

Lent Midweek Series on the Lord's Prayer

Lord,
teach us
to pray...



Introduction & First Petition (Request)

*“Our Father Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name”*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Wednesday
Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Elder:	Bob Souza
Asst Elder:	Randy Gifford
Acolyte:	Hunter Kregel
Lay Readers:	Joanne Heidlauf
Ushers:	Morrie Cook, OPEN
Greeter:	Steve Kregel

SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

Adapted from the Lutheran Service Book, this order of worship focuses our attention on prayer—a conversation with God. We receive His Word, speak those words back to Him, and present our thanksgivings, joys, and requests at His feet in the Name of Jesus.

Opening Hymn

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

LSB 766 sts. 1–2, 9



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name



And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no
We walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false



thought-less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
teach - ing us per - vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.

- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

C: *now is the day of salvation.*

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: *that the light of Your face may shine on us.*

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: *and may the poor be lifted up.*

(Silence for reflection on the sins that trouble us).

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: *O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Opening Sentences

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: *let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: *the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: *slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.*

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: *let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.*

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: *He was bruised for our iniquities.*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: *the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Old Testament Canticle (sung three times)

from LSB # 261

Refrain



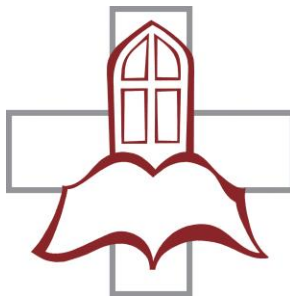
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Psalm

Psalm 68:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
- ²As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!
- ³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
- ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the Lord; exult before him!
- ⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**



Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:5–14 (ESV)

[And Jesus taught His disciples saying:] ⁵“When you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,
¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people. Amen.

Confession of Faith

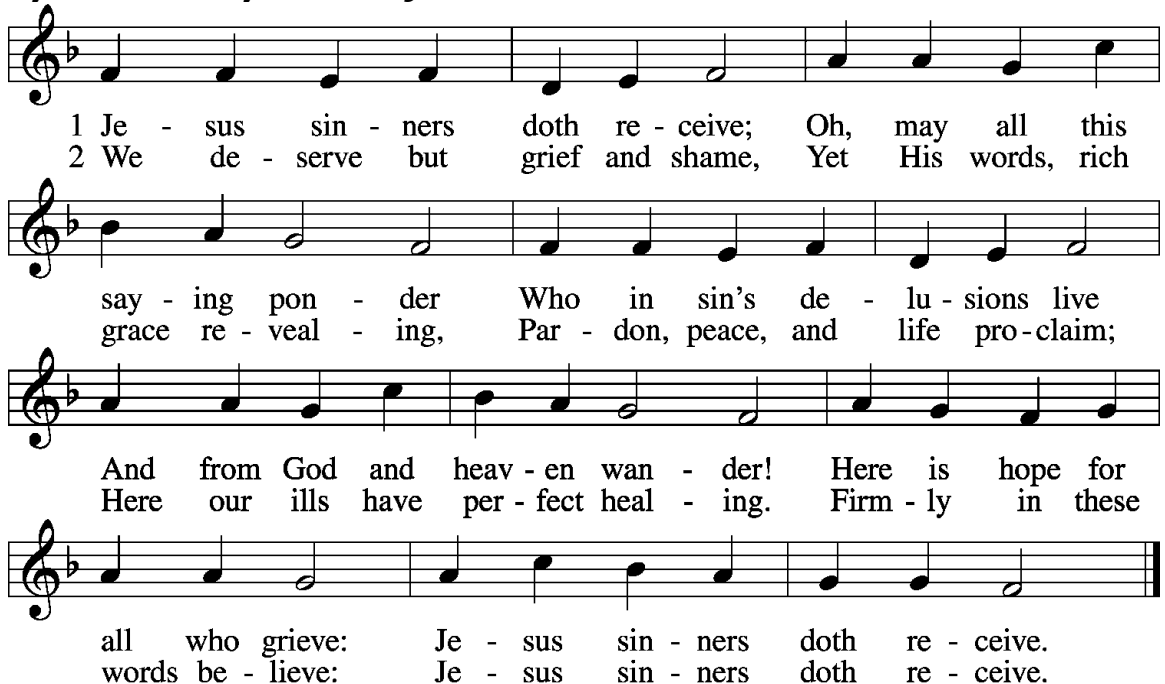
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609 sts. 1–2, 7



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

Create in Me

LSB 192

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayers

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon,
with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world,
and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith,
let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities,
and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous,
and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless,
for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison,
let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Collects (Prayers of the Day)

P: Our heavenly Father, with Your words and promise You invite us to believe that You are our heavenly Father and we are Your children by faith. Give us always boldness and confidence to trust Your love and salvation for us, and ask You as dear children ask their dear father; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Heavenly Father, Your Name is always holy. By Your grace, grant that it may be kept holy among us also. May Your Word be taught in truth and purity among us. Keep us in Your truth and inspire us to live holy lives according to it. Protect us from false teaching and unholy living that would profane Your Name among us; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.

C: Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

C: *I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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From Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*



The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Our heavenly Father, with Your words and promise You invite us to believe that You are our heavenly Father and we are Your children by faith. Give us always boldness and confidence to trust Your love and salvation for us, and ask You as dear children ask their dear father; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Heavenly Father, Your Name is always holy. By Your grace, grant that it may be kept holy among us also. May Your Word be taught in truth and purity among us. Keep us in Your truth and inspire us to live holy lives according to it. Protect us from false teaching and unholy living that would profane Your Name among us; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. Amen.