

Lenten Series:

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"



“Our Father Who Art In Heaven”

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Evening Prayer - Vespers

Wednesday, February 25 - 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”**

-setting by David Johnson

***Service of Light (A large, lighted candle is carried in.)**

L Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C **The light no darkness can overcome.**

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

C **And the day is almost over.**

L Let your light scatter the darkness.

C **And illumine your church.**

***Lenten Dialogue**

L Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C **now is the day of salvation.**

L Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

L May your justice shine like the sun;

C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

***Hymn of Light**

Hymn # 815

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

***Thanksgiving for Light**

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night;
Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation,
and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[we sit]

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ When the whole crowd saw Jesus, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶ He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak, ¹⁸ and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid, and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." ¹⁹ He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!" ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" ²⁶ After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸ When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

Psalm 103: 1-14 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴ **For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

[we stand]

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Luke 9:28-36**

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about

his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE “Our Father Who Art In Heaven”

*Hymn “*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*” Hymn # 325

**The Offering is Received (All Mid-Week offerings will be given to
New Foundations Home for Children)**

Offertory “*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*”

[we stand]

Offertory “*Create In Me a Clean Heart*” Hymn # 186

***Litany**

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the baptized people of God and for their varied ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who are poor, hungry, homeless, or sick, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept by all.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

C **To you, O Lord.**

***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.**

***Blessing**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

***Hymn** *"Our Father, God In Heaven Above"* Hymn #746

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

***Dismissal**

***Postlude** *"Depth of Mercy"* C. Wesley/O. Gibbons

***Congregation stands**

Minister	Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Music Director	Jill Helgeson
Acolyte	Cathy Rudisill
Lay Reader	Sandi Jordan

LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

Note

Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical.

Wednesday, March 4 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group
B to host]

Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: "Hallowed Be Thy Name"

Wednesday, March 11 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Church
Youth to host]

Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Wednesday, March 18 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in
Mission to host]

Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: "Thy Will Be Done"

Wednesday, March 25 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational
Potluck Meal]

Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

[no meal] Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Message: "Forgive Us As We Forgive Others"

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Message: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil"