, stirring up anger instead of peace.

Leader: You tell us that the one who conceals hatred has lying lips, yet we sometimes disguise malice with flattery and deceit.

People: Rather than restrain our tongues, we sometimes multiply words without knowledge.

Leader: Like the reckless slashing of a sword we have spoken rashly, rather than seeking to speak with wisdom and grace.

People: We have torn down rather than built up, and our words have brought death instead of life.

Leader: Tame our tongues, O Lord, for we are often incapable of governing them well.

All: Help blessing to flow from our mouths rather than cursing, and teach us to speak as those redeemed by Your grace. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *Amen.*

Hymn of Prayer • Speak, O Lord (see right)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Selections from Proverbs on the Tongue, Chapters 10-29

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. (10:11)

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (12:18)

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. (15:4)

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (16:24)

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! (15:23)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. (25:11)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. (18:21)

The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin. (10:8)

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. (10:19)

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. (13:3)

Whoever restrains his words has knowledge,

and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. (17:27)

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent. (17:28)

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him. (29:20)

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight. (12:22)

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. (12:19)

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape. (19:5)

A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet. (29:5)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. (27:6)

Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue. (28:23)

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness. That the
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of — faith.
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with — us.

Speak, O Lord, and fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,

but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered. (11:13)

A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. (16:28)

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. (26:20)

The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. (18:8)

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The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. (10:20)
The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense. (10:21)
The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off (10:31)
The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse. (10:32)
The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. (15:28)

Sermon

The Power of the Tongue – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Prayer • Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Hymnal, 561)

Profession of Faith • Heidelberg Catechism, Question 112

Question:

What is required in the ninth commandment?

Answer:

That I bear false witness against no man,
nor falsify any man's words;
that I be no backbiter, nor slanderer;
that I do not judge, nor join in condemning any man rashly, or unheard;
but that I avoid all sorts of lies and deceit, as the proper works of the devil,
unless I would bring down upon me the heavy wrath of God;
likewise, that in judgment and all other dealings I love the truth,
speak it uprightly and confess it;
also that I defend and promote, as much as I am able,
the honor and good character of my neighbour. *Amen*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's 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. *Amen*

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

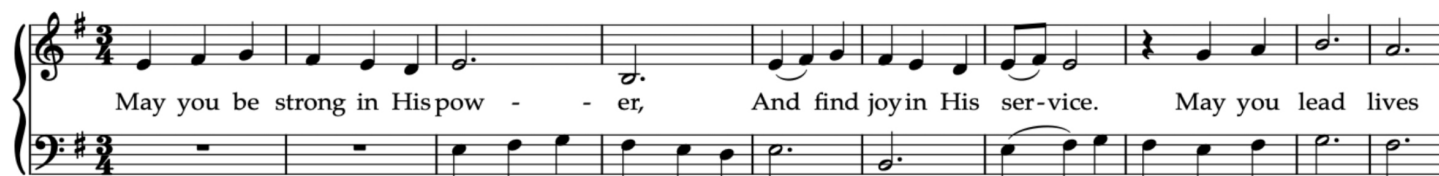
Hymn of Praise • O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymnal, 164)

Benediction • Colossians 3:16-17

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” *Amen.*

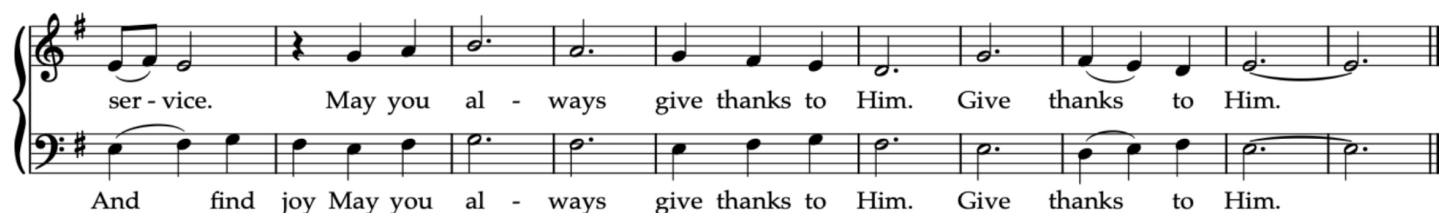
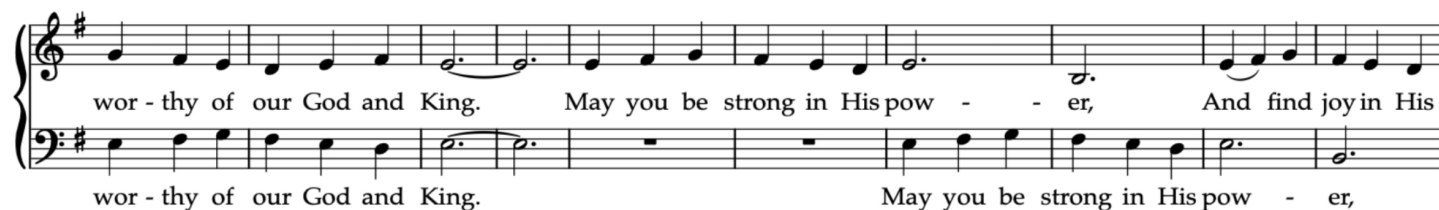
May You Be Strong

Women:



Men:

May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives



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- **Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*
- **Wedding Shower for Abby Troyer.** The Women of Walker's are invited to attend a wedding shower for Abby Troyer at 132 East Main Street in Orange on August 23 at 11:00 am.
- **Upcoming Elder Elections.** Member households will have an opportunity to vote for our three elder candidates on August 17 after our regular worship service. The candidates are Jeremiah Pent, Scott Magnino, and Bob Chehi. These candidates have been examined and approved by the elders of Providence Church in Lynchburg, our CREC sponsoring church. If you are not a member but would like to be, the next opportunity to join will be August 3 during our worship service. Send an email to jp@walkerschapel.org with any questions or to express your desire to become a member.



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