

## 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 8**

Please read different versions of Exodus on

<https://biblehub.com/bsb/exodus/8.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)*

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

Heavenly Father, your Word is challenge, command, and marching orders for us. How often we stumble, fall short, or go AWOL in fulfilling it! Thank you for Jesus, who fulfilled your Word and who IS your Word. Thank you for planting his grace, mercy, and obedience in our hearts. For his sake, make us like him: salt and light, hope and holiness, so others may turn to him and live.

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

Cause your Church to constantly preach Christ, crucified for the forgiveness of sin unto everlasting life. Keep it from being conformed to the desires and whims of the world.

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

Bless the people and ministries of this congregation. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Let everything we say and do glorify you and help our neighbor, especially the poor, lonely, and distressed people in our community.

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

Father, being a disciple means being a student of Jesus. Give us teachable hearts and minds! Lead your “apprentices” in paths of devotion and holiness. Form them into “journeymen” who walk with those whose path is hard and lonely. Use them to bring hope, encouragement, and Jesus’ love to those who need it most.

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

We remember before you our persecuted sisters and brothers. Make them into lamps shining in dark places. Bring them justice and deliverance. Soften the hearts of their enemies so they may turn to you and live.

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

Cause the rulers of all nations, especially our own, to heed the words of the prophet: to do justice tempered with mercy, and to care for the poor. Help every one of us not only to refrain from evil, but actively pursue righteousness, and strive to live in peace.

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

Bring healing and hope to everyone burdened by sin, sorrow, and suffering. Especially we pray for: 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 and Wayman Ellis. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and all who minister to the sick. Shine the light of Christ upon them, and upon all who care for them.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our beloved dead, especially those who were salt and light in our lives. Keep us in your care throughout our earthly pilgrimage. Kindle your Spirit in us, and help us to encourage one another along life's way. For the sake of your beloved Son, who gave himself for us, bring us into your eternal Kingdom, where with all whom he had redeemed, we may gaze upon his face and adore you forever.

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

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: Dolores Freeman, Diane McDowell, Alissa Garlick, Dwayne Mitchell, Alan Roberts, Dawn Munchez, Bernadette Davis, Matthew O'Neal, Handel Semper, Salina Rodriguez, Myron Faulkner, Tyrone Patterson, Pamela Pierce, Mary Teresa Rogers, Andre Woody and Alpha Turay. 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.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.**