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Lord of Life Lutheran

LifeLines

Notes from David

In a noisy, hurried, and uncertain world, many of us quietly wonder whether our prayers are “enough.” We may worry that we don’t have the right words, depth, or consistency. Dorothy Day said: “I can only pray the Our Father and the Creed. Is that enough?” and in her book Spiritual Writings, mused: “And when I thought of the books, which would fill libraries, that had been written on every phrase contained in the Our Father, it comforted my heart to know that she was practicing the presence of God this way.”

There is something deeply reassuring here. Prayer is not a performance. It is not a test we pass or fail. At its heart, prayer is simply entering into the presence of God.

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he gave them words that were simple, direct, and deeply relational: “Our Father...” a doorway to step through. In those words, we are invited into a relationship grounded in trust. We are not speaking into emptiness. We are speaking to One who knows us, who loves us, and who listens. This is the quiet truth that sustains the life of faith: God is present, and God is attentive.

Spiritual writers have filled volumes exploring the meaning of each phrase in the Lord’s Prayer. Dorothy Day points us to something even more immediate. The person who prays these words, even simply, even imperfectly, is already standing in the presence of God. That is

enough—not because the prayer is impressive, but because God is faithful.

We do not need elaborate language or complicated practices to be a praying community. When we gather and speak familiar words together, when we bow our heads in quiet moments, when we whisper a prayer in the middle of a busy day—we are stepping into holy ground. God meets us everywhere.

Perhaps even more important, we can trust that God is listening. Not just to our words, but to our heart, our mind, and even our silence. Scripture reminds us that before a word is on our lips, God knows it completely. That is not meant to intimidate us—it is meant to comfort us.

So if you ever find yourself wondering, “Is my prayer enough?” hear this clearly: if you are turning your heart toward God, it is enough. If you are speaking the words you know, it is enough. If all you can manage is “Our Father,” it is enough. Because prayer is not about reaching up far enough to find God. It is about discovering that God is already near.

This week, wherever you are, take a moment to pause. Pray the words you know. Sit in the quiet if that is all you can do. Trust that in that moment, you are not alone. You are in the presence of a listening, loving God—and that is more than enough.

VBS—coming soon :)

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Dates to Note

7th: School Lunches

7th: 5pm Bible Study

10th: Mother’s Day

11th: 7pm Council Mtg

Fun Facts: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

This hymn comes from John 1:16: "From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

The author, Horatius Bonar, was a pastor and writer who wrote over 600 hymns. He carried notebooks to write down his

thoughts "on the go." He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1843 he and Thomas Chalmers formed the Free Church of Scotland.

This hymn was first published in 1846. Each stanza is composed of Jesus' call in the first two lines and a response in the last two. It's set to Kingsford, a folk tune. It often feels intuitive to those singing it.

—Living Lutheran, 7-12-24

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Relatives

The Crisis:

- Indigenous women are 2.5x as likely to experience violent crimes and twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes.
- Homicide is the #3 leading cause of death for Indigenous women 10-24 years old and the #5 leading cause of death for Indigenous women 25-34 years old.
- 40% of victims of sex trafficking are identified as Indigenous women
- Unlike other racial groups, violence against Indigenous women is more likely to be perpetuated by someone outside their racial group

**4 out of 5
Indigenous
women have
experienced
violence**

"The crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women is not new. It is... part of the spectrum of violence experienced by Native women. This crisis has deep roots and can be attributed to the lack of legal protections as a result of the systematic erosion of tribal sovereignty stretching back more than 500 years." (National Indigenous Women's Resource Center). In 2020, there were 5,293 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls; only 690 cases were logged in the federal database.

A red hand covering the mouth is the symbol of this movement. "It stands for all the missing sisters whose voices are not heard. It stands for the silence of the media and law enforcement in the midst of this crisis. It stands for the oppression and subjugation of Native women who are now rising up to say #NoMoreStolenSisters." – Native Hope

MMIWGR works to raise awareness about this crisis, seeks to offer support to communities and families with missing and murdered individuals and address the underlying causes of this crisis. **The National Day of Awareness is May 5.**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 <u>Synod Assembly</u> <u>10:30 am Sunday Worship</u>	27 <u>10 am Bible Study</u> <u>8 pm AA</u>	28 <u>5:30 pm Girl Scouts</u>	29 <u>10 am TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm TOPS Meeting</u>	30 <u>9 am - 12 pm 17-Mile Homemakers</u> <u>8 pm AA</u>	May 1	2
3 <u>10:30 am Sunday Worship</u>	4 <u>10 am Bible Study</u> <u>8 pm AA</u>	5 <u>5:30 pm Girl Scouts</u>	6 <u>10 am TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm TOPS Meeting</u>	7 <u>9 am - 12 pm 17-Mile Homemakers</u> <u>8 pm AA</u>	8	9
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Lord of Life Lutheran Church North Pole, Alaska

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Mission Statement

Sharing the Light &
Warmth of God's Love

Next Church Council Meeting: **May 11 @ 7pm**

Newsletter deadline: 20th of each month.
Get the latest on our website:
www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest

or
Follow our Facebook page, worship live Sundays at 10:30am:
www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak

Special Prayers and Concerns

Birthdays

- 5/4 Lars Peterson
- 5/5 Charlotte Ingram
- 5/11 Carol Hughes
- 5/12 Kyle Renner
- 5/15 Curt Renner
- 5/18 James Aleshire
- 5/21 Kevin Marshall
- 5/23 Lynne Skjefte
- 5/26 Barb Thoma



Anniversaries

- 5/9 Denise & Fran Hradecky
- 5/30 Michelle & Kevin Powers



Prayers for:

We are happy to publish prayers for friends and family here—just contact the church office :)

- ~ Those with ongoing health issues
- ~ Those just returned to enjoy an Alaskan summer

Contact

office@lordoflifeak.com to sign up for prayer chain emails

Alaska Synod Prayer Partner for May:

Brevig Memorial Lutheran Church,
Brevig Mission, Alaska

Psalm 95:1-3

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods



*Is your important date missing?
please let us know so we can celebrate with you!*