

Lent Midweek Series on the Lord's Prayer

Lord,
teach us
to pray...



2nd & 3rd Petitions (Requests)

*“Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven”*

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Series Preacher

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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:	Tim Pipia
Acolyte:	Lily Erwin
Lay Readers:	Jose Rayos
Ushers:	JJ Jones, OPEN
Greeter:	Pipia Family

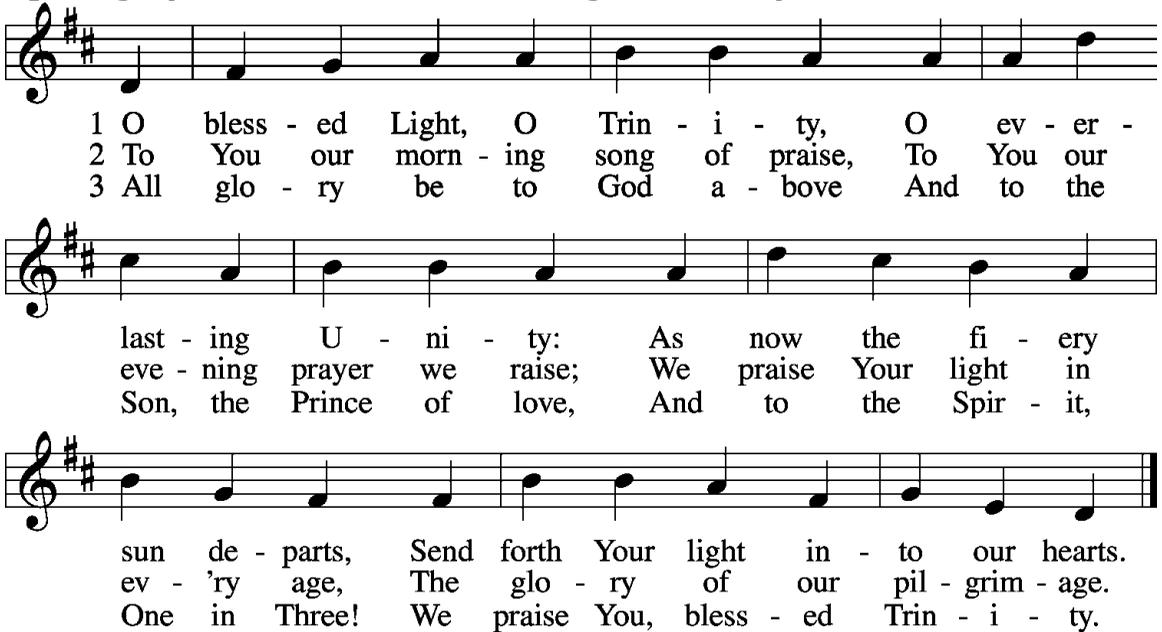
SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

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

O Blessed Light, O Trinity

LSB 890



1 O bless - ed Light, O Trin - i - ty, O ev - er -
2 To You our morn - ing song of praise, To You our
3 All glo - ry be to God a - bove And to the

last - ing U - ni - ty: As now the fi - ery
eve - ning prayer we raise; We praise Your light in
Son, the Prince of love, And to the Spir - it,

sun de - parts, Send forth Your light in - to our hearts.
ev - 'ry age, The glo - ry of our pil - grim - age.
One in Three! We praise You, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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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.

P: The God of all grace has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, and He Himself restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. According to his great mercy, he has caused you to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: 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 Reading

Psalm 150:1-6 (ESV)

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

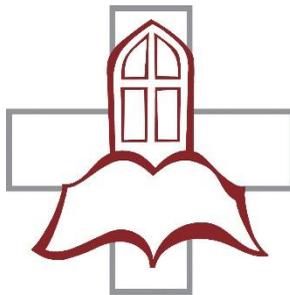
³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

**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 25:31–36 (ESV)

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’”

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.



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day



And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no
With gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's



thought - less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
pow'r, de - feat his rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.

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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Sermon

Offering

Offertory

Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6

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



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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 reasonable 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: Merciful Father, Your kingdom comes by itself but we pray that He may be alive in us. Give us by grace Your Holy Spirit, that by it we believe Your Word and lead godly lives here in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed God, Your good and gracious will is done even without prayer, but we pray that it may be done in us also. Holy Lord, to break and hinder every evil plan of the devil, the world, and our our sinful flesh which do not want us to hallow Your name, or let Your kingdom come. Keep us firm in Your Word and faith until we die. Fulfill in us Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

LSB 769



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

Equipping Coordinator Candidates and Meet & Greet

The Call Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for the position of Equipping Coordinator.

Ingrid Lewis will be visiting Bethel on **March 18** and **19**. Ingrid currently serves as Director of Youth Ministry at Bethany Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio. She is a graduate of Concordia University Chicago. Ingrid has 31 years of experience in Youth Ministry, Christian Education and as a grade school teacher.

Cynthia (Cindy) Twillman will be visiting us from Wichita, Kansas, where she is a DCE for Education and Family Ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church. Cindy will be at Bethel on **March 25** and **26**. She is a graduate of Concordia University – St. Paul, MN. Cindy also has a Master of Arts degree from Friends University in Wichita. Cindy has 20 years of church work experience as a DCE.

Caitlin Amick will visit Bethel on **April 1** and **2**. Caitlin will be graduating this spring from Concordia University in Mequon, WI with a degree in Lay Ministry. Caitlin completed her Internship in ministry at Brookfield Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. Caitlin calls Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin her home.

During their respective visits to Bethel, each candidate will be available at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night for the congregation to participate in a meet and greet. Hope to see you there.

If any member has reason to believe that a candidate should not be considered, please contact the Call Committee or Pastor Squires.

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From Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*



The Second Petition

Thy Kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Merciful Father, Your kingdom comes by itself but we pray that He may be alive in us. Give us by grace Your Holy Spirit, that by it we believe Your Word and lead godly lives here in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. Amen.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Blessed God, Your good and gracious will is done even without prayer, but we pray that it may be done in us also. Holy Lord, to break and hinder every evil plan of the devil, the world, and our our sinful flesh which do not want us to hallow Your name, or let Your kingdom come. Keep us firm in Your Word and faith until we die. Fulfill in us Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.