

St. Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH



PRAYER SERVICE

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GREETING

LEADER: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

ALL: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

DIALOGUE

LEADER: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

ALL: He was, he is, and he is to come.

LEADER: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

ALL: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

LEADER: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

ALL: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

LEADER: By his blood he purchased for God

ALL: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

LEADER: Christ made of them a kingdom

ALL: and priests to serve our God.

LEADER: And they shall reign on earth forever.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

MARTIN LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

LEADER: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

ALL: Amen.

PSALMODY: Psalm 30 (*Read responsively*)

LEADER: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

ALL: ²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

LEADER: ³You brought me up, O LORD,
from the dead; you restored my life as I was going
down to the grave.

ALL: ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, All you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

LEADER: ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor
lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy
comes in the morning.

ALL: ⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be
disturbed.**

LEADER: ⁷You, LORD, with your favor,
made me as strong as the mountains." Then you
hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

ALL: ⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my
Lord, saying,**

LEADER: ⁹"What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or
declare your faithfulness?"

ALL: ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

LEADER: ¹¹You have turned my wailing into
dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and
clothed me with joy.

ALL: ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without
ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks
forever.**

Silence for Reflection

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LEADER: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and
all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection
of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

PRAYERS

The mission of the church

LEADER: Draw your church together, O God, into one great
company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ
into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the

world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us. During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month we praise You for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA that use God's gifts of culture, language and heritage to share the good news of Jesus Christ, loving and serving our neighbor in a multicultural world; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Spread the Gospel

LEADER: By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Pastors and bishops

LEADER: Ever-living God, Strengthen and sustain pastors and bishops especially Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff, our Pastor, Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, our Bishop and Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, our Presiding Bishop, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

For the work of the larger church

LEADER: God of us all, we pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering this weekend for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, the Oregon Synod, the Saint Paul Area Synod, the Northeastern Ohio Synod, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, Northern Great Lakes, the Southeast Michigan and the North/West Lower Michigan synods that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

ALL: Amen.

State, provincial, local governments

LEADER: Almighty God, we lift before you all who govern, especially: President Joseph Biden, Governor Phil Murphy, Mayor Susan Shin Angulo, all legislators and members of the judiciary. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption. Grant in your mercy just and honest government; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

World Conflict

LEADER: We pray for the safety and well-being of those directly impacted by the war in Ukraine — both the people inside it's borders and the nearly 4 million who have left the country. We pray for peace, wisdom, justice, repentance and reconciliation, and we give thanks for the assistance provided by Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and our partners and companion churches in Ukraine and across Eastern Europe, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

For Creation

LEADER: Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made and we rejoice in the beauty of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste and to simplify our lives. Reconcile all of creation to itself and repair the environmental destruction caused by human carelessness and greed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Our enemies

LEADER: Gracious God, your Son called on you to forgive his enemies while he was suffering shame and death. Lead our enemies and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Peace

LEADER: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. We pray that we might not grow weary or apathetic about the needs of our neighbor, especially when their difficulties and situations seem complicated, overwhelming or distant from us and we ask the Spirit to nurture within us love and concern that are enduring, impartial and wise, in your holy name.

ALL: Amen.

Teachers

LEADER: God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Those seeking deeper knowledge of God

LEADER: Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. We ask God to help us live fully the love we know in Jesus Christ, and we pray that it will shine brightly in the world so all may know that God is love; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Those in trouble or bereavement

LEADER: Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Thanksgiving

LEADER: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in

your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

General intercession

LEADER: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, especially...those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts; and all for your love's sake.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray together:

ALL: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray with confidence:

ALL: 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

LEADER: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

