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AS WE GATHER

Lord Teach Us to Pray!

Christians are “faith alone” people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by faith alone, trusting in the God who supplies all our needs. We keep God’s commands by faith alone, confident that His ways are better than our ways. And we pray by faith alone, assured our loving God has opened His door and His heart to hear and answer us. It is faith, and faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the life to come.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" #493

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

OPENING SENTENCES *John 3:16; 17:3*

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

People: **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: And this is eternal life,

People: **that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious Lord, the earth was made to be filled with Your glory. Despite Your love and care, we have not lived lives worthy of being called Your people. Forgive our sins and shortcomings. Overcome our inability and inaction. Replace our selfish and faithless nature with hearts that glorify You.

People: **O Lord, be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

Pastor: Having accomplished the work given Him to do, Jesus Christ has paid for all of your sins, has risen for your justification, and has claimed His seat at the Father's right hand to intercede on your behalf. 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.

People: **Amen.**

✕ WORD ✕

KYRIE *pew hymnal page 151*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **♪ Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: ♪ **Lord have mercy**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

People: ♪ **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast” *pew hymnal page 155*

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
3. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Final Refrain**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O ascended Lord Jesus, Your voice petitions Your Father on behalf of the sons of earth. Just as You pray for us, teach us to pray for faith, forgiveness, and salvation, in Your name and for the sake of the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

(Trusting in the Lord's guidance, the apostles select faithful Matthias to complete the Twelve.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

(Peter prepares believers for suffering and points them to the God who cares for them.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *pew hymnal page 156*

♪ **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1-11

(Christ prays for the unity and safety of those who believe.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray #773

SERMON *Pastor Mark Croucher*

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a pattern for prayer, and so we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, may Your name be hallowed throughout all the earth. By the Spirit's power, make us worthy witnesses of Your grace and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal King, we pray for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done among us. Intervene where sin runs rampant and make Your church an instrument of reconciliation and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Generous God, we praise You for caring for our daily needs of shelter and sustenance. Continue to provide Your people with plenty, that we may have opportunity to be reflections of Your generosity in our giving to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Savior, make Your people quick to turn to You in repentance, and by Your abundant pardon, equip us to be messengers of Your mercy to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful Deliverer, we pray for Your merciful rescue from the evils still present in our world. We lift up those struggling with sickness or grief, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta, and ask that Your hand would lead them to hope and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Triune God, we rejoice in Your faithfulness. Make Your dwelling in us and keep us in faith until the day of Christ's returning.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

pew hymnal page 160-166

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ♪It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial to give thanks to You, almighty and eternal Father, for the glory that belongs to You alone, revealed in the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the sake of the world. By His obedience, even to death on a cross, He both glorified You and reconciled repentant sinners.

Now He is ascended into the glory that has been His since before the world existed, and we who trust in Him for eternal life raise our praises to You, O Father, to Your ascended Son, and to the Holy Spirit, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: In gratefulness, we bless You, all-glorious Father, for the sake of Your ascended Son, for You have given Him authority over all flesh, and yet in this Meal, He condescends to offer His flesh as true food and His blood as true drink for those who confess His name. As those claimed by His sacrifice, redeemed from evil and everlasting death, give us hearts that gather at Your Table to recognize our redemption, grow in our faith, and declare the glories of Your mercy until Christ comes again, for He rules and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

PAX DOMINI

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

People: ♪ **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Via Dolorosa," arranged by Lorie Line, piano

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most glorious Father, we thank You for feeding our faith through this Holy Supper, strengthening us to live as those who know and believe Your truth. Keep us in Your name and make us one through our ascended and reigning Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **A-men**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ **A-men**

HYMN "I Know My Faith Is Founded" #587

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

May 17, 2026

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 19 total: 1 guest

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 24th is "**Misery Loves Company**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. Acts 2:38
Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.