

# **Stronger Together- Cultivating Faith**

## **“Pray Without Ceasing”**

November 15, 2020

8:30 a.m.

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN**

“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”

LSB 779 vs. 1-4

**Come, my soul, with ev’ry care  
Jesus loves to answer prayer  
He Himself has bid thee pray  
Therefore will not turn away.**

**Thou art coming to a King  
Large petitions with thee bring  
For His grace and pow’r are such  
None can ever ask too much.**

**With my burden I begin  
Lord, remove this load of sin  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt  
Set my conscience free from guilt.**

**Lord, Thy rest to me impart  
Take possession of my heart  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
And without a rival reign.**

### **OPENING LITANY** (from Isaiah 61)

**Pastor:** The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,  
for the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

**People:** He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
and to proclaim that captives will be released  
and prisoners will be freed.

Pastor: He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that the time of the LORD's favor has come,  
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

**People: To all who mourn in Israel,  
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,**

Pastor: a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
festive praise instead of despair.

**People: In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks  
that the LORD has planted for his own glory.  
The LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor!**

**SONG OF PRAISE** "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

**Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 66:19

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**EPISTLE LESSON** I Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our

Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 6:5-15

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup> But 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.

<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**HYMN FOR THE DAY** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there**

**THE MESSAGE**                      *“Pray Without Ceasing”*                      Pastor Marty Hufford

**SONG FOR PRAYER** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Lord, listen to Your children praying  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to Your children praying  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

**OUR CONFESSION & GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor:**                      Friends in Christ, as we prepare to come before the Lord in prayer we humble ourselves, seeking God’s mercy and forgiveness for all of our sins.

**People:**                      **Lord, as I approach Your throne, I am especially aware of my unworthiness. I pray that You would look on me with mercy, not because of any worthiness of my own, but for the sake of Your own life, death, and resurrection.**

**By the power of Your holy name, forgive my sins. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew my life, and lead me into paths of service. For Your Name's sake, Amen.**

Pastor: In the heart of our good and gracious King is steadfast love and compassion. Christ knows your needs. He loves you and forgives you. He gave His very life for you. Now praise Him, serve Him, love and obey Him. We join in prayer-

## ***PRAYERS***

### ***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.**

## ***PREFACE***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy Father, it is truly right for us to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places. We praise you especially for your son Jesus, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens, sits at your right hand, and poured out the Holy Spirit on his church. And so, with the church on earth and all the voices of heaven, we praise your name and join together to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
And we lift our hearts before You  
as a token of our love,  
Holy, holy, holy, holy**

### ***WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

Pastor: The Lord's peace always be with you.

People: **Amen.**

We believe and teach that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these gifts the forgiveness of our sins is communicated and our faith is strengthened. If this is your faith as a baptized Christian, please join us.

### ***THE LORD'S SUPPER***

### ***BENEDICTION***

**While I am a pilgrim here  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer  
As my guide, my guard, my friend  
Lead me to my journey's end.**

**Show me what is mine to do  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith  
Let me die Thy people's death.**

***OFFERING OF GOD'S GIFTS BACK TO GOD***

Our building is closed but the Lord's ministries continue!  
At this time, offerings may be mailed to the church:  
Address: 21W500 Butterfield Rd. Lombard, IL. 60148.

We also have the option to accept *online* offerings. A link to submit an offering online may be found in the weekly e-newsletter, or on our website: [www.peacehome.org](http://www.peacehome.org). Thank you for your faithful support!

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## Public Prayer Page – 11/15/2020

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: Prayer Ministers are available on an individual basis in the front of the Sanctuary after each Sunday service. During the week, you may contact the Church Office to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via email at [prayerchain@peacehome.org](mailto:prayerchain@peacehome.org) which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

### Thanksgiving

...for **all the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces**, risking life and limb to safeguard the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and protecting the citizens of our land  
...for **Pastor Marty** as we celebrate his 25 years in ministry  
...for **Irene W.** who has completed breast cancer treatment  
...that **Anthony and Kristen M.** were kept safe through hurricane Eta in Honduras

### Healing & Care

...for **Virginia M.** (mother of Ginny M.) who is experiencing health issues  
...for **Judy** (mother of Nick P.) undergoing 6 months of chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer  
...for **Robert P.** (son of Shirley P.) diagnosed with kidney cancer and awaiting a new date for surgery  
...for **Mike S.** (uncle of Kristin H.) recovering from an esophagectomy  
...for **Mary** (mother of Donna N.) suffering from worsening dementia and for strength for Donna's father **Tom** as he cares for Mary at home  
...for **Mitch K.** (20-year-old great-nephew of Sharon Z.) who has been diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and will have chemo treatments through July  
...for **Kerby K.** recovering from surgery  
...for **Mark S.** undergoing treatment for a recurrence of lung cancer  
...for **Amy H.** (wife of Marty) recovering from breast cancer surgery  
...for **Gloria F.** (mother of Jamie F.) recovering from surgery after a fall and broken back  
...for **Mary Anne N.** on hospice care

### God's Comfort

...for the **family of Andy P.** (husband of Kim P.) who passed away on October 30  
...for the **family of Greg D.** (friend of Pedro M.) who passed away on October 31

### Nation and World

...for an end to the pandemic, recovery from natural disasters, peace from human violence, wisdom for our leaders, economic recovery, hope and strength for all