



July 27, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

In 1535, Martin Luther was asked by Peter, his barber, for instruction on prayer. Luther wrote a little book explaining how he organizes his own prayers to God. He pointed to the Lord's Prayer as well as the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed as ways to focus and form his prayers. The Bible is filled with people who prayed consistently—people like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, and David. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and shares two stories to emphasize the importance of bold, persistent prayer.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 905, "Come, Thou Almighty King"*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Luke 11:1-13; Luther's Small Catechism.*

Pastor: The disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray."
People: **And Jesus gave them the Lord's Prayer.**

Pastor: And how does Jesus teach them to address God?
People: **Jesus tells the disciples and us to call God, "our Father."**

Pastor: What do these words, "our Father," mean?
People: **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

Pastor: At times, this truth may be hard to remember.
People: **Because there are times when we do not live as God's children, nor do we ask Him boldly and confidently as we ought.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With that in mind, as we recall all the times in this last week where we have sinned and fallen short, we take a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not lived as Your children, nor have we come to You boldly as we should. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Our gracious heavenly Father 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. Go in peace, you are children of God who can pray boldly and confidently to your Father!

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

People: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

Pastor: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

People: I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

Pastor: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

People: Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;

Pastor: O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *LSB 605, "Father welcomes all His children"*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Continue to point us to the promises found in Your Word and strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:17–33 (Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)*

¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 138; antiphon: v. 3*

People: **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.**

Pastor: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

People: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

People: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

Pastor: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

People: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Pastor: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–15 (You have been made alive with Christ.)*

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 6:68*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Pastor: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1–13 (Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 779, "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"*

SERMON *"Bold Prayers to our Father" (Luke 11:1-13)*

CREED *Apostle's Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to our gracious Father in heaven.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Strengthen us to boldly pray for those who do not yet believe and to share the Good News of Jesus with them. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Finally, Father, we lift all these petitions before you confidently, knowing that You hear us because we are Your dear children through Christ. All of this we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 159-160)*

**People: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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 *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *LSB 733, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of July 27, 2025

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 St. Andrew, Stockton - Rev. Ronnie Backs

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
Zana Haley and Unborn baby Veda – (Kathy Munden's granddaughter)

Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday

July 27th

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour

9:30 am - Fellowship

10:00 am – Service, Pastor Heitshusen

Monday	July 28th	Braille - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
Thursday	July 31st	Come & Dine Volunteer activity
Sunday	August 3rd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	August 4th	Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm LWML at Freistatt 6:00 pm

Birthdays: Sandra Whalen-July 30; Bernie Thomas & James Sharp-Aug. 2; Nate Lile-Aug.3
Anniversaries: Harold & Gwen Lampe-Aug. 2;

July		
Greeters		Ushers
27: Bill and Joanne Michel		27: David Lampe
August		
Greeters		Ushers
03: Charlie & Edee Chambers		03: Mitch Littler
10: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer		13: David Lampe
17: Stan & Sharon Crandall		17: Bill Mitchel
24: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss		24: Matt Miller
31: Bill & Joanne Michel		31: Doug Goodman



The Presbyterian Church has asked for our help at “Come And Dine” on July 31st.
 A sign-up sheet is available for those willing to help.

Please join us on August 4, 2025, for the **LWML** Salad Supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall in Freistatt. The guest speaker is Nicole Watson, RN, from Joplin, MO. Nicole has established the Medical Loan Closet - an organization that connects people to medical supplies that insurance may not cover. A flyer listing different items that can be donated to this organization is available in the narthex.

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

I thought it important to write to you for several reasons as we transition to our new pastor.

First of all, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving these past eleven years as your interim pastor. When I started in July of 2014, I assumed it would just be for a year or two. But God had other plans and I am glad He did. You are a caring and loving group of God’s people. It has been a joy to serve with you and see what God

has done in our congregation. He has brought us enough growth and financial stability, so that we could confidently call a fulltime pastor. And on April 30 God answered our call by sending Pastor Heitshusen to Grace. So, now we look forward to the next chapter of God's blessings on Grace's ministry in our community.

Secondly, there is an important fact all of us need to keep in mind as we move forward together. Beginning July 26, Daniel Heitshusen is now our pastor. Any and all pastoral concerns or questions need to be addressed to him. At this time, Darlene and I would like to remain in the congregation. We feel at home here. But that will only work if we all recognize and support Pastor Heitshusen as our pastor. Starting July 26, I am a fellow member like all of you and he is my pastor. If you come to me with questions or concerns, I will kindly tell you to talk with Pastor Heitshusen. If we all remember this, I am confident things will work out well.

Thirdly, please join me in regularly praying for Pastor Heitshusen and his family as he begins his ministry. Serving a parish for the first time is a challenging experience and our support and prayers will be a big help to them as they make this transition in their life.

I thank God for each of you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken