

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 1—WEEK 19 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



“SHOULD WE MOVE UNDERGROUND
WITH OUR PRAYERS?”

THE LORD’S PRAYER
MATTHEW 6

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DIVINE SERVICE I

This service is from Divine Service, Setting One, in Lutheran Service Book.

Opening Hymn

Come, My Soul, with Every Care

LSB 779



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817



Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

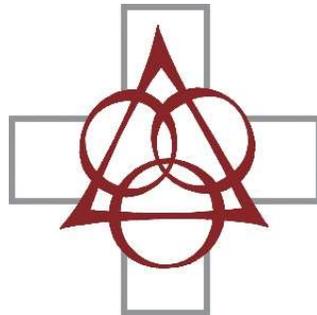
P: We pause in silence to reflect on our personal sins that trouble us.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



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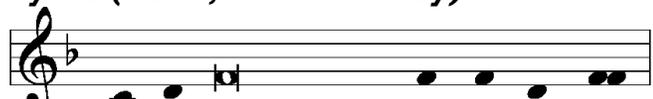
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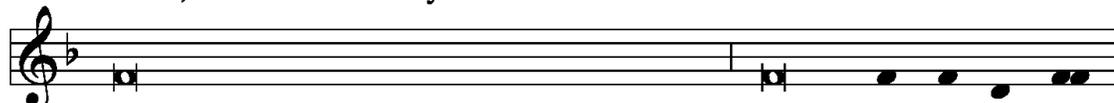
Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



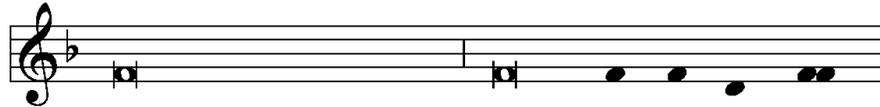
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



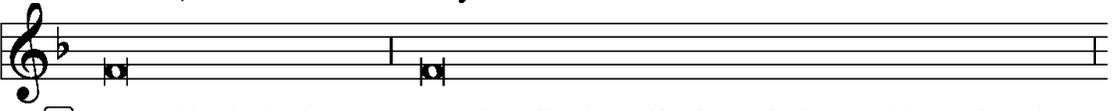
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



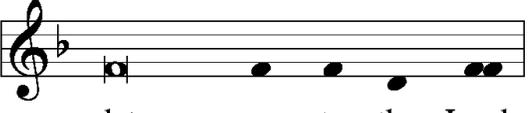
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



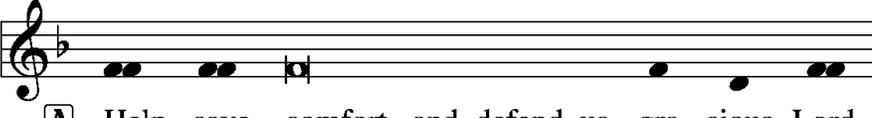
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Anthem

Ere You Left Your Room This Morning

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Ere you left your room this morning, Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ, our Savior, Did you sue for loving favor
As a shield today?*

*O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray.*

*When your heart was filled with anger, Did you think to pray?
Did you plead for grace, my brother, That you might forgive another
Who had crossed your way?*

*O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray.*

*When sore trials came upon you, Did you think to pray!
When your sould was full of sorrow, Balm of Gilead did you borrow
At the gates of day?*

*O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day;
So when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray.*

This Week's Reading

Matthew 6:1-15 (VOICE)

Note on the Reading

(Squires; VOICE; Franzmann)

Our discipleship—following Jesus—grows out of our understanding of who God is and who He has made us to be and how He is transforming us day-by-day. We saw this vision of discipleship in the Beatitudes, and now in the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls His disciples to live in His Way. Part of imitating the perfection of God is acting charitably and generously, doing good deeds, working for justice, and praying. The “pure in heart”, mentioned in the Beatitudes, seek to glorify God—not themselves—in their acts of faith and devotion.

Jesus: But when you do these righteous acts, *do not do them in front of spectators.*

Don't do them where you can be seen, *let alone lauded*, by others. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²When you give to the poor, *do not boast about it*, announcing your donations with blaring trumpets as the play actors do. Do not brazenly give your charity in the synagogues and on the streets; *indeed, do not give at all* if you are giving because you want to be praised by your neighbors. Those people who give in order to reap praise have already received their reward. ³⁻⁴When you give to the needy, do it in secret—even your left hand should not know what your right hand is doing. Then your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Note on the Reading**(Lutheran Study Bible)**

Jesus calls us to hide our good works when we are tempted to show them. Our works must glorify the Father. The only blessing that counts is the one received from His generous hand.

⁵ Likewise, when you pray, do not be as hypocrites who love to pray loudly at synagogue or on street corners—their concern is to be seen by men. They have already earned their reward. ⁶ When you pray, go into a private room, close the door, and pray unseen to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not go on and on, excessively and strangely like the outsiders; they think their verbosity will let them be heard *by their deities*. ⁸ Do not be like them. *Your prayers need not be labored or lengthy or grandiose*—for your Father knows what you need before you ever ask Him.

Note on the Reading**(Franzmann)**

The prayer which Jesus taught His disciples—and us—is the prayer of the pure in heart. It is a personal prayer—not a magical prayer which seeks to manipulate God through many words. It is a prayer to the Father who knows the needs of those who pray—His children.

⁹ Your prayers, rather, should be *simple*, like this:

Our Father in heaven,
let Your name remain holy.

¹⁰ Bring about Your kingdom.
Manifest Your will here on earth,
as it is manifest in heaven.

¹¹ Give us each day that day's bread—*no more, no less*—

¹² And forgive us our debts
as we forgive those who owe us something.

¹³ Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

[But let Your kingdom be,
and let it be powerful
and glorious forever. Amen.]

Note on the Reading**(VOICE; Franzmann)**

Jesus says to declare forgiveness of those who have wronged us. This is because forgiveness of other people emulates God's forgiveness of us. Here discipleship—following Jesus—is tested in a very down-to-earth way. Here the disciple is asked again and again whether they have in mind to live before God by God's forgiveness so

wholly, in such singleness of devotion, in such purity of heart, that the will of the Father who daily forgives becomes the will of the disciple of also.

¹⁴ If you forgive people when they sin against you, then your Father will forgive you *when you sin against Him and when you sin against your neighbor.* ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive your neighbors' sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

Here I Am To Worship



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
 2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You, hope of a life spent with —
 -bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came.

Chorus



— You. — So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
 — poor. —



say that You're my God. — And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

1., 2, return to chorus 3.



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. —

Sermon

“Should We Move Underground With Our Prayers?”

Matthew 6:1-15

Hymn of Response

In Holy Conversation

LSB 772; tune: 915



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

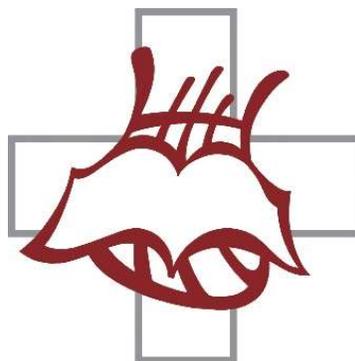


We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

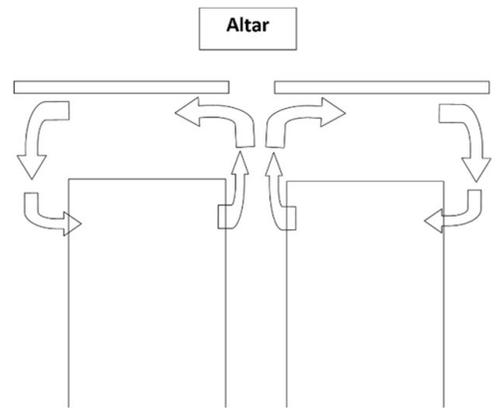
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed
are invited to receive Communion with us
if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,
and the wine is the blood of Christ,
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,
we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite
those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing
from the Lord.

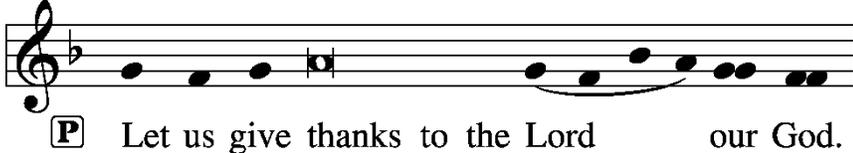
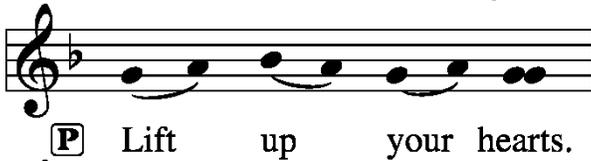
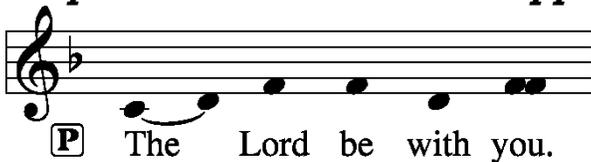


Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper



LSB 160

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

First Distribution Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?
 What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

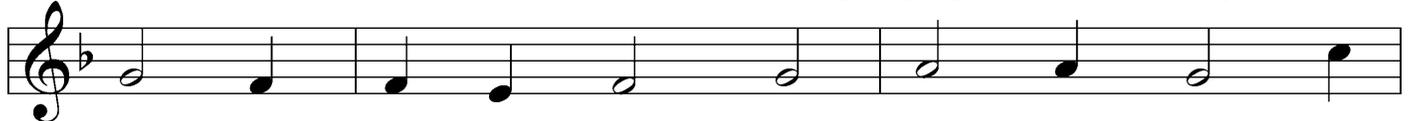
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Second Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

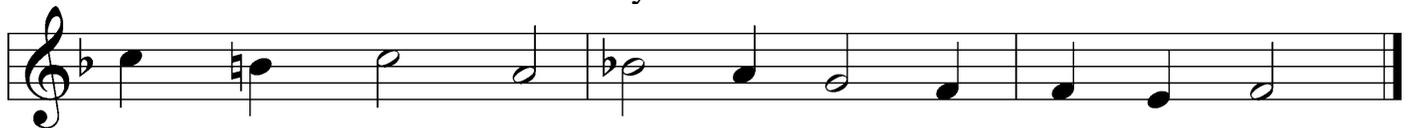
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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt., Tune: Cationale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

Text and tune: Public domain

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord....

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

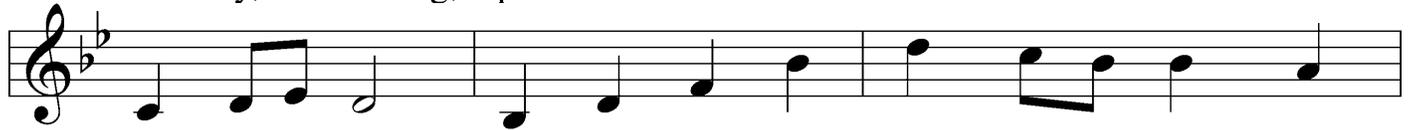
Closing Hymn

Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89
Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919

Announcements

LIVING THE WORD

Learning to Follow (Epiphany: Jan. 29 to Feb. 12, 2023)

Jesus instructs those listening to live in ways that glorify God and build up the kingdom. In the Sermon on the Mount, followers hear whom they are called to be as disciples of Jesus. Jesus' lessons on prayer teach us how to build our lives on the rock, guided by God's promises. Through Jesus' teaching, we learn what matters most to God, and how we are called to respond as disciples.

2/5/2023 Epiphany 5 Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 Built on the Rock



Bethel Preschool's Rummage Sale is back!

Saturday

April 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Start saving your gently used items now.

The fun will begin on Sunday April 23 when we start setting up for the Rummage Sale. The week of April 24 – 28 we will be pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage. Saturday, April 29 is

Rummage Sale Day! The sale starts at 8:30 a.m. A yummy lunch will be provided for our volunteers. The preschool greatly appreciates the congregations donations and their time and talent in making our rummage sale a success. This is the only fundraiser that helps supplement our preschools yearly budget. Contact Donna Stutzman if you have any questions or wish to contribute. preschool@bethelgurnee.org 847-244-9672

Save the date, we will see you there.