

7th Sunday after Pentecost
The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith
July 27, 2025 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

There can be no question that the work of faith, of receiving God’s grace, and of following Christ in worship and service, is a lifelong journey of perseverance and faithfulness. And it is because of God’s faithfulness toward us that we can even contemplate this life. But, if we will contemplate it, and if we can commit to the long haul, we will see change happening in us and we will see justice coming a little more to our world. May God’s faithfulness inspire your commitment and perseverance this week.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: God So Loved A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

Verse 1

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Ending

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

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

People: He made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

People: Then He forgave the guilt of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to You that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and plead for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will, and make us obedient to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “Oh My Strength” © Jacob Daniel

Verse 1

Oh my strength, come quickly now Be not far from where I am
There is no one here to help me Lord Lonely footprints in the sand

Verse 2

Oh my strength, come quickly now For my voice has words to say
How can You even hear me Lord When I cannot speak Your name?

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love

Verse 3

Oh my strength, come quickly now Bring my focus back to You
Help to dim other desires Lord And my life be Your love’s proof

Verse 4

Oh my strength, come quickly now It gets harder every day
Please hands hold back my enemies So my weakened voice can say

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love

Bridge

Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words
Oh be present in my heart Oh God
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Oh be present in my heart Oh God

Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son
I am loved by an everlasting love
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious Father, You are truly compassionate to all Your children, for You remember that we are but dust. So fill us with Your love, that, rising above our weaknesses, we may always remain true to Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 332

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-33

Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.” The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the

Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: “You’ve Already Won” Hooper | Fike | Ryan

Verse 1
There’s peace that outlasts darkness Hope that’s in the blood
There’s future grace that's mine today That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2
So I can face tomorrow For tomorrow’s in Your hands
All I need You will provide Just like You always have

Chorus
I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Verse 4
When the sea is raging Your Spirit is my help
He’ll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ And I’ll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

Chorus
I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Bridge
I know how this story ends We will be with You again
You’re my Savior my defense No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends.

Chorus
I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Ending
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 INSTITUTION

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

COMMUNION SONG: “King of Kings” B Ligertwood | J Ingram | S Ligertwood

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Ending

Praise forever to the King of Kings CCLI Song # 712764

COMMUNION SONG: “The Same Power” Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram

Verse 1

I can see Waters raging at my feet
I can feel The breath of those surrounding me
I can hear The sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Verse 2

I can walk Down this dark and painful road
I can face Every fear of the unknown
I can hear All God’s children singing out
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Verse 3

We have hope That His promises are true
In His strength There is nothing we can’t do
Yes, we know There are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Bridge

Greater is He that is living in me He’s conquered our enemy
No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us

The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt
Maher CCLI Song # 7200544

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours
(Repeat Bridge)

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Ending

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!