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As We Gather

As we gather today, we reflect on the power of prayer in our daily lives. Just as we have emergency numbers for worldly assistance, we have a direct line to God through prayer. Whether we're facing hardships, celebrating joys, battling illness, or struggling with sin, our Heavenly Father invites us to call upon Him. Let us consider how we can strengthen our prayer life, trusting in God's promise to hear and answer us.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

250 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailling love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴ Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?" ⁵ We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"¹⁰ Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. ¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?" ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴ I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!" ¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you."²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. ²⁶ But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!" ²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my

sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104:27-35

P These all wait for You,

C **That You may give them their food in due season.**

P What You give them they gather in;

C **You open Your hand, they are filled with good.**

P You hide Your face, they are troubled;

C **You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

P You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;

C **And You renew the face of the earth.**

P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C **May the LORD rejoice in His works.**

P He looks on the earth, and it trembles;

C **He touches the hills, and they smoke.**

P I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

P May my meditation be sweet to Him;

C **I will be glad in the LORD.**

P May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more.

C **Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

⁴⁰ For he who is not against us is on our side. ⁴¹ For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁴ where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁶ where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than

having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—⁴⁸ where ‘Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

534 – God of My Life, to Thee I Call

Sermon Text

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name

of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. ¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.



Sermon

For Powerful Assistance, Call Upon the Lord

I. We Have Needs

II. God Answers Prayer

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

457 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule		
September 29	9:15 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting
October 4	10:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
October 6	9:15 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Mission Festival (School Children Sing)
	11:30 am	Potluck/Church Council
October 11	10:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
October 13	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **October 6** – Church Council
- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **December 1** – Education/Elders/Trustees

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday we’ll consider Isaiah 62:1-7, a passage that beautifully illustrates God’s unwavering grace and His mission for His Church. This text reminds us of God’s commitment to His people, echoing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We’ll explore how God’s Word actively accomplishes His will, just as it did in bringing about our salvation through Jesus. This message will encourage us to rest in God’s promises while also considering our role in sharing the Gospel.

Mission Festival: Our annual Mission Festival is October 6. The school children will sing during the worship service. There will be a potluck meal following the worship service.

CLC Call News: Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD <> Pastor Jim Naumann has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024.

Fruits of Faith		September 22, 2024	Attendance: WH – 23, ORL – 11	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$3,896.00	General Budget	\$5.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$2,473.00	-Under / +Over	-\$52.69	-Under / +Over	
\$59,978.43	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,510.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$54,074.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,134.53	Year to Date Need	
+\$5,904.43	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$317.78	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$10.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$85.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

September 30 – October 5

Monday: Luke 7:36-50 – The sinful woman recognizes her sin and loves her Savior from sin. The Pharisee, on the other hand, who does not view himself as “a sinner” (verse 39), shows much less appreciation for forgiveness.

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 7:6-10 – The apostle is thankful to learn of the Corinthians’ godly sorrow, because such sorrow produces repentance which appreciates Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.

Wednesday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 – The prophet compares those who trust in mankind (verses 5-6) with those who trust in the Lord (verses 7-8) and points out that the Lord can see the difference (verses 9-10).

Thursday: Matthew 15:21-28 – A Canaanite woman seeks the help of Jesus for her daughter, and trusts Him even when He appears unwilling to help. His answer: her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 – Paul commends the Thessalonians for their God-pleasing walk, and encourages them to continue. Forgiveness is not a license for uncleanness, but a reason to love and honor God.

Saturday: Acts 9:32-35 – The Lord can heal eight years in an instant. And when Peter heals paralyzed Aeneas in the name of the Jesus Christ, people in the whole region who see Aeneas turn, not to Peter, but to the Lord!



