

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord, Teach Us to Pray
July 23 & 24, 2022

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.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8: 34-36

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #863 "Our Father, by Whose Name"

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

People: **O LORD, according to your justice give me life.**

A time for silent reflection.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing
 Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

9:00 BAPTISM SONG #593 "See This Wonder in the Making"

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
 As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
 And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
 God, into Your arms we place them,
 With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
 Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:17–33* (Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–19*) (Once we were dead in trespasses and sins, but God made us alive in Christ.)⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.⁸ See 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.⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,¹² having 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.¹³ And 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,¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.¹⁶ Therefore 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.¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.¹⁸ Let 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,¹⁹ and 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1–13* (“Lord, teach us to pray.”)

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now 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.”² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread,⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”⁵ And 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,⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before

him’;⁷ and 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’?⁸ I 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.⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?¹³ If 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!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes that’s the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help Me see
the love of Jesus, God’s own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

SERMON HYMN #770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

SERMON

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” (Luke 11:1-13)

(Rise)

5:00 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.

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, you have taught us to pray for our Father's will to be done. Teach us to seek His will and His ways in all things.

People: **Grant us to know His will and fulfill His will, sharing the gospel, loving our neighbors, and forgiving others who sin against us, even our enemies.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **By the Holy Spirit, draw us to repentance and to the cross of Christ, seeking shelter in His mercy and turning from sin to walk the paths of righteousness.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Fill with your Holy Spirit 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 in our loving Lord and His truth.**

Pastor: 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 Joseph, our president, Tony, our governor, and all leaders.

People: **May all leaders following evil paths be brought to repentance, and all nations be brought to see the wisdom and glory of your Son and dwell together in peace and humility.**

Pastor: Merciful Father, you give good gifts to your children. Grant your Holy Spirit to Jim, Audrey, LouAnn, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Norma, Vern, Brian, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah and all those who suffer in body, mind and soul.

People: **Grant to them confident faith in your mercy, they may look to you for comfort and peace in their afflictions. Grant them healing according to your will and patience to bear their crosses.**

Pastor: Lord of the family, at the beginning of time you said that it was not good for the man to be alone. Therefore, you created woman and instituted holy marriage. Grant us to honor this blessed estate in our lives.

People: **We celebrate with the Bollmann and Ebener families as Dan and Leah are bound together as husband and wife. Bless them to live in holy love following your holy ways all their days.**

Pastor: Almighty God, you have planted us in Christ by your Word and Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism. Therefore we rejoice with Zack and Dani and the Strysick and Smith families as Everett Alexander Smith is baptized into Christ.

People: **Grant us all to rejoice that through baptism we are forgiven our sins and made members of God's eternal family.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, bless all those who partake of Christ's body and blood this day, that they would be firmly rooted and built up in your Son.

People: **Strengthen us in the faith, we may walk in Christ, abounding in thanksgiving, comfort and peace.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

5:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #909 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And here after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

HYMN #550 "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

HYMN #647 “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away. O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word To us, Lord, pure retain.
Great that they may remain Our only strength and comfort.

Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow: The pow’r of sin destroy
And evils that annoy. O make us faithful Christians.

And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress, Lest we, Lord, You forsake.
Let us by grace partake Of endless joy and gladness.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Father of mercy and God of all consolation, hear the
prayers of your people and inhabit our hearts with your Spirit so that
we may have words to pray and hearts to believe that you hear and
answer us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN #919

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Stanzas 1, 4-6

Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with your grace
that satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.

Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and satan fell us And overcome at length.

Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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