Prayer and Praises" is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

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About the Cover: All seems lost when the news comes that Jairus's daughter has died while Jesus was on the way to heal her. But Jesus is in control of the situation. He turns death into slumber. That is what it is when Jesus speaks life into the dead. St. Paul says that our death is but a slumber in Christ. Death does not have the final authority over us because it could not keep Christ in the tomb. On the great day of resurrection, we shall be filled with life—body and soul.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service June 27, 2021 93.5 FM DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR: Page 203

Thoughts as we gather

On the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the Church finds itself marching sequentially through much of the Gospel of Mark. On this day, the *Gospel* from Mark 5 records two miracles of Jesus that are intercut together. Jesus is on His way to heal Jairus's daughter when He is interrupted by a woman who had suffered from a bleeding disorder for twelve years. Though Jairus's daughter is near death—and this is a time-sensitive healing—Jesus stops to heal the woman, speak with her, bless her. During this interruption, Jairus's daughter dies. Yet, not even death can stop Jesus. He raises this twelve-year-old girl from the dead.

These two miracles of Jesus set the tone for this Sunday. The *Introit* uses select verses from Psalm 121. The antiphon from verses 1 and 2 fits these healings so well: "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." I imagine the woman with the bleeding disorder lifting up her eyes to Jesus in the crowd, so filled with faith that this Man could help her. I imagine Jairus, downcast after his daughter has died, lifting up his eyes when Jesus speaks His stunning words, "Do not fear, only believe." I imagine Jairus's daughter lifting up her eyes from the sleep of death to behold her help: Jesus.

The *Old Testament Reading* from Lamentations 3 also contains several lines that connect well to the Gospel. For example, verse 25 (which also happens to be today's *Verse*): "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." The woman in Mark 5 had waited twelve years to be healed and sought Jesus with all her soul. Likewise, verse 32 speaks so aptly to Jairus: "But, though [the Lord] cause grief, He will have compassion." Despite the grief that Jairus felt at his daughter's death, Jesus has compassion that reverses grief in restoring Jairus's daughter to life.

The *Psalm* also connects to Mark 5, particularly, "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness" (Ps 30:11). Jairus's family turns from mourning to dancing, from the sackcloth of grief to the clothes of joy and gladness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Annual BBQ is a going to be a fundraiser for Orphan Grain Train, so we are hoping for monetary donations of \$5. In conjunction with the BBQ, the Outreach Committee will be having a silent auction using the desserts that are being shared that day. We are calling it 'Sweet Tooth Silent Auction". If you wish to participate in the silent auction, you will be given a number to use when you bid on a dessert. Come have fun and bid on your favorite dessert(s). All proceeds will go to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you! The in-gathering for Orphan Grain Train is hygiene items (i.e. bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.).

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (06/27)	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship Annual Barbeque
Wed. (06/30)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (07/04)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship
ATTENDANCE:		
06/20/2021	9:00 a.m.	61
OFFERING:		
Needed weekly:	\$ 3,737.00	
Received 06/20/21	<u>\$ 980.00</u>	
Short	\$ (2,757.00)	
SERVING SERVICE TODAY:ELDERRick FerrellHEAD USHERBruce Benson		
SUNDAY READINGS The readings for Sunday, July 4, 2021 are:		
Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 (antiphon: v.1) 2 Corinthians 12:1-10		

STEWARDSHIP: June 27 – Proper 8

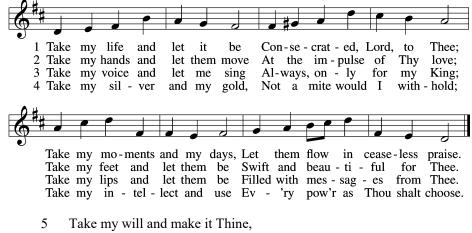
Mark 6:1-13

2 Corinthians 8:3 – "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will." St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

As is often the case during the Pentecost season, the *Epistle* does not pick up the theme of the day as strongly as the other readings. Yet one can see the interplay of God's grace shining through suffering. The faith of the severely afflicted Macedonian churches (2 Cor 8:2) is praised much as the healed woman is. Furthermore, the reversal of fortunes that Jesus undertakes, making us rich through His poverty (v 9), can be connected to the reversal of fortunes experienced by Jairus and his family as well as by the healed woman. Above all, Jesus' generosity is visible in every healing He performs.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee. Tune and text: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 121:5–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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C Amen.

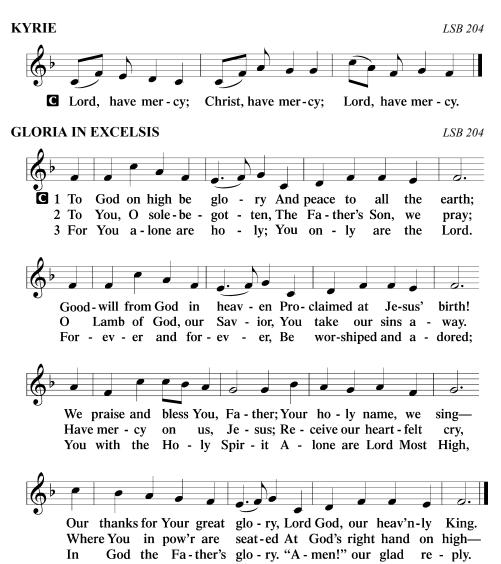
BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P 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.
- **C** Amen.

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

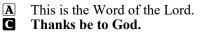
C Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
- His mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning;
- great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
 "therefore I will hope in Him."
- ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.
- ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
- ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
- ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
- ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust there may yet be hope;
- ³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.
- ³¹For the Lord will not
- cast off forever, ²but though He cause grid
- ³²but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love;
- ³³for He does not willingly afflict
- or grieve the children of men.



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
 Amen.

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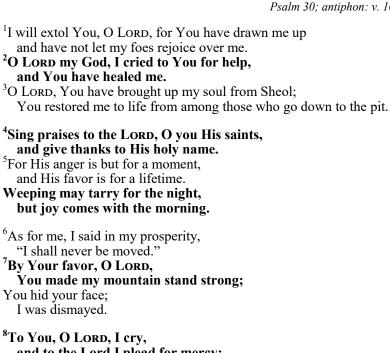


636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

PSALM

1 Soul, dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the а 2 Has - ten as bride to meet Him, And with а 3 He who craves а pre - cious trea - sure Nei ther 4 Now in faith Ι hum - blv der 0 ver pon sad - ness, Come in gloom - y haunts of to the day-light's rev - 'rence greet Him. For words of life lov - ing with im pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of cost nor this sur pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is splen - dor, There with your prais - es der. joy ren mor - tal He is knock - ing at your tal. por heav - en God has free - ly giv to us en. bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count less: Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing gates be - fore Say - ing, as 0 pen wide the Him, vou Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to ban - quet found ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and Grant. there a - dore Him: Lord. that Ι now re gifts here of fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you us is giv en. Oh, most glo-rious con - so -ly, Deigns to dwell with you most ho low lv. You, That Ι nev - er - more will You. ceive leave riv en, And His blood, for you once giv - en. Pledge and tion, seal of my sal - va - tion! la Tune and text: Public domain Text (sts. 1, 4): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000276

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:



and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You?

Will it tell of Your faithfulness? ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹²that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

This is the Word of the Lord. A C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich...

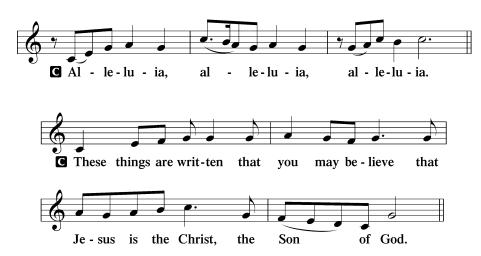
¹³I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

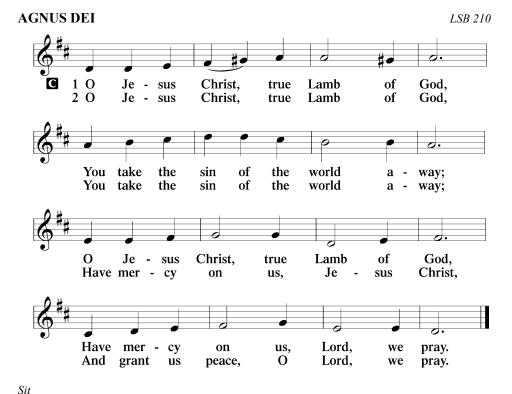
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE





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LORD'S PRAYER

 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about Him, and He was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing Him, he fell at His feet ²³and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And He went with him.

Mark 5:21-43

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even His garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" ³¹And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, 'Who touched Me?" ³²And He looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While He was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And He allowed no one to follow Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when He had entered, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him. But He put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with Him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand He said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And He strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED С

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
- the only-begotten Son of God,
- begotten of His Father before all worlds,
- God of God, Light of Light,
- very God of very God,
- begotten, not made,
- being of one substance with the Father,
- by whom all things were made;
- who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
- and was made man:
- and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
- He suffered and was buried.
- And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
- and sits at the right hand of the Father.
- And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
- whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

- the Lord and giver of life,
- who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
- who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
- glorified,
- who spoke by the prophets.
- And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
- I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
- and I look for the resurrection of the dead
- and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have [**P**] had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

P These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

Stand

PREFACE

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

SERMON THEME: Enriched By His Poverty

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ To the Lord from whom our help comes, that as He has brought us into the Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy, so He would preserve us in such faith until at last He brings us out of this world into resurrection forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For the Church, that God would give us generous hearts to supply the saints from our abundance, seeing that Christ has made us rich by His humble poverty; for our preachers, that they may serve for the sake of Christ's call, not earthly gain; and for all Christians who have received excellence in faith, speech, knowledge and every gift of God's Word, that they may provide richly for the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

▶ For every Christian home, that our gracious Lord would bestow on them His never-ending compassion; that He would turn parents in kindness to their children; that He would make children ready in obedience and love toward their parents and each other; for the young, that they would learn discipline and trust in God; and for fathers, that they would not exasperate their children, but be examples of devotion to the fear and instruction of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

▶ For our governing authorities, that peace and order would be preserved in our nation; for our president and governor, our military and police and other civil servants; and for a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For those in need, that as God did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the woman, so He would drive away our fears and give us believing faith; for the sick and suffering *[especially _____]*; and for those who mourn, that they would know and believe Christ will awaken the dead on the Last Day as if from a mere sleep, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who commune, that they may seek worthily the medicine of immortality given in the Lord's Supper, believing that as Christ on earth always used His divine powers as a man to heal and save, so here in the blessed Sacrament He is bodily present to deliver His healing and saving power to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.