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Hillsboro, Texas

Give us today our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11



7th Sunday after Pentecost

THE ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYERS

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TODAY'S MESSAGE: THE ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYERS

When Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven...", He is not giving us some secret formula or magical words. The point of Jesus' teaching on prayer is not that if we do not pray, God will withhold His blessings. Martin Luther wrote these words about the Lord's Prayer: "God's name is holy in itself. His kingdom comes all by itself. His will is done and He gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers." We pray because God freely gives us His Word, His kingdom, His grace and our daily bread. The Lord's Prayer helps us to realize and to acknowledge His gifts. In Jesus, we have everything that we need and more, both for this life and especially for eternal life in heaven. The answer to all of our prayers is Jesus.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✚ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779

**Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer.
He Himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not turn away.**

**Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring.
For His grace and pow’r are such, none can ever ask too much.**

**With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin.
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt.**

**Lord, Thy rest to me impart, take possession of my heart.
There Thy blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign.**

**While I am a pilgrim here, let Thy love my spirit cheer.
As my guide, my guard, my friend, lead me to my journey’s end.**

**Show me what is mine to do. Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith. Let me die Thy people’s death.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalms 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Psalms 32:5

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he has called them the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

ALL: Grant this, Lord, to us all.

ALL: (sung) A - - - men.

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 138

P: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart.

C: Before the “gods” I sing your praise.

P: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

C: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

P: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

C: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

P: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

C: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

P: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

C: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ALL: 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.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious God and giver of all good things, teach us to ask of you those things we need for our salvation, that we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Genesis 18:16-33

Then the men [who had come to visit with Abraham] set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death 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?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose 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." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them by the cross.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 11:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him whatever he needs."

"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If 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!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

LSB 773

**Hear us, Father, when we pray, through Your Son and in Your Spirit.
By Your Spirit's Word convey, all that we through Christ inherit,
That as baptized heirs we may, truly pray.**

**When we know not what to say, and our wounded souls are pleading,
May Your Spirit, night and day, groan within us interceding.
By His sighs, too deep for words, we are heard.**

**Jesus, advocate on high, sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,
Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter.
Place them on Your Father's throne, as Your own.**

**By Your Spirit now attend, to our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend, to Your heav'nly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.**

Sermon

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Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blesest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**ALL: 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.**

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

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.... A - - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

LSB 623

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray, that we may feast on You today.
Beneath these forms of bread and wine, enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, the certain joys of heirs of heav’n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold, to seize the gift of love retold.
All that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body we, rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come, to bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day,
When each will be Your welcomed guest, in heaven’s high and holy feast.**

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

LSB 625

**Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, may I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed, in hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, and, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.**

**To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, to restful waters lead me.
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick and weak, refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.**

**O bread of heav'n my soul's delight, for full and free remission,
I come with prayer before Your sight, in sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me, that I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.**

**I do not merit favor, Lord. My weight of sin would break me.
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me, that You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

LSB 766

**Our Father, who from heav'n above, bids all of us to live in love,
As members of one family, and pray to You in unity.
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, but from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name, we walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert. All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain, and Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day, with gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage. Preserve Your Church from age to age.**

**Your gracious will on earth be done, as it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey, throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill, that sets itself against Your will.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war and strife. In plague and famine, spare our life.
That we in honest peace may live, to care and greed no entrance give.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more.
We, too, will gladly those forgive, who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community, to serve each other willingly.**

**Lead not into temptation, Lord, where our grim foe and all his horde,
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist. Help us to stand.
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**From evil, Lord, deliver us. The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death, and when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, and take our souls to You in peace.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we,
May doubt not but with trust believe, that what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word, we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

Song of Thanksgiving "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish.
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Psalm 107:1

C: *(sung)* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness
sent your 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 be enabled
to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C: *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

LSB 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry, ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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