

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Renewed in Prayer
November 7 & 8, 2015
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

More. If you prayed for it, and God's answer was "yes," how would your life be different? How would the reality around you change? Who would benefit, and how would they react to your answered prayer? Today, let's be transformed by the "more" that God wants to give, and find answers that may differ from our initial thoughts about those questions.

WELCOME

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:58, NIV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

PROCESSIONAL #790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

INVOCATION From Ephesians 3

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: For this reason I kneel before the Father,

People: from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Pastor: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

People: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Imagine

*"For this reason I kneel before him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine . . ."*

CONFESSION

Pastor: Lord God, only to a degree do we know ourselves, and are aware of our sin; as our God, you know us fully, and the sin of which we are unaware. And so now to you, "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine," we confess:

People: So often we pray for "more," but the "more" we pray for is not what we really need. We have prayed for more answers, when we needed to open your Word, where the answers are found. We have prayed for more strength to do what needs to be done, without asking whether you intend for us to accomplish those things. We pray for more success, as we define it, rather than the faith necessary to imitate our Savior in all things. Lord, forgive us; then renew us that *our* "more" may become *your* "more."

We pause to remember and repent of our sin.

Pastor: God has given us “immeasurably more” through his Son, our Savior; through his death on our behalf, we have life for eternity, and through his intercession on our behalf, our Father in heaven now responds to our prayer with “more than all we ask or imagine.” We are forgiven of all our sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

How shall we respond?

People: Lord, teach us to pray! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior” Stanzas 1 & 3

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine’
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, We sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord Jesus, just as you taught your first disciples how to pray, now teach us, that we might be able to “grasp how wide and long and high and deep” is your love for us, even though it exceeds all we can ask or imagine; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

EPISTLE James 5:13-16 *There is never an occasion on which we do not need the “more” of God.* Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

The Lord invites his followers to greater faith in the One who faithfully answers prayer. One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'" Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #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.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for those who mirror your own generosity, who trust in your mercy and give without fear.

People: Open our hearts to the holy joy of giving, that we may faithfully bring to you tithes and offerings of a generous and grateful heart. Move us to support in even great ways the ministry of St. Paul's through our Renewed in Christ campaign.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for this congregation, for those who serve among us, and for those who gather today around your Word and Table.

People: Restore those who have fallen away. Heal every division. Unite us in faith and in your service.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the privilege of prayer. Hear our supplications, and grant to us all our petitions, according to your gracious will and endless wisdom. Withhold from us all things harmful, and make all things work for our good, as You have promised. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

HYMN #793 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us: Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

HYMN #620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."

Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry tremor,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in
loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you
that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,
and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our
hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly
to serve 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.

BENEDICTION: 1 Thessalonians 5

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for
this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. . . May God himself, the God of
peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul
and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The
one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

People: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN #933 "My Soul Rejoices"

My soul rejoices, My spirit voices Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessings, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His arm now baring, His strength declaring Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy
O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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