

## Lent Midweek Series on the Lord's Prayer

Lord,  
teach us  
to pray...



### 4<sup>th</sup> Petition (Request)

*“Give us this day our daily bread.”*

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

#### 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

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## ***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.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Elder:</b>	<b>Mike Bandman</b>
<b>Asst Elder:</b>	<b>Randy Gifford</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Joshua Leicht</b>
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>Mike Bandman</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>JJ Jones, OPEN</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Leicht Family</b>

## 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

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 1, 3, 6

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

## **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.

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**2 Corinthians 9:6–11 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Matthew 6:25–34 (ESV)**

[And Jesus said]: <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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****My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

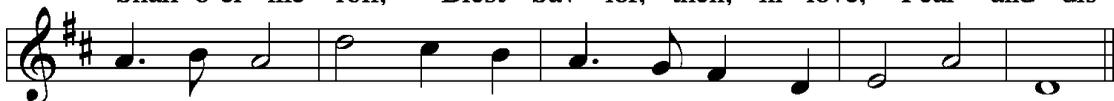
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1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

**Sermon****Offering****Offertory****On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

LSB 422

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

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## **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.***

### ***Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: Generous father, by Your grace you give daily bread to everyone even without our prayers, and also to all evil people. Lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving, recognizing that in Your gracious goodness You daily and richly supply everything that has to do with the support of all of our needs; through Jesus Christ, or 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****Christ, the Life of All the Living**

LSB 420 sts. 4-5, 7



4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

# **Equipping Coordinator Candidate Meet & Greet Saturday at 7:00 p.m.**



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

***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.***

**Ingrid Lewis** visited 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.

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

# From Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

## The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.



### *What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

### *How does God's kingdom come?*

Daily bread included everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

*Generous father, by Your grace you give daily bread to everyone even without our prayers, and also to all evil people. Lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving, recognizing that in Your gracious goodness You daily and richly supply everything that has to do with the support of all of our needs; through Jesus Christ, or Lord. Amen.*

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