



**The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons**  
Seasons of Seeking God's Will

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**As We Gather**—The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer is "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Lent is a time of reflection and a time of self-denial, which makes focusing on God's will important. In a world and culture of "my will be done," the Lord teaches us again "Thy will be done." We see God's clear will for our earthly and eternal lives in light of Jesus, who continues His journey to the cross for the sins of the world.

**Image:** "He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." *Luke 22:41-44*

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**Mission Statement**

**United in Christ through Word and Sacrament to proclaim Christ to a waiting world.**

**WELCOME!**

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are asked to sign the guest book at the entrance of the church and are always welcome in our midst.

**Order of Worship**—(as printed in the bulletin)  
**-Ring of the Bell (Chimes)**

**OPENING HYMN**—"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (Sts. 1-4: *LSB* 610)

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING VERSES** *Portions of Psalm 136, adapted*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: To Him who alone does great wonders; who by His understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights—the sun to govern the day, the moon and the stars to govern the night: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your love indeed endures forever. Yet so often we focus not on Your love, but on ourselves and the temporal things of this world. Open our eyes that we may confidently pray,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Pastor: Lord of life and love, we come to You with humble hearts, broken hearts, and sinful hearts. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved others as ourselves. With repentant hearts, help us put aside our wills and ways that we may turn to You in faith, praying,

**People: Thy will be done.**

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: God's will has been done. Almighty God in His mercy 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*-Sharing of the Peace— (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]*

**HYMN**—"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (St. 5: LSB 610)

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, think on us as we gather in Your name and throughout this season of Lent. May You draw us ever closer to You in faith that throughout these forty days and throughout our lives, we may be brought before the cross of Christ in which we glory. Help us to know Your will through Your Word of truth, and by the work of the Holy Spirit rejoice in Your will, now and eternally. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**People: Amen.**

### ☩ WORD ☩

**FIRST READING**—*John 6:38–40* (Jesus came to do His Father's will.)

<sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**—*Luke 22:39–44* (The night He was betrayed, Jesus prayed earnestly.)

<sup>39</sup>And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup>And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup>And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CREED**—*Apostles' Creed (as found on the very back page of your hymnal)*

**SERMON HYMN**—"The Will of God Is Always Best" (LSB 758)

**SERMON**—"Seasons of Seeking God's Will" (*Third Petition*)

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY HYMN**“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Sts. 1, 4: LSB 766)

## PRAYERS

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, we now pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. As our Savior proclaimed He came to do the will of the One who sent Him, and as He sweat blood in prayer to be the servant of His Father all the way to the cross for the sins of the world, may we in this Lenten season and every season give thanks for the sacrifice given for us on the cross, that with Jesus as our mediator we can confidently pray,

**People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, we lift up all of those who are in need spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Give them strength and peace in times of affliction, and as we pray for healing, we pray,

**People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, we give thanks that Your will was accomplished by Jesus in our stead, and that by His stripes we are healed. Continue to bless us with Your Spirit that the faith You give may be nurtured, grown, lived, and shared as lights in this dark world. As we grow in Your Word and live as Your witnesses of life and truth, bless our work and our labors as we know they are never in vain.

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **CATECHISM REFLECTION** *Luther’s Small Catechism*

*Pastor: We pray in the Lord’s Prayer, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” What does this mean?*

**People: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*Pastor: How is God’s will done?*

**People: God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

Pastor: We pray this petition, and all petitions, in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

**LORD’S PRAYER**—(*as found on the very back page of your hymnal*)

## **BENEDICTION**

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**—“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (*LSB 919*)

*At this time we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus’ passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.*

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY**—

Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Calvary starting at 7:15pm with Soup Suppers from 5:30-7pm and on Thursdays at CELC at 7pm)...

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday Feb. 14th and continues through to Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>—

**The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons (during our Lenten Midweek services)...**

1. Lenten Midweek 5: Seasons of Thanks for Simple Things, *Fourth Petition*  
-Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
2. Lenten Midweek 6: Seasons for Standing Up to Evil, *Sixth and Seventh Petitions*  
-Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm