

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Big “THANK YOU” to our awesome Seminarian, Matt Martin for leading today’s worship service and preaching the Word.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.



CONFESSION I John 1:8-9

**L: If we say that we that 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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**L: Let us therefore humbly confess our sin to God and seek forgiveness through
Jesus Christ our Savior. We pause for a moment of silent confession.**

A time for silent reflection.

L: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

**C: Almighty God in heaven, we confess that we are sinners in the midst of a
sinful world. It’s not just something we do; it’s something we are. It’s not
merely a practice; it’s a state of being. Our sins are not just momentary
lapses, but they reflect our inner selves. We try to hide them in the dark
closets of our soul, but in Your presence, Lord, they come into the light. So,
once again, we ask that You forgive us. Judge us not for what we are, but for
who we are because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the
strength and courage to live as Your forgiven people that we might reflect
Your grace to the world, and magnify Your greatness through our Savior
Jesus. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE (next page)

- L: Beloved Family of God, the holy scriptures declare; “And you, who were dead in your trespasses...God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross” (Colossians 2:13-14). Having acknowledged our sins, God the Father has made us alive together with Jesus, so that we may walk daily in the light of His forgiveness. Therefore, let us live as God’s forgiven people forgiving others as He has forgiven us; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
- C: Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Jesus, You Are My Life” W&M by Steve Fry

- 1. You are my life Oh precious Christ
You are to me The pearl of greatest price
My love for You will never die
Jesus You are my life (Repeat vs. 1)**

**Chorus: I come to You I run to You
 There's no greater joy Than knowing You**

- 2. Oh holy fire Love's purest light
Burn all desires till You are my one delight
My love for You will never die
Jesus You are my life (Chorus)**
- 3. Oh conquering King Conquer my heart
And make of me A pleasing gift to God
My love for You will never die
Jesus You are my life. Jesus You are my life.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: 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.**

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Genesis, chapter 18. *(Genesis 18:20–33)*

Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I 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.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose 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? Far 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?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose 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.” Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then 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.” He 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.” Then 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.” And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Colossians, chapter 2. *(Colossians 2:6–15)*

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

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. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 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, 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. 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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 11:9*

L: Alleluia. I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you;

C: seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Alleluia.

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

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

C: 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.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

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, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 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’? 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. 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. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 769 “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only You can teach me how to pray.

Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
Help me to see Your purpose and Your will
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

SERMON “Lord, Teach us to Pray” *Luke 11:1–13* Seminarian Matt Martin

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ALL: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us approach the throne of grace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and offer prayers and supplications to the Father on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

O Lord, You taught us to call You Father and to pray with confidence. Grant us Your Spirit that we may deliver to You the burdens of our hearts in the name of Jesus and wait upon You to give answer to what we ask You for His sake;
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Remind us, O Lord, to approach Your mercy with the humility of faith, rejoicing in what Your Son has accomplished for our salvation and in mercy for the whole world. Keep us from pride and arrogance, that, trusting You to grant us all things needful and beneficial, our hearts may rest in peace; Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

L: Deliver us from selfish greed and instill within us Your own compassion, that we not pass by those in need or turn away from those who cry out for mercy; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give to all pastors and church workers, grace to serve Your holy church with honor and faith in Your name, preserving among us the truth of Your Word and the integrity of our doctrine and confession; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give to Joseph Biden, our President, the Congress, J.B. Pritzker, our Governor, the legislature of this state, and all judges and magistrates, the wisdom of Your Word and Spirit, that they may without political agendas serve with faithfulness for the common good. Sustain Your Church in the mission to proclaim Jesus to our world in need and give us servant hearts to work and serve You in peace and quietness; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give comfort, healing, and peace to the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying, *especially those on our prayer list* and all whom we name before the Lord in our hearts [*silence*]. Watch over **Nancy Schmidt and Tammy Wolff, Dean and Cheryl Krantz' daughter in their recovery from surgery. Grant to all peace, patience, and courage until they are delivered from all their afflictions; Lord, in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

L: Bring holy comfort to the family and friends of **Dianne Deppe and Joyce Hoerr, who have left this world for a life that is eternal. Let all who grieve today be comforted in the remembrance of Your promises. Give to those who mourn, peace, in the midst of their tears for You are the Resurrection and the Life! Lord, in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

L: You have opened Your hand to us and granted us gifts well beyond what we deserve or have asked. Grant us grateful hearts that we willingly support Your kingdom with the tithes and offerings You are due, and our neighbor in need; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of Life, what joy to be able to celebrate with Dirk Husemann, Thomas Williams, Aria Davis, Eric Trapp, Nathan Schefelker, Marybeth Jackson and Clayton Paulsmeyer who have been granted another year of life under Your grace. Fill them with joy on their special day this week and give them the gift of optimism because of Your never-ending love for them. May their future be bright and blessed. Empower and enable them for all that they will face this next year of their life. Increase their faith and order their steps that they may fulfill all that You have purposed for them in their life. Strengthen them for the journey until they reach the destination of Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Look with kindness, O Lord, upon Terry and Diane Colvin on the anniversary of their marriage this week. We give You thanks for graciously blessing their family life so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church. You have sustained their marital communion of love and peace amid joys and struggles. Strengthen in them the bond of peace, that they may forever enjoy your blessing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN No. 861 “Christ Be My Leader”

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight, when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!