

# We Grow ... We Go ... We Gather

## 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

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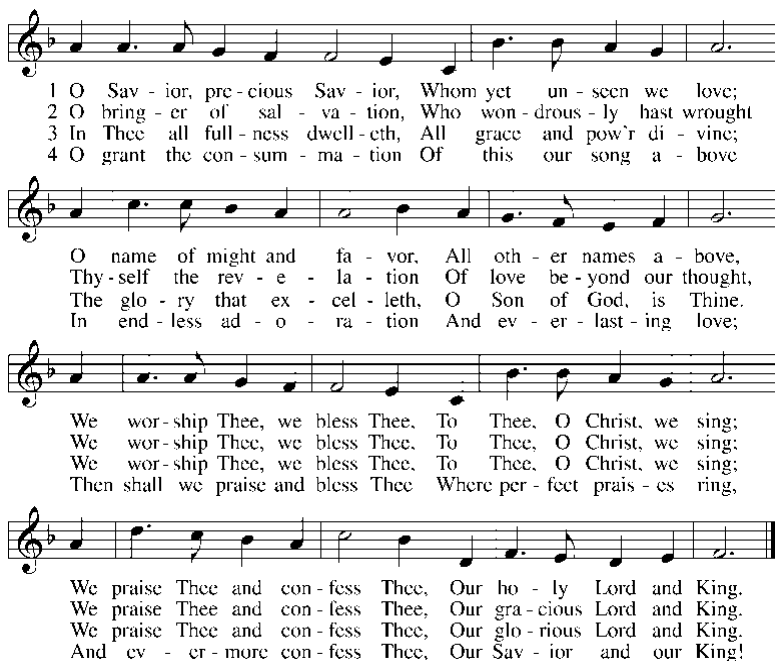
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Responsive Prayer 2 (p. 285ff)

Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 527 "O Savior, Precious Savior"



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - cth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove

O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;

We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee. To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee. To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee. To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,

We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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The Opening Versicles

- L O Lord, open my lips,  
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**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.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 3 (*All are invited to speak this psalm.*)

- <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.
- <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O  
LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the  
lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- <sup>7</sup>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.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 18:20–33

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>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.”<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?<sup>24</sup> 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?<sup>25</sup> 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?”<sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.<sup>28</sup> 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.”<sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”<sup>30</sup> 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.”<sup>31</sup> 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.”<sup>32</sup> 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.”<sup>33</sup> And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## **The Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6–19**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God!

### A Hymn: LSB 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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### The Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Now 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." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is  
indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>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’? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>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!”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon Hymn:** LSB 766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Verses 1-5)



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -  
5 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And let us all be

live in love As mem-bers of one fam - i - ly And  
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -  
 clothed and fed. Save us from hard-ship, war, and strife; In

pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to  
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and cv - 'ry  
 plague and fam - ine, spare our life, That we in hon - est peace may

say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.  
 live, To care and greed no en - trance give.

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## A Sermon

### A Hymn: LSB 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" (Verses 6–9)

6 For - give our sins, Lord, we im - plore, That they may trou - ble  
 7 Lead not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, Where our grim foe and  
 8 From e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us; The times and days are  
 9 A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in

us no more; We, too, will glad - ly those for - give Who  
 all his horde Would vex our souls on ev - 'ry hand. Help  
 per - il - ous. Re - deem us from e - ter - nal death, And,  
 You, that we May doubt not but with trust be - lieve That

hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our com - mu - ni -  
 us re - sist, help us to stand Firm in the faith, a might - y  
 when we yield our dy - ing breath, Con - sole us, grant us calm re -  
 what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in Your name and at Your



ty To serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.  
 host, Through com - fort of the Ho - ly Ghost.  
 lease, And take our souls to You in peace.  
 Word We say, "A - men, O hear us, Lord!"

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## The Offering

### The Litany

- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Christ,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Christ,
- C **hear us.**
- L God the Father in heaven,
- C **have mercy.**
- L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C **have mercy.**
- L God the Holy Spirit,
- C **have mercy.**
- L Be gracious to us.
- C **Spare us, good Lord.**
- L Be gracious to us.
- C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L We poor sinners implore You

C **to hear us, O Lord.**

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

L O Christ,

C **hear us.**

L O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

L O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

L O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

L We are bold to pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord, Jesus Christ:

- 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.**

### The Benedicamus

- L Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### The Blessing

- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and  
bring us to everlasting life.  
C **Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn: LSB 809, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;  
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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### Events of the Week: July 24-31, 2022

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Pastor is on vacation until July 26</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship service

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: July 17, 2022**

### Announcements

**Nursery Available:** Parents, we have a nursery that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers

located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

**Pastor Schaeffer will return to his study on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.** No one is answering the phone, nor checking phone messages or emails. If you experience an emergency that requires the services of a pastor, please contact one of the deacons and/or call: Immanuel Lutheran Church as ask for one of the pastors.

- Craig Popma (531-6481)
- Bryan Ensing (447-8305)
- Jerry Talen (784-5488)
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**St. James Lutheran Church Presents: A Back  
to School Block Party**



*Hit the Ground Running,  
But Don't Fall*

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us!" Hebrews 12:166*

August 18 is coming soon! We hope you will join in the fun as we welcome children to a new school year. This free outdoor event will be held from 6-8 pm and will feature: hot dogs, an ice cream truck, an obstacle course, games, crafts, songs and a devotion about perseverance! Our ISJ family, the Creston community,

and the kids you love are invited to attend. Pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Thank you volunteers for your willingness and passion to serve our community! It is not too late to sign up on the volunteer list outside the church office!

You can also support this outreach event by

- donating a backpack for a child who does not have one
- making a donation to help offset the costs of supplies and equipment

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears, or Sandra Schaeffer.

**August Newsletter material:** If you would like to submit something for the August newsletter, please email it to the office email address by Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **Those who serve Today:**

**Deacons:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Jim Spears, Bryan Ensing

**Organist:** Nancy Spears

**Video/Sound/Recording:** John and Marjie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

**July Altar Guild:** Phyllis Schultz