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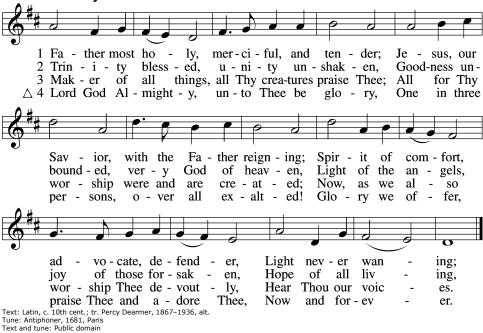
July 24, 2022

Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

The Lord not only teaches us what to pray for but also how to pray. With the words of the Lord's Prayer, we are directed in confidence to the Lord. When doubts arise, we are reminded of how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children and are encouraged to believe that God will do so even more for us, because of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can be tempting to think of ourselves as the center of our prayers instead of the God who graciously invites us to pray and promises to hear and answer us. Today we are encouraged to learn from Jesus and to pray in His name to the Father, trusting that He will give us all good things and all things needful because of our Savior Jesus Christ.

504 Father Most Holy



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

- 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

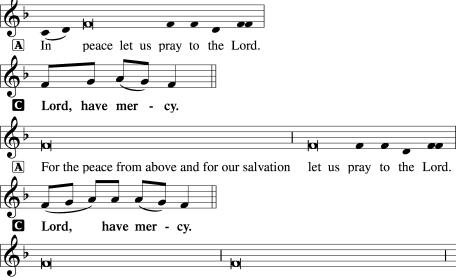
Introit

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

- Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*

 I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.
- With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!*
 I will keep your | statutes.
- P I call to you; | save me,* that I may observe your testi- | monies.
- I rise before dawn and | cry for help;*
 I hope | in your words.
- My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,* that I may meditate on your promise.
- Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*
 O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
 I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

Kyrie LSB 152



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



LSB 154



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:20-33

R The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 18.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 2:6–19

The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 2.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in

your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand





Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P ¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



- 5 Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed. Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life, That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more; We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous. Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath, Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.
- 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 Pray Boldly!

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us to pray that Your name would be hallowed and Your kingdom come, and for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us trusting hearts that turn to You in all joy and sorrow, finding in Your fatherly goodness and will all that we ask, seek, need or desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, Your righteous Son intercedes on behalf of sinners before Your throne. When the outcry of our sin troubles us, grant faithful pastors to speak Your Word of warning and comfort, that we may be drawn in repentance to His cross and seek shelter in His mercy, and so escape destruction. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty Father, You have given all rule and authority to Jesus Christ, our Lord. May our homes be permeated by Your Word, that all families may dwell in the light of Your Son. Grant Your Holy Spirit to husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old, and all who live alone, that we may not be taken captive by the spirit of the world but rather built up into Him who is the Head. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, You judge the sinful deeds of man in righteousness. Grant us civil leaders who serve in accordance with Your will, condemning what is evil and approving what is good. [We especially pray for _____.] May all nations be brought to see the wisdom and glory of Your Son and dwell together in peace and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
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- Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care sts. 1–4

LSB 159

Stand



Lord's Prayer

- **P** Let us pray.
- 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.

Post-Communion Collect

- O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

> The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Announcements

Adult Sunday School is studying Genesis at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for Betty Reich's birthday.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the Book of Deuteronomy.

Church Council next meeting is Aug 14 at 8am.

July has a **Fifth Sunday!** We will **rededicate** the church after all the repair work and celebrating with a **potluck luncheon**. Get your **hymn ideas** to Pastor Huston by **July 24**.

On Wednesday, **Aug 10**, at **7pm** Benjamin Kolodziej will give a presentation on his new book **"Joyful Singing: A Story of Lutheran Sacred Music in Texas"** at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano. This book explores the history of LCMS music in Texas from the arrival of the Wends, to the development of important congregations and their music programs, to the first pipe organs in the state.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 1701 E. Park Blvd in Plano, Texas. If you have questions, contact Benjamin at bkolodzi@mail.smu.edu

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