



The Lord's Prayer

Deliver
Us
From
Evil

Matthew 6:13, Luke 11:4

March 25, 2026

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Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book in the Narthex.

The Order of Vespers

March 25, 2026

(Please rise)

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.

C 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our
salvation.

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM

Psalm 118

(Spoken responsively)

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

C Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

P Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

C Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

P Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.

C The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

P The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

C It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

P It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

C **All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

P They surrounded me, surrounded me on every
side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

C **They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

P I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

C **The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

P Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

C the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

P I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

P Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

C This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

P I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD’s doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the
LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

C You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

(Please be seated)

+ READINGS +

READING

Proverbs 4:10–27

L A reading from Proverbs, chapter 4.

¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.

¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

¹²When you walk, your step will not be
hampered,

and if you run, you will not stumble.

¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.

¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have
done wrong;

they are robbed of sleep unless they have
made someone stumble.

¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness

and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;

they do not know over what they stumble.

²⁰My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.

²²For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.

²³Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

²⁴Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.

²⁵Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you.

²⁶Ponder the path of your feet;
then all your ways will be sure.

²⁷Do not swerve to the right or to the left;
turn your foot away from evil.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Hebrews 10:5–10

L A reading from Hebrews, chapter 10.

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through

the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

READING

Matthew 6:1–13

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 6.

Giving to the Needy

¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Lord's Prayer

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,
¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (LENT)

LSB 231

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

421 JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING

(Stanza 5)

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

SERMON

. . . *Pastor Karl*

+ CANTICLE +

(Please rise)

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the
evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT

LSB 248

Refrain



C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -

joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the

Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For _____ He has re - garded

2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,

3 He has shown strength with His arm;

4 He has filled the hungry with good things,

5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.

2 and holy is His name;

3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

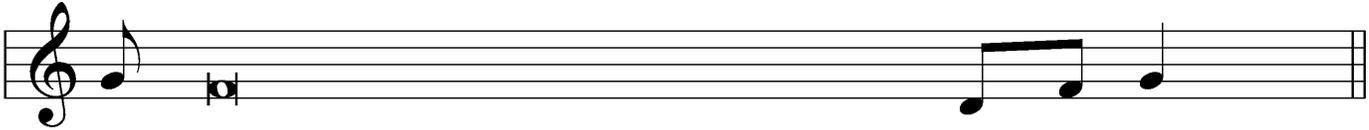
1 For be - hold, from this day

2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him

3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones

4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy

5 as it was in the be - ginning,



- 1 all generations will call me blessed.
- 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
- 3 and has exalt - - ed the lowly.
- 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
- 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

(Please rise)

KYRIE

LSB 233

- ☐ Lord, have mercy;**
- Christ, have mercy;**
- Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us,

Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 234

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

440 JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

- 1** Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.
- 2** Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3** Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin

Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,

Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Grage

Reader: Holly Bell



Palm Sunday Service

March 29th at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday Service

April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Services

April 5th

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt