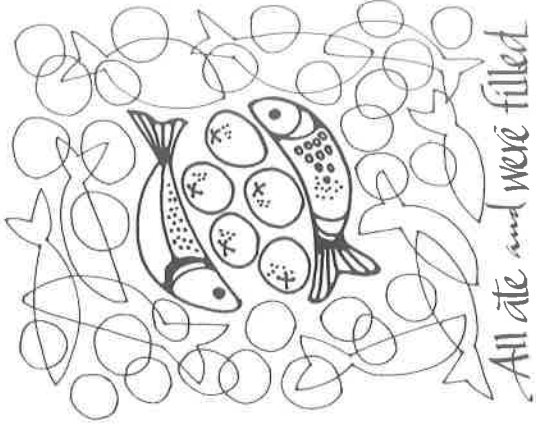


1. Oh, give thanks to the
LORD, for He is good! For
His mercy endures forever

Psalm 136:1 (NKJV)

WE ARE MORE
THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM
WHO LOVED US.

ROMANS 8:37



Prayer on entering the Lutheran Church of the Cross
Our Father, help us to be silent; Help us to be thoughtful of You
and other worshippers; Help us to be reverent; for this is Your
House. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

Lutheran Church of the Cross

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Service of Word and Sacrament
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2nd, 2020

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A SPECIAL WELCOME!

We welcome you our friends in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ to **Lutheran Church of the Cross** where God's name is honored, God's word is heard, and God's presence made real and the Cross of Christ lifted high. Here may the sorrowing find comfort; the weary find rest; sinners find forgiveness; the troubled experience peace; the stranger needed friends; and to all people: God's abiding love.

Let's enter our worship in Silent Prayer

Opening Thoughts

God's love and devotion for his people are seen clearly in the scripture lessons for this Sunday: invitations to banquets, covenant promises, a passionate reminder that it is God who calls and adopts. Jesus provides a meal made from meager provisions that overflows into abundance, pointing to God's incredible care for the hungry. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we get to eat, drink, and be renewed again.

Our Service starts on page 21 of the Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, with the brief order of

Confession and Forgiveness.

Opening Words

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Hymn 247

Come, Thou Almighty King

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SALUTATION page 24

About 10 years ago, money was raised to drill a well for everyone on the KOCCM property. When the foreman and his crew brought all of the big, heavy equipment, they drilled and drilled to no avail. As the foreman was about to call it quits, the women of the village were nearby praying. They begged for him not to stop. They were so convincing that the foreman started his machinery up again with the caveat, "I have been doing this work for 25 years and I can tell you for certain: there is NO water here!" The women continued to pray, confident that God would provide this much needed spring of life. As the process commenced, it wasn't long that water began to gush up to the surface! What a joyous day that was! God came through for his people again and everyone, no matter their religion or lack thereof, is invited to come and draw water from the well in Kanyenyeva!

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Even the saints of old understood the kind of worship that expected blessings from God. It may not have seemed like they understood anything but a quid pro quo religion. Yet the patriarchs and prophets did know about the coming Messiah and that he would take away the sins of the world. Isaiah 53:3-7 is a good example of this ancient knowledge. Though they made offerings as prescribed by the law, they knew that these offerings in themselves were insufficient payment for their sin debt. They understood that God's mercy was his motivation for his forgiveness of their sins. So we see that the saints in the Old Testament, like those in the New Testament, had faith in God's merciful forgiveness. They trusted in his promise because he gave his word.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

- Isaiah 55:1 -

At the orphan care project in Malawi, Africa, where I have spent many weeks over the course of several journeys, there is a miracle of a well off to the side of the primitive community hall. The small village where the kids come to eat and learn about Christ has a plot of land which is called “Kanyenyeva Orphan Care Ministry.” There are no signs to help one find it, yet every single person in the village knows exactly where it is and what goes on there. It is the site of a well that anyone can come to in order to fill up their buckets and pans. The water is clean and cold and refreshing. It’s also free and available for all who thirst.

Before there was a well in Kanyenyeva, there was large muddy water hole with an opening that led down a steep hill right into murky, fly infested, stagnant water. The elephants drink from there when they come down from the hills. The dogs and other animals that wander by take a drink from this dirty water. They also do their “business” near or in the water. This used to be the only source of water for miles that was available to those who were not Muslims. The Muslims in the village have a nice well. It pumps clean, clear water, but if you are not a Muslim, you are not permitted to draw water from the well, no matter how parched you might be. I’m not sure how that is enforced but somehow it is.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The Lord be with you. C. And also with you. A Let us pray. . C. Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The FIRST LESSON is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Come to the Waters

God invites Israel to a grand banquet at which all will eat at no cost, promising an everlasting covenant with the entire nation that includes promises previously extended only to kings and their descendants. In response, Israel shall serve as a witness to all nations concerning the glory of God.

Isaiah 55:1-5 (NKJV)

- 1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for *what is not bread*, And your wages for *what does not satisfy*? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is good*, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David.
- 4 Indeed I have given him *as a witness to the people*, A leader and commander for the people.

5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

Here ends the reading" C Thanks be to God

PSALMODY

Psalm 136:1-9

God's Love Endures Forever

The psalmist thanks God for his steadfast love by enumerating myriad ways in which God has displayed his love for his people over time, concluding that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-9 (NKGJV)

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy endures forever.

2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;

6 To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever;

7 To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever--

8 The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever;

9 The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.

People come and go in congregations; too often we never really know why. Yet this does not mean that "the word of God has failed." There are those whom we may never have considered were worthy of the gospel, whom the Spirit of God nevertheless calls. May we suffer faithfully for those Christ elects.

Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

"They all ate and were satisfied." In other words, their bellies were full. Jesus would satisfy still more, for there was an abundance left over. The crowd of thousands paid nothing for their filling. Jesus is compassionate, giving food to all (Psa 136:25), but he would satisfy a deeper hunger. The very Bread of Life stood before them but were they satisfied with him? Evidently not, for Jesus says, "you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves" (John 6:26). Are we satisfied with the Bread of Life? May we "come, buy, and eat...without money and without price" (Isa 55:1)..

Thoughts on the Readings

The Common Thread

God makes an everlasting covenant, not simply with David but, with all whom he represents. When he says that he will make a covenant with “you” in Isaiah 55:3, “you” is plural. This everlasting covenant, in Pauline terms, is with the Israel of God (Gal 6:16). That is how his steadfast love endures forever: it extends to all of the elect, the children of Abraham. He feeds all who follow him from the bounty of his steadfast love.

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-5

This sounds like the American dream come true: buy without spending a penny. The prophet takes matters a step further, suggesting that we spend for what does not satisfy when we could have what does satisfy and spending nothing. Of course, only what God offers truly satisfies, and this costs nothing. He provides freely to those who will incline their ears. Hearing here, means obeying too. This means both to hear and obey, to hearken. Only through obedient listening to God does a soul find life (Rom 10:17)..

Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26

God’s love is unwavering. The love of the One who made order from chaos and lights in a dark expanse will outlast creation. The love of God extends beyond his chosen people to all creation. He gives food to all because his love of his creation persists—forever.

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5, 6-13

Here is the picture of a faithful pastor—one who is anguish over the souls of people. Imagine wishing yourself severed from Christ, if only it meant those under your care were saved. This is the all-to-real real anguish of every pastor.

The SECOND LESSON

is from the 9th Chapter of Romans

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-13

God Calls His Chosen

Paul tackles the issue of Israel’s place in God’s saving plan, focusing on their identity as God’s chosen covenantal people. He declares that they are recipients of adoption, the Torah, the promises and legacy of the patriarchs, as well as the Messiah through which God is redeeming creation. The word of hope for Israel, and for all who believe, is that it is not up to us to deserve the call; God calls those whom he chooses simply because it is his choice.

Romans 9:1-13 (NKJV)

- 1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,
- 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.
- 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,
- 4 who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, and the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of *God*, and the promises;
- 5 of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.
- 6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel,
- 7 nor *are* they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called.*"
- 8 That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are

counted as the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

10 And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac

11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),

12 it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger."

13 As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

Here ends the reading" C Thanks be to God

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The GOSPEL LESSON

is from 14th Chapter of St. Matthew

Glorv be to You. O Lord.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14: 13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

Jesus feeds five thousand followers using five loaves of bread and two fish and ends with an abundance of leftovers. The miracle serves as both a witness to Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of God, and as a foreshadowing of the Last Supper

Matthew 14:13-21 (NKJV)

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and

Remember to Pray for our Leaders:

Bishop and Mrs. Dan Selbo - NALC

President & Mrs. Donald Trump

Governor & Mrs. Tom Wolf

Remember to Pray for these Special Needs:

All the Service men and women and those in HARM'S

WAY: Sgt. Andreas Wagner, Pvt. Derek Stevens

Physical Needs:

Our Police Forces, Bob Lyle and his wife, Mrs. Nancy

Forsythe, Pastor Forsythe, Mertella Smith, Gene and Patricia,

Tom Matczak, Lou Micheltree, Frank Williams, Elaine

Beller, All the sick, Mabel Emerson, Joan McDougal, Joey

Ketner, Rodney, and Ricky Smith, Clifford Short, Ryan

Bogaczyk, Larry Moran, Robert Gaylord, Jonathan P.

Matczak, Dwayne Goodwin, Ruth Anne Machmer, Jeff

Garges, Brandon Garges, Dylan, Ryan, & Madison Earl,

Jesse, Victims of disasters, Gibson, Those in Nursing Homes,

Our Children, Teens, and youth program

A Prayer for Each day of the coming week.

God of abundance, at your table you gather us with all your saints for a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that we will all share when Jesus returns. Send us forth, fed and nourished, ready to serve all in need and invite others to the feast that is you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LIST FOR THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE: We need to know of those in need of PRAYER! Ask the person if they would like their name on our LIST!

Our Sister Churches:

Hope Lutheran Church Smethport Pastor: Need a Pastor

WESTERN MISSION DISTRICT CHURCHES

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montoursville

Pastor: Rev. David B. Letscher

Canby Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg

Pastor: Rev. Stan Bower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, State College

Pastor: Rev. Logan Wilmoth

St Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg

Pastor: Rev. Kerry Maurer

St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill

Pastor: Rev. Steve Shipman

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millersburg

Pastor: Rev. Mark

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys

Pastor: Rev. Lawerance Cummings

St. Jacob Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glen Rock

Pastor: Rev. Paula L. Murray

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elizabethville

Pastor: Rev. Nathan C. Minnich

Plus Ours: Lutheran Church of the Cross

Pastor: Rev. Raymond D. Forsythe

He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the LORD

C. Praise be to You, O Lord

The SERMON Pastor Forsythe

"TO BELIEVE OR REALLY BELIEVE WITH

THE PROOF OF BEING A CHRISTIAN"

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Sermon Notes:

**Many are going to HELL, and do you know WHY?
and BUTT!**

**It is because they have no time for God.
It is because other ideas are more important.**

It is because they are listening to the wrong teachings.

**It is because they are trying to destroy the Christian way
of life.**

It is because they what their own way.

It is because they were not interested in spiritual things.

**IT IS BECAUSE THEY CHOOSE THE WRONG
PATH IN LIFE. THERE IS ONE WAY, AND
ONLY ONE WAY TO A CHRISTIAN LIFE
WITH GOD THE FATHER AS OUR GOD AND
JESUS CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR,
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OUR
COMFORTER, THREE PERSONS IN ONE
BEING, FOR THE GOD HEAD IS ONE**

**And it is because of lots of other reasons that are nothing
but weak excuses. How SAD!**

**Why is it so hard for us to focus our lives on holiness and
the holy lives God desires us to live.**

**The Cost is \$5.00 Per Week Please give to the Pastor
Forsythe. Checks made out to Lutheran Church of the Cross.**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School After Service

PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at the Garges' at 6:00 PM

Card and Flower Ministry

**Contact Nancy Forsythe at 659-0241 if you know of someone
who is in the hospital or is sick. We need to start a flower
fund so we have funds to purchase flowers for those who are
sick.**

Our Prayer Chain

**If you have a prayer request please call the following numbers
and give your prayer request. Be brief and to the point Call
659-0241. If you want to be on our Prayer Chain tell
Nancy Forsythe.**

**We are: Christ-Center Mission-Driven /
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Last Week's Record 7/26/2020

A. Attendance 9 B. Offering - \$126.00

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DISTRIBUTION

All those who are baptized are welcome to join us to receive the precious gifts of forgiveness and community as the Lord comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Children not yet communing may come forward and receive a blessing from the Pastor Forsythe.

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CLOSING HYMN # 233

Take My Life and Let It Be

NOTICES OF EVENTS

For August 2, 2020

We are meeting at 717 Lambs Creek Road, in Mansfield.

The Bulletins are sponsored by the ? . Sponsors are needed. You may sponsor one or more weeks at a time.

WHAT A GOOD IDEA

DO WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST?

Consider baking the bread for communion for a change. A change from wafers once in a while can be a reminder of the importance of the Sacrament. You can find a whole wheat recipe on Sola's worship resource site. This is a great activity to do with young people as well - use it to teach them about the Last Supper.

Jesus gives us our "daily bread" and supplies all our spiritual needs as well. Who around you is in need of food? Who is in need of spiritual sustenance?

FIRST

Isaiah 55:1-5

Come to the Waters

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

In response, Israel shall serve as a witness to all nations concerning the glory of God.

SECOND

Psalm 136:1-9

God's Love Endures Forever

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

HOW MANY TIMES DOES THE WORD ENDURES APPEAR?

HOW MANY TIMES DOES THE WORD MERCY
APPEAR?

HOW MANY TIMES DOES THE WORD FOREVER
APPEAR?

BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE IT IS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE
FOR ALL WHO COME!

What more can I say than the truth we have before
us in the following so the Lord surrounds his people
from this time forth and forevermore.

THIRD

Romans 9:1-13
God Calls His Chosen

The promises and legacy of the patriarchs, as well as the
Messiah through which God is redeeming creation. The
word of hope for Israel, and for all who believe, is that it
is not up to us to deserve the call; God calls those whom
he chooses simply because it is his choice.

ALL WHO COME WILL BE INCLUDED.
THAT MEANS ALL

FOURTH

Matthew 14: 13-21
Feeding the Five Thousand

*congress, the supreme court justices, all governors, state
legislators, mayors and councils.* Guide and direct them to
know and do your will. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A For the persecuted Church: that remembering the eternal
house of God not made with hands, they may persuade others
with their reverent fear of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy.
C hear our prayer.

A Hear the cry of the righteous and save all whose spirits
are crushed. Grant them healing and wholeness in Jesus name.
**We especially pray for those we name before you, aloud or
in our hearts...(pause) Lord, in your mercy.**
C hear our prayer.

A For all those who have died in the promise and power of
the of resurrection, that held in your eternal keeping they may
come with us to that new day when you work within us all far
more abundantly than all that we ask or think, and to you be
all glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations
forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P. Merciful Father, guided by your Holy Spirit, we are
confident that you know our needs and that you hear our
prayers and so we place all for whom we pray into your
loving care for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

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P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 85
Break Thou the Bread of Life

peaceably with one another. Especially President Donald Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence and Governor Tom Wolf, that they seek your will when making decisions for the welfare of their people. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

A. We give thanks to You, O Lord, for Bishop Dan Selbo, Pastor Forsythe, former Bishops Paull Spring and John Bradosky, ministers and lay leaders who preach the Word of God, that they may testify to all people of repentance toward God and faith in our risen Lord Jesus Christ: and that meditating on Your precepts and fixing their eyes on Your ways, they may declare all the just decrees of Your mouth. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

A Let the cross of Christ be our source of hope and power in this congregation. May we never be ashamed of the foolishness of Christ crucified, but may we boldly proclaim the cross as your wisdom and righteousness, that many will experience its life-giving power. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Fill us with your Spirit, so that we desire to walk as children of light who try to discern what is pleasing to you. Give us your wisdom, so that we take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them so that the truth is made known. Help us to make the best use of our time, realizing the days are evil and time is of the essence to proclaim Christ as Lord to the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of power and might, you alone are the true ruler of the world. All authority comes from you. Bless the leaders of the nations, that they may know the truth and lead their people according to it. We pray for our own nation – *the members of*

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

JUST BECAUSE WE ARE SMALL DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T DO!

How important is HEAVEN to You? How about a taste of HEAVEN here on earth while we are waited for our eternal HOME IN HEAVEN/ Is it worth giving your all and or all you have to God's control to be part of His kingdom? How big is your desire for HEAVEN.

**Will you be part of God's HOLY FAMILY?
WILL YOU SEEK TO BE HOLY DAILY?**

It starts here!

The 3 Words that lead to SALVATION.

Confess

Believe

Ask

We need to remember each day HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO REPENT OF ANY SIN. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ONCE WE HAVE CONFESED A SIN WITH AN HONEST HEART, THEY ARE FORGIVEN FOR ALL TIME, AND WE NEVER HAVE TO ASK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS AGAIN. It is also important to learn

what salvation really is and what happens when we accept it.

Requests for LOVE and OBEDIENCE

Jesus indicates to the disciples that to love him with the fullness of their hearts means they will keep his commandments.

OBEDIENCE IS THE ONLY WAY

Believers Must Die to Sin, and Live to God

This shows us the necessity of holiness.

THE TRUE WAY REQUIRES ACTION

“Great Faith leads to results”

Repentance is key to THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

The importance of pleading the BLOOD of Christ!!

“God’s Word to us today!”

SERMON HYMN No. 265

I Love To Tell the Story

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. C. God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare for your Son's advent into our hearts. Amen.

Right before the Prayers of the Church

HYMN # 21

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L. In trust let us pray to God our Father, Jesus the Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit for the needs of the our neighbors near and far. a brief silence.

L. Almighty God our heavenly Father, we thank you this day for the hope of life we have through your Son Jesus, the Living Word. Help us to know like the Apostle Peter that there is nowhere else to go, because Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. Empower us to tell others, so that they might know him as well. Lord, in your mercy. C **hear our prayer.**

A. Father, may all of us of the Lutheran Church of the Cross be Your influence of the love You want us to share with others of the gift of salvation for all people. Help us to be the Scriptural Church that draws others. Bless also our sister congregations: **Hope Lutheran Church** - need a Pastor, and the **Bethany Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **Canby Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** & Pastor: , **St Luke Lutheran Church**, & Pastor **St. Timothy Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **St. Paul Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **St. Jacob Lutheran Church** & Pastor, **Salem Lutheran Church** & Pastor, the **NALC Church Body**, and all **NALC Churches** and **Scriptural teaching churches**, and for missionaries throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy: C **Hear our prayer.**

A. Father, as we pray for our leaders of our nation, strengthen the wills of all who take counsel for the nations. Teach them to use wisely and well the authority and power entrusted to them, so that all people may prosper and live