

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN DAY CARE

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 24, 2022

SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 3 LSB pg. 184
HYMNS: LSB 770, LSB 779, LSB 590, LSB 725
TEXT: Genesis 18:20-33
PSALM: 138

We welcome you to our Service of Worship and Praise this morning. We pray that the Word of God Spoken to us this morning will give us comfort, peace, joy, and the strength to face whatever the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh may tempt us with throughout the coming week. If you are a visitor with us this morning, we ask that you kindly sign the guest register located in the back of the church and do come and worship again soon.

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Those Serving Us Today

Organist: Kristin Schneider.....Kristin Schneider
Altar Guild: Anita Colley

Those Serving Us Next Week

Holy Communion: Close communion has been practiced since the early Christian Church. We maintain This practice. We welcome communicant members of Good Shepherd and fellow Lutherans from churches in fellowship with Lutheran Church-Canada to receive Holy Communion. All wishing to commune that are not yet communicant members are cordially invited to speak to the Pastor before the Worship Service.

This Week:

Sun:	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch
Sun. July 31:	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch

STEWARDSHIP BLURB: Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?” A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

ALLERGIC NOTICE: Please note that there is a child in the daycare who has a severe allergy to nuts and eggs. At this time we are asking that foods with these items not be brought in for our lunches due to cross contamination, which could cause a reaction. Thank you.

UKRAINE SUPPORT: If you would like to send funds in support of our sister congregations and pastors in Ukraine during this crisis, Lutheran Church-Canada has set up an avenue for you to give through their website: lutheranchurch-canada.ca Canadian Lutheran World Relief is also receiving donations for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. You can donate through their website: clwr.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Just a quick reminder please do not put garbage, garbage bags or clear bags in the Blue outdoor recycling bins. They will not pick up the recycling if this happens. Thank you.

A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT: One of the unexpected joys of ministry has been teaching confirmation classes. ...Every fall, bright, shining, shy faces opened their brand-new Bibles and catechisms. They sat quietly, not knowing what to expect from this gentleman who people called Pastor.

I introduced myself to them and explained what the Bible is and how our English translations came to be. Throughout the following months, we reviewed the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine from Luther’s Small Catechism. Can you list them? They are the Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and finally, The Lord’s Supper.

As the weeks progressed, my confirmation students became less shy. In fact, they could sometimes be described as rambunctious. Rambunctious is defined as uncontrollably exuberant, boisterous, unrestrained, or irrepressible. Somehow, we managed.

As the students became more accustomed to their old pastor, they would ask questions. Seventh and eighth grade is a wonderful time to teach religion to children. At that age, they are beginning to think deep thoughts and have weighty questions. Most of the questions were ones that I had heard before. Sometimes I would become exuberant when one particularly thoughtful student asked something new.

All of this came to mind as I read the Gospel lesson for today. One of Jesus’ students said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus had already taught the prayer that we know as the Lord’s Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:9-13). But this disciple didn’t know that. So Jesus patiently responded, “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.”

I imagine that this was not the last time that Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer. He went from town to town teaching new students every place He went. It must have been like teaching confirmation class. He taught the same lessons over and over.

I once had an adult student from another denomination make the statement that Jesus' didn't want us to pray the Lord's Prayer. He wanted it to be a model prayer for Christians. To make his point, he quoted to me Matthew 6:9, "Pray then like this." He then told me Jesus didn't tell us to say those exact words.

On that day, God granted me a quick response. I asked the gentleman to read Luke 11:9. Here Jesus clearly says, "When you pray, say." Jesus did expect us to pray the Lord's Prayer word for word. It is the most uniting prayer among Christians.

On the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, there is a church dedicated to the Lord's Prayer. It is formally known as The Church of the Pater Noster. On its walls are plaques of the Lord's Prayer in well over 100 different languages and dialects.

Did you notice how well our themes from last week and this week work together? Last week we thought about how God speaks to us in His word. This week our theme is how we speak to God through prayer.

Indeed, the Lord's Prayer can be abused as can any prayer. People sometimes mumble it as they thoughtlessly recite the words. The Lord's Prayer, like every prayer, should be prayed from the heart.

These are the very words that Jesus taught us to pray. When you study the Lord's Prayer, you learn that it encompasses every prayer that Christians offer.

Prayer is a great privilege. Because Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, we can approach God directly with our words and thoughts. God promises to always hear and answer our prayers.

How does He answer? Sometimes He says, "Yes." Sometimes He says, "No." Sometimes He says, "Have patience and wait a little longer."

He has answered all of our prayers in the person of Jesus. In Him, we have eternal life and salvation.

The final petition of the Lord's Prayer in the King James Version is "deliver us from evil."

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven (From Luther's Small Catechism).

God's richest blessings to you in Christ.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7).

Devotional Thought from Rev. Philip Quardokus at <http://quardokus.com/homeworship/Pentecost7-24July2022-Enhanced.pdf>

Prayer List For The Week:

1. God's Servant: Rev. David Hamp of Concordia Lutheran Church in Fonthill, ON

2. Pray for our Missionaries Around the World: Rev. Ted & Rebecca Krey, Rev. Sergio Maita, Rev. Joel Fritsche, Danelle Putnam, Lucas Eberhart; Rev. David Preus, Jamie-Lynn Flores, Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Cheryl Nauman, Tirzah Krey, Dominican Republic; Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett, Ethiopia. All Haitian Pastors & people in Haiti & the Dominican Republic. Our Lutheran Church in Nicaragua, and other Missionaries who serve for us in foreign lands.

3. For God's People: Matthew & Yvette Erickson; Audrey, Freja

4. For Those Who Celebrate: Andrew & Lisa Erickson (18); Ellen Flatt (22); Taylor Brandie (26); Nathan Smith (29)

4. For Those In Need of Prayers:

Joan Nelson*

Alice Elvy*

Elizabeth Goldman*

Margaret Struhar*

The people of Ukraine

Joe Hilger

Katharina Wolf

Lisa Erickson

Wayne Bird

Chris Lucas

Herb Beckman

Chris Patterson

Allan Beckman

*INDICATES SHUT-INS

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TO OUR PRAYER FOR
WHATEVER STUFF WE
NEED...



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OF CONFIDENT AND
PERSISTENT PRAYER!



BUT WHEN DO
WE GET THE
STUFF!?



LUKE 11:1-13

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