

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer: The Door of Intimacy

October 12 & 13, 2013



AS WE GATHER

Prayer, the door of intimacy, is our theme for the day. Often we think of prayer as a one way message to God; in prayer we praise, confess, give thanks, and ask for our needs and the needs of others; but prayer is so much more than that! Prayer is a two way conversation: God always initiates. If God did not move first – toward us – and reveal His will and heart, we would have nothing to say in return.

WELCOME

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.” Psalm 23:1-3

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #915 “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been.
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without you When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners beseech you to hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against you and have transgressed your commands in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as your forgiven and restored children here on earth until that time when we finally come into your glorious heavenly presence.

Pastor: God has promised His mercy and forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in repentance and humility. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE**“Glory to God in the Highest”**

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Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: (sung) and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
 We give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavn-ly King,
 God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, you show mercy to your people in their times of trouble.
 Grant us always to recognize your goodness, give thanks for your
 compassion, and praise your holy name; 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)

+ WORD +**FIRST READING Acts 2:42**

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread
 and to prayer.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (Being a Good Soldier of Christ Jesus, the Faithful One)

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me
 say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach
 others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier
 gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone
 competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to
 the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on
 what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised
 from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the

point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure
 everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
 with eternal glory.

5:00*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Robert J. Hughes**Choir***10:30***“I Am the Vine”**Jr. High Choir*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1-4

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.”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**SERMON HYMN #772****“In Holy Conversation”** *(Tune: #523 O Word of God Incarnate)*

In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
 And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
 We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
 And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;
 We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
 With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,
 Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
 In ev’ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
 So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
 With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

SERMON**Prayer: The Door of Intimacy**

Acts 2:42 Luke 11:1-4

(Rise)

NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** 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 book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us lift our prayers and praises to the throne of God's grace, trusting in His everlasting love. Lord, we give thanks to you in the company of the upright. Great are your works, full of splendor and majesty. Your righteousness endures forever. You are gracious and merciful, and we praise your holy name.

People: May your Word and Sacraments have mighty effect, both here and in those places where your people face physical persecution, so that your Church may increase and prosper even in the face of resistance.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, you love us and have promised to hear our prayers and petitions and answer us according to your good and gracious will.

People: Make us to be a prayerful people, spending time daily in prayer to you, growing in knowing you hear us, answer us, and lead us by your Spirit.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, you instituted holy marriage, blessed and honored it with the presence of your Son at the marriage of Cana in Galilee, and you continue to protect and preserve it.

People: Strengthen all who are married to walk in love and fidelity, holding to each other in sickness and in health, in adversity and prosperity, and grant to them strength, patience and faithfulness.

Pastor: Father in heaven, look with tenderness on all who have been physically and emotionally abused. Extend your healing hand that they may be made whole. Remove the damage they have suffered in mind, heart and spirit.

People: By the guidance of your Spirit, lead them to trust your steadfast mercy, that they may live at peace with everyone.

Pastor: God of mercy and grace, we thank you for all homes that are a blessing to children in need, who have been placed there in response to crisis. Grant your wisdom and compassion to all foster-care workers and to all the parents who open their homes to children.

People: Bless these families that love and care for foster children, children in crisis, adopted children, and all children. Teach and guide children day by day that they may be guarded from all evil, and help them grow in faith and love and holy purposes.

Pastor: You strengthen our faith, O God, and promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Be with those in our midst who are ill especially Dolores, Woody, Marlene, Joyce, Eugene, Pat, Nancy, Helen, Eleanor, Lorina, Anna, Jean, Sarah and Joe.

People: Give them patience in their tribulation, and heal them in accordance with your will.

Pastor: Comfort those who grieve the loss of loved ones especially Paul, Debbie and Stefanie and be with Marilyn as she remembers Del.

People: Transform their sorrow into joy, and remind them of the eternal home you have prepared for all who put their hope in you.

Pastor: O loving Father, we are not worthy that your Son should come and have fellowship with us sinners, but let it be to us according to His Word.

People: Bless all who partake of Christ's holy supper, that we may be transformed by it, united to Him, and receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Pastor: Almighty God, you so graciously bestow upon us blessing after blessing, grace upon grace. Open our eyes to your goodness that we might rejoice in your gifts each and every day.

People: We rejoice with Jack and Gladys as they celebrate their birthdays and join with Bob Wallschlaeger who is thankful for all your abundant blessings.

Pastor: Lord, according to the multitude of your loving kindnesses, hear us as we bring our needs and concerns, our prayers and thanksgivings before you, that what we have asked we may receive by your mercy and grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. 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 #686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

HYMN #852 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

O God of mercy, God of might, In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.

And Thou, who cam’st on earth to die That our lost world might live thereby
O hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught: To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,
That every word and deed and thought May work a work for Thee.

All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide to love them all in Thee!

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, May we each other’s burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as unto Thee!

And may Thy Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love
Till Thou shalt greet in heav’n above All those who live in Thee.

HYMN #819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

Sing Praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for you have once again fed and nourished us at your Table through the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. We bless you for your great mercy shown to us in many ways. May this holy meal strengthen us in faith and life that we may show forth your mercy through acts of mercy towards one another. Keep us steadfast and faithful until at last we come to the unending feast of your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 on you in favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #763 "When Peace, Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross,
and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Calling All High School Youth: A **lock-in** is planned for **October 18-19** which will be sponsored by some college youth coming up from Concordia University, Chicago. There will be games, Bible studies, devotional time, and information given on our upcoming trip this coming summer. Plan on attending! Invite a friend or two! The lock-in starts at 8:30p.m., but if you are attending a football game, just come after the game ends.

Ladies Book Club is reading "Between Sundays" by Karen Kingsbury. Please join us in discussing this book on Monday October 14th, at the Grant Street School. See you there!

LWML Fall Rally: 9:00am October 19th at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church. Bring your donations from the list in the monthly herald. See you there!

Sr. Fun Seekers: On December 6th we will be attending the Christmas Concert at Wisconsin Lutheran College. The cost is \$10.00. This is a very popular event so we need definite reservations & payment by Sunday November 3rd. No exceptions. Payment for the concert must be made at the time of your reservation. Call Janine with any questions.

Picture Directory Information: Digital Photos are needed for our new church directory. If you have a picture from a St. Paul's event from this past year (ex. VBS, bike rides, Sr. Fun Seekers trips, flamingos etc) please email them to the church office.

Do you have students in college & would like to have your church picture taken during the Thanksgiving break? If so, please call the church office. If we have enough families in this predicament, we can schedule a special photo session during the weekend following Thanksgiving.

If you haven't made your appointment to have your portrait taken, please stop in the narthex after church & sign up. You can also sign up on our website at www.splcwa.org. You will receive one free 8 x 10 portrait and one of our new directories. Sign up today!!

