

A Public Service of Healing

In case of illness, the Minister of the Congregation is to be notified.

This service may always be led by a deacon or lay person

The Celebrant begins the service with the following or some other greeting

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

All **And also with you**
Let us pray

The following collect or the collect of the day follows

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Bible Study -

Book of Exodus Chapter 14

Please read different versions of Exodus on

<https://biblehub.com/bsb/exodus/14.htm>

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, which 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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *(Lutheran Core)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

A brief silence

Father, thank you for the light of sun, moon, stars, streetlights, candles, and lamps. Thank you for these “created lights” that bear witness to the true and uncreated Light, your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us, even when eyes fail and earthly lights grow dim, to his kindly light, which no darkness can overcome.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of your Church. Give it eyes to see its own sin, and to repent. Give it eyes to see the world's sins, and to offer your forgiveness to any who will receive it. Give it eyes to see the plight of all who are afflicted by sin, death, and the devil, and to proclaim your redemption, given through the Passion of your dear Son.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of those who hate the followers of Jesus, and of all who turn a blind eye to their plight. Grant that the words and actions of all who suffer on account of Christ may inspire their enemies to repent and believe in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Give clear sight and strong faith to missionaries, seminarians and their professors, pastors, and all of Jesus' apprentices. Through their labors, lead many who are spiritually blind to Jesus for healing.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Heal any spiritual blindness in this congregation. Give us eyes to see Jesus in one another. For his sake, help us love even people we don't yet like. Give us eyes to see new opportunities for serving you. As we become braver in sharing our faith, make us lamps shining with Jesus' love for everyone we encounter.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Let your healing, blessing, and grace rest upon the blind and deaf; and upon those with impaired senses of touch, taste, balance, or movement. Give them strength and courage. Sharpen the perception of their other senses. Surround them with people whose respect and encouragement leads them to greater faith in you, their light and their life.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Heal the blindness of the nations, and all who are in positions of authority. Give them eyes to seek your will, and hearts and hands to do it. Give them eyes to see injustice, deceit and cruelty, and the strength and courage to combat them. Make each of us into children of your light, living in faith toward you and with fervent love toward one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

As your dear Son healed the man born blind, we pray that he would also bring healing, light, hope, and faith to everyone who suffers from any affliction, including: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Vernestine, Laverne, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan

Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Kevin Green, Sharifa Sena, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Catherine Cone, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wayman Ellis, Dorothy Charley, Sharon Alexander, Wanda Pineiro, and the victims of boat accident in Gabon. Lift them up from pain, sorrow, fear, or grief. And give them the joy of your saving help, now and always. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and all who minister to the sick.
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Thank you, dear Father, for receiving into your greater light and into your eternal life, our beloved dead especially those who have died or are still missing at sea in the boat accident in Gabon. Deal mercifully with those shadowed by grief. We pray: Lord, let us receive our sight, so that day by day, we see you more clearly; love you more dearly; and follow you more nearly. Lead us, with all who have redeemed by the merits of your Son, to heaven, there to gaze on his fair beauty forever.
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: John Newlin, Jayden Pena Bowe and Gwendolyn Winfield Pereira. Look upon them with favor, we pray, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this

bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Final Blessing

A deacon using the following blessing substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”

May God the Father bless you; God the Son heal you; God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Deacon **Let us go forth in the name of Christ.**
People **Thanks be to God.**