



Teach Us to Pray

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

Service of the Word

Last week, the readings reminded us God's Word must be important in our lives—that's how he talks to us. This week, the lessons for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost show us how we talk to God—through prayer. We are invited to live in constant communication with the Lord.

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father | #174

Jesus invites us to pray to God as our Father, trusting him to give us good things.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. And by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only-begotten Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward
men. We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on

us. For you only are holy. You on - ly are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the

glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray for boldness in prayer: Thank you, generous God, that you want to give us so much more than we even think of asking for. Keep us coming to you in prayer, knowing that you are waiting to answer. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old testament reading is an example of persistent and confident prayer. This kind of praying does not offend God; it pleases him.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²²The men turned away and went towards Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.²³Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³²Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

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

³³When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 2:6–15

St. Paul gives the reason that we can be bold in our prayers: God has given us the fullness of Christ. That means we are fully credited with everything Christ did and can pray to him as our Father.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the Head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus | #385

SERMON

Teach Us to Pray | Luke 11:1–13

Jesus gave the Lord's Prayer as a model for how to pray and used a parable to encourage the disciples to pray persistently and confidently.

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

'Father,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.'

⁵Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

HYMN

Create in Me

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

PRAYER

P: We ask you, almighty God, that you give your church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that your Word may not be restrained, but have free course and be preached to the joy and learning of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name live until the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

Announcements

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL OF CHAN HANDBERG

The Christian funeral service of Chan Handberg will be held Monday, July 29 at King of Grace. Chan was transferred to the Church Triumphant on July 19. Blessed be his memory in our midst.

BIBLE TRANSLATION PRESENTATION

Come to King of Grace this Thursday evening at 6:30 pm to hear a presentation from Tim & Martha Matzke. They have been living for the last 20 years in the Solomon Islands as missionaries supporting literacy and Bible translation into local languages.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP

RSVP to attend a new marriage support group beginning Friday, August 16. Jamie DeLorme will host discussion sparked by the book "Love and Respect." The group is planning to meet every other Friday for 10 sessions from 7:00–8:30. There is room for nine couples; please email Jamie at jamieoftheelm@gmail.com if you are interested.

NEAR FOOD SHELF

King of Grace supports the local NEAR food shelf. At this time of year they are particularly in need of school supplies, which can be donated by leaving them on the shelf in the hallway at church.

COORDINATOR OF CLIENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

NEAR Food Shelf would also like to hire a coordinator of clients and volunteers. Information is posted on the donation shelf in the hallway.

CHURCH SECRETARY

King of Grace would like to hire a church secretary to work weekday afternoons during the school year. Please speak to a pastor if you are interested.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Wanda Warnke with prayer requests at (612) 529-1497.

Calendar

Monday	11:00 am	Chan Handberg funeral
	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 pm	Bible Translation presentation
Saturday	8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	8:15 am	Communion Service
	10:00 am	Communion Service
	1:00 pm	Wise Penny volunteering

Preacher..... Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad | **Liturgist**..... Rev. Erv Ekhoﬀ
OrganistKaren Merseth | **Pianist (Monday)**..... Lynn Handberg

Counters Today Deb Anderson, Jerry & Beth Hoem
Counters Next Sunday Brian & Jennifer Pederson, Claire Joubert
Usher Captains Today.....John Vomhof, John Woodington
Usher Captains Next Sunday..... Tom Studanski, Curtis Merchant
Video Team TodayBen Oppitz
Video Team Next SundayGerry Reason
July Altar Guild..... Patty McDowell, Carolyn Kopacek

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by the Norm & Liz Werner on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Attendance Last Week: 344 worshiped on Sunday and 37 worshiped on Monday.

Offerings Last Week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,869	Average Needed Year to Date: \$50,607
Received Last Week: \$11,762	Received Year to Date: \$49,940