

Morning Prayer

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 27, 2025 10:30 AM



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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ABOUT THE SERVICE

Because Pastor Michael and Pastor Terri are on vacation, we will celebrate Morning Prayer today, rather than Holy Communion. We will have Communion again next weekend!

Morning Prayer, or Matins, is a part of the cycle of Daily Prayer. It is structurally similar to the Evening Prayer service that we celebrate on Wednesdays in Lent.

Our version is adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship. We are grateful to our lay leaders for guiding us in worship today.

OPENING

PRELUDE

INVITATORY

The assembly stands. The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds, concluding with a doxology.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory 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.

PSALMODY

MORNING PSALM: PS. 95 *sung to ELW 778 ("The Lord's My Shepherd")*

O come, let us sing to the Lord: come, let us ev'ry one
A joyful noise make to the Rock of our salvat --i-- on.
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Let us before his presence come with praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joyful noise.
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For God, a great God, and great King, above all gods he is.
Depths of the earth are in his hand, the strength of hills is his.
Depths of the earth are in his hand, the strength of hills is his.

To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make;
The dry land also from his hands its form at first did take.
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O come, and let us worship him, let us bow down withal,
And on our knees before the Lord our Maker let us fall.
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The assembly is seated.

The psalmody continues with one or more additional psalms.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PS. 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because
of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. R**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar. R**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands. R**

THE PSALM PRAYER

Compassionate God, you look with favor upon the lowly. Keep us safe in the midst of trouble, make known your love in our words and deeds, and bring us to new life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.
- 4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.
- 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

WORD

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham undertakes the role of mediator between God and humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham seeks mercy for the city of Sodom.

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and 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, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came 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 forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous 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 forgive the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my 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, "Suppose forty are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

A reading from St. Luke.

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

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give 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!"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

GOSPEL HYMN***Blessed Be the God of Israel*****ELW 250***The assembly stands to sing the song of Zechariah, based on Luke 1:68-79.*

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| <p>1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.</p> <p>2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;</p> | <p>that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.</p> <p>3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.</p> |
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OFFERING**OFFERING**

Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love.

An offering is received for the work of the church.

OFFERTORY SONG**ELW 186***We rise to sing*

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, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence.

Loving God, teach your church to pray. Raise up bishops, pastors, deacons and lay leaders who will pray with the simplicity and sincerity that Christ showed his disciples, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

From the Small Catechism, 1529

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by the eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

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PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

As we leave, let us share a sign of peace with one another.

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