

TEACH US TO PRAY...



SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 24th, 2016

Service of Holy Eucharist

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Parish Secretary James Greening.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,
we come to you for healing and life.
**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
we confess them to you.
Our lives bear the scars of sin;
we bring these also to you.
Show us your mercy, O God.
Bind up our wounds,
forgive us our sins,
and free us to love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**



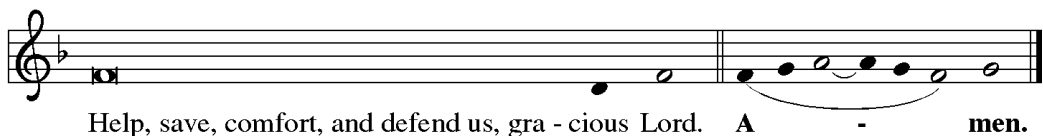
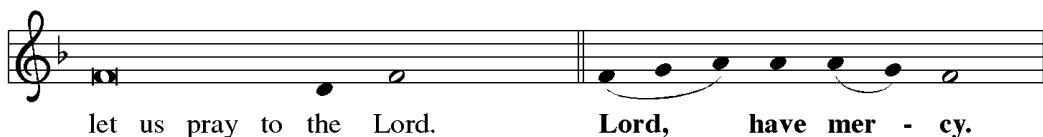
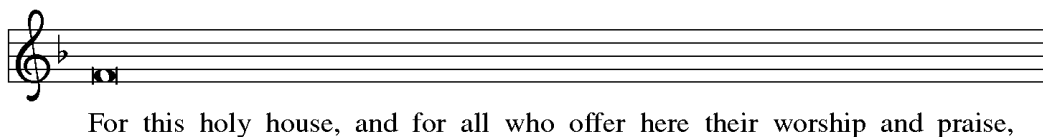
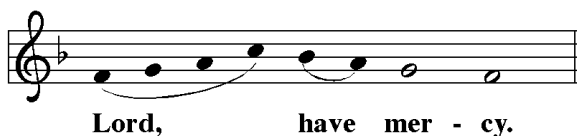
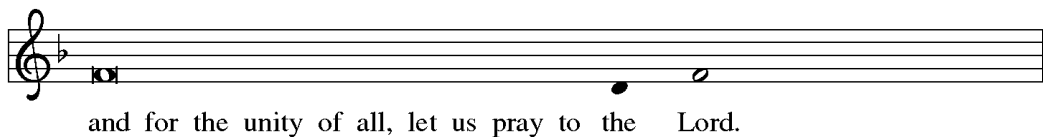
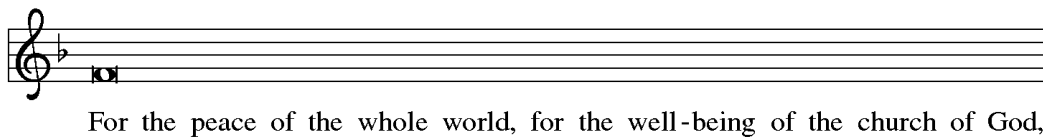
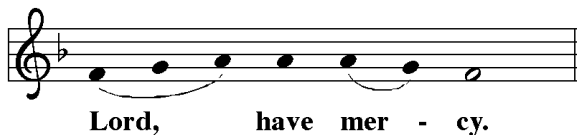
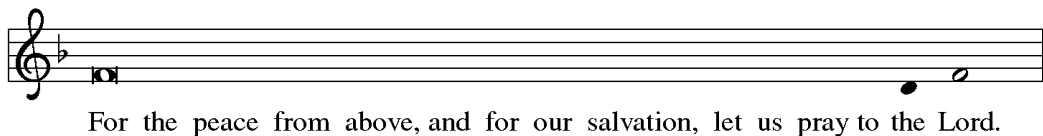
The apostle Paul assures us:
“When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”
Jesus says to you, ✝ “Your sins are forgiven.”
Be at peace, and tell everyone
how much God has done for you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “*This Is My Father's World*” (ELW 824)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

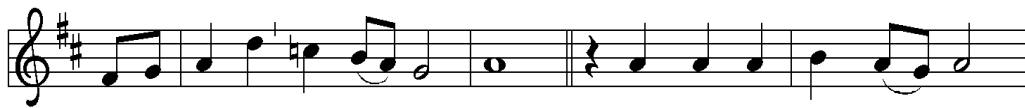


CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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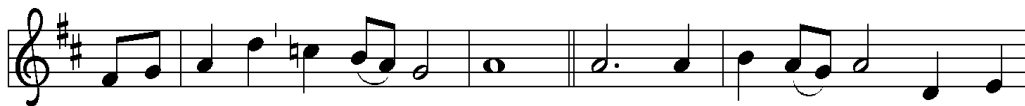


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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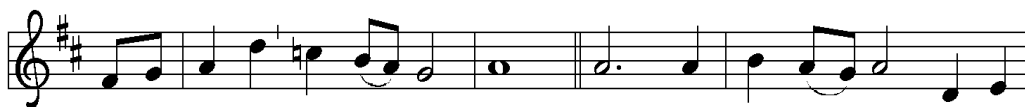


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and 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, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came 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 forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous 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 forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself 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, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself 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 do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**

³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

**⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.**

**⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

A reading from Colossians.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives 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 through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

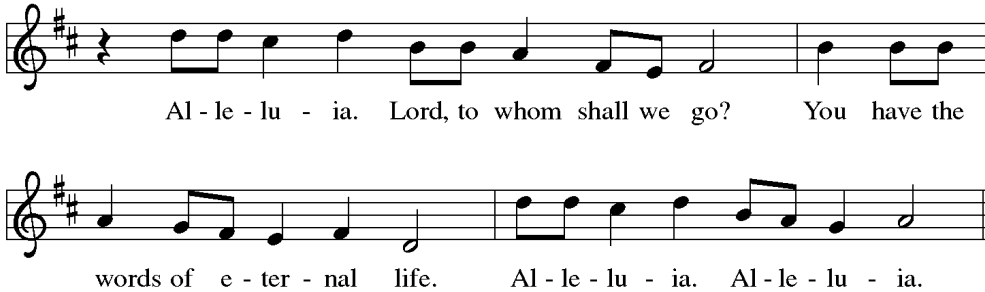
¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He 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 indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give 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!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*” (ELW 600)

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, through diverse cultures and countries, your Spirit weaves us together as one church. Help us all, your disciples, to ask for the things we need, confident that you hear us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Call us to notice places and people you created but we often forget. For busy places, for those working in the noon heat, in the silence of the night, and in care of your creation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace where strife is found, where homes have become battlegrounds. Empower leaders and organizations to find solutions through persistence and faith.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Turn our hearts to the cries of those in great need. Comfort and heal those who feel defined by situation, grief, or sickness. We pray especially for Terry Beyer; Joe Fabian; Eleanore Barrett; Doris Eyestone; Trey Sherwood; Trey Muhsman; Joel Moline; Thom Edgar; Pastor Rachel; Barb & Tom Page; Lorraine Saulino-Klein; Mark and Tary Stayton concerning the death of their brother, Bruce; the family of Emery Brunett; the family of Laureda Dolan; the family of Betty Rottman; the family of Eldon DeBuhr; and the family of Dr. Bill Bevins.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Seek after us wherever we are found in these summer months. Grant safety to those who travel, sabbath rest to those who vacation, and perseverance to those who have no leisure time.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Join our prayers with those ancestors and saints who taught us to pray. We remember those who have died in faith, with the comfort that your steadfast love endures forever.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (ELW 182)

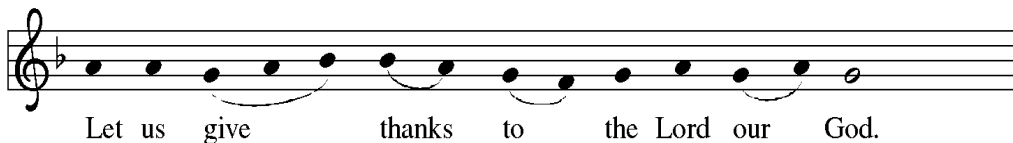
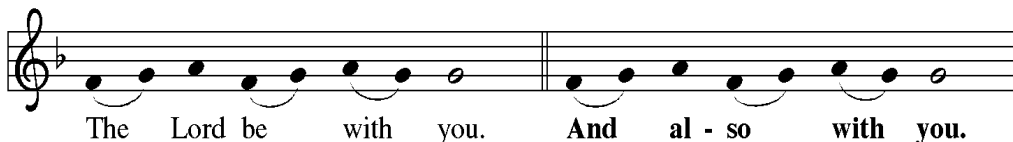
The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

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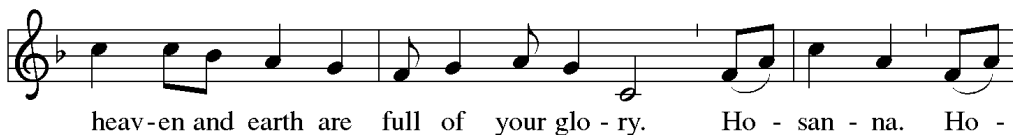
God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

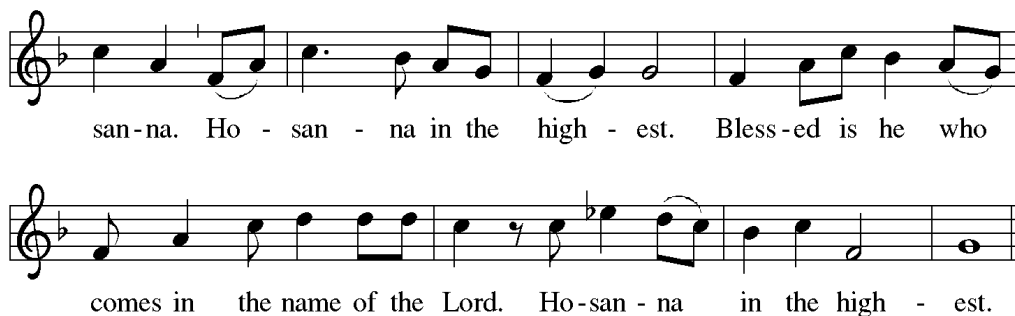
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.
Welcome to the feast.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

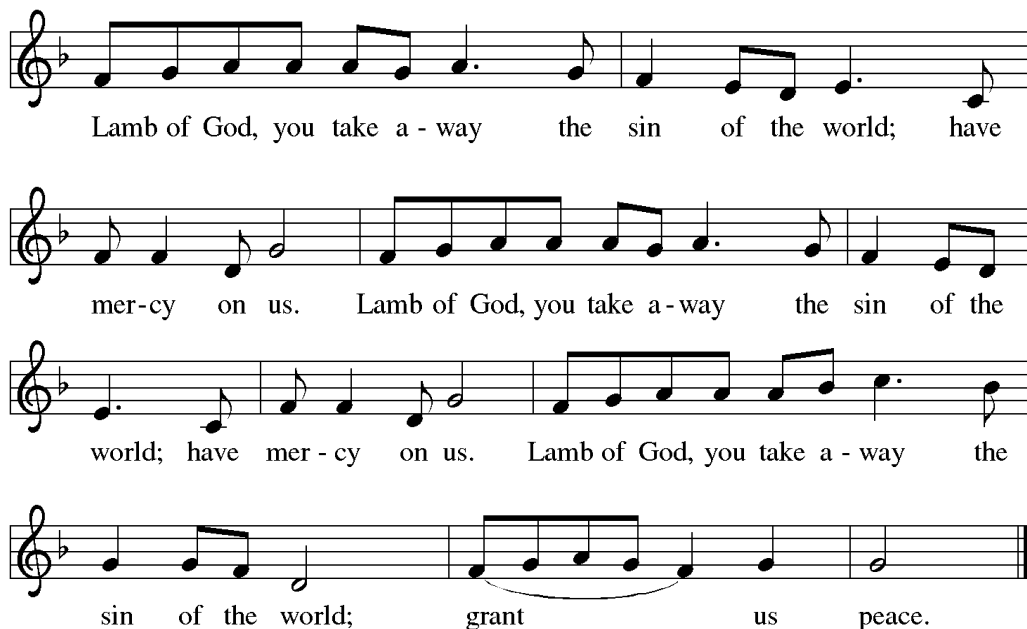
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

“Shall We Gather at the River” (ELW 423)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

O God, as a mother comforts her child,
so you comfort your people,
carrying us in your arms
and satisfying us with this food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.
Send us now as your disciples,
announcing peace and proclaiming
that the reign of God has come near;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (ELW 834)

The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Persistent Prayers

“Have it your way” was Burger King’s slogan in the 70s. The company ran a campaign with a catchy song that promoted its unique willingness to make your burger the way you wanted it. Other companies predefined how burgers were built and would charge an additional fee for a special order. Now most restaurants as well as other retail entities cater to their guests. There is a cultural expectation in North America that we can and should have everything our way. Today’s gospel is often read in that same vein. “Ask, and it will be given you” is interpreted as “I can get whatever I want if I just ask.”

Jesus’ disciples see him praying. One of them requests instructions on how to pray, adding that John taught his disciples to pray. Perhaps even the way you prayed was a mark of whom you followed. The disciples wanted to emulate Jesus’ faith practices. Jesus gave the model prayer, what we today call the Lord’s Prayer, and went on to explain the certainty of God responding to the persistent prayers of the faithful.

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples, and us, is a simple, humble prayer glorifying God, asking to be fed, and asking both for forgiveness and the strength to forgive. Jesus was not creating a brand for his disciples to imitate, but teaching them what is important in the content and habit of prayer. Today’s reading concludes with Jesus stating that God will “give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:13). He doesn’t promise that a laundry list of material wants will be granted. Keep knocking, keep asking, and be persistent in your habit of prayer. The Holy Spirit has been given to you so that you may faithfully live out your baptismal call.

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—July 24, 2016

Preacher: Pastor Sarah Moening
Lector: 9:00AM Larry Hazlett
Acolyte: 9:00AM Rylie Heggie
Ushers: 9:00AM The Jablin Family
Greeters: 9:00AM Georgia Mitchell
Barb Rouse
Nursery: 9:00AM Kate Jablin

NEXT WEEK—July 31, 2016

Preacher: Pastor Greg Mileski
Lector: 9:00AM Terri Rittenburg
Acolyte: 9:00AM Rebecca Lyford
Ushers: 9:00AM The Anderson Family
Greeters: 9:00AM Debbe, Lindsay,
& Lily Conyers
Nursery: 9:00AM Kelcey Anderson

Stewards: Margot Birkholz & Ed Hiller

Altar Guild: Tary Stayton & Lindsay Conyers

Coffee Fellowship: Doris Eyestone & Bob Middleton

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.