

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Lord's Prayer: Your Kingdom Come

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Sunday, August 8, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Prayer connects us with God. The God of all things is our God. We honor God's name with our words and actions. Praying for God's kingdom reminds us it's already here.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER US IN

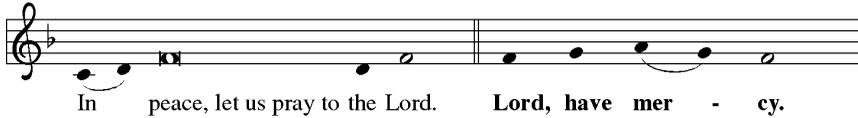
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GREETING

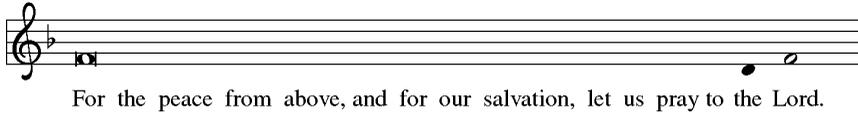
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

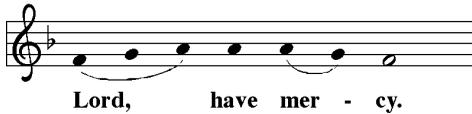
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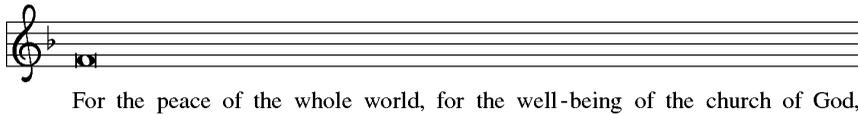
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



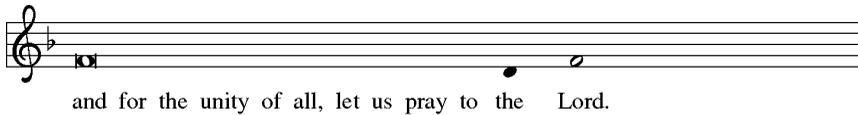
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



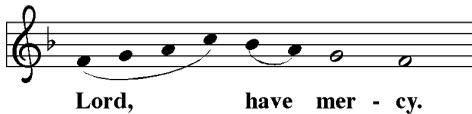
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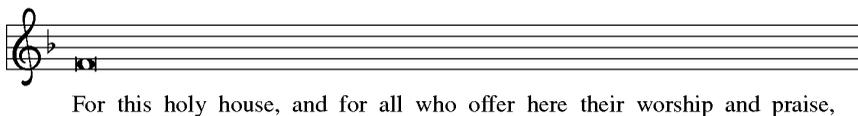
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



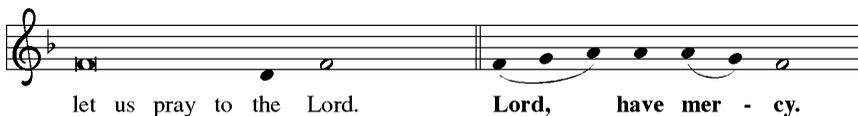
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



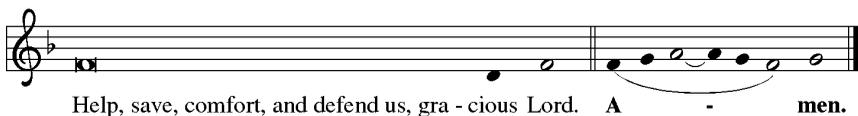
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Our Father, **help us remember the promise we make each time we pray the Lord's Prayer—to be partners with you in bringing in the kingdom. May your kingdom come in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our churches, and our hearts. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:46-55

L: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

C: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

L: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

C: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

L: for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

C: and holy is his name.

L: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with his arm;

L: he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

C: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

L: and lifted up the lowly;

C: he has filled the hungry with good things,

L: and sent the rich away empty.

C: He has helped his servant Israel,

L: in remembrance of his mercy,

**C: according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

Luke 17:20-21 Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

From Luther's Small Catechism

The Second Petition

Your kingdom come or Thy kingdom come.

What is this? or What does this mean?

In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.

How does this come about?

Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's holy word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS

ELW 251

SERMON

HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

ELW 715

We will sing verses 1-3.

BAPTISM OF GLORIA ROSE FEATHERSTONE

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter Gloria Rose baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."

Response: I do.

As you bring Gloria to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Gloria grow in the Christian faith and life?

Andrew and Katie respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Gloria in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Rose Ann and Brandyn respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Gloria and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Gloria Rose Featherstone is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Gloria with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Gloria Rose Featherstone, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

ELW 715

We will sing verses 4 and 5.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

SOON AND VERY SOON

ELW 439

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the God whose kingdom is now and not yet, sustain us in this upside-down world. In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, and Paul Mikaelson.

Parish Pulse:

July 25, 2021

Participating in Worship:

80 (+5 at WEW 8/4/21)

Total Offerings: \$3,570.00

Assisting with Worship Today:

Usher: Duane Hanson

Reader: Mark Hagen

Assisting Next week:

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Reader: TBD

Communion Asst: BreAnn Hanson



The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on July 29-30 was a huge success! 73

donors participated for

a total of 73 units of blood. Thanks to all who made this collection possible.



Another Birthday milestone to celebrate:

Pauline Carlson will be 99(!) on August 21! Cards and well-wishes can be sent to: *Pauline Carlson*

28030 160th Ave Way

Welch, MN 55089

Remember: Team Meetings are Monday, August 9!

- **Finance 5pm**
- **Parish Life 6pm**



BOOK STUDY: Pastor Maureen will be leading a book study on The Heart of Christianity, by Marcus Borg, beginning in September. Options for meeting include: Sunday after worship, Tuesday or Thursday evenings

or Saturday morning over coffee. Let her know if you're interested, and which time works best! Plan on 3 meetings.

Free Community Dinner



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

The September Community Dinner is scheduled for September 8! Since we are not out of the Covid woods YET, we will continue with Drive Through and Delivery Options ONLY—which means **meal reservations are DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st!!** Call or email the church office with your requests. Please include your name, phone number, specify how many meals, and Drive Through or Delivery preference. The September menu includes: Brats, Baked Beans, Potato Salad (OR chips—please specify which you want when you place your order) and a cookie!



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