

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.

Sending Song *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW #789

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
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We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Blessing

May the goodness and mercy of the Lord, our Good shepherd, follow you
all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Shepherd Me O God

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God leads us.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:3

Welcome to Worship

Gathering Songs see insert

O Servants of God

Your Canopy of Vigil Lights, verses 1 and 3

Candle Lighting Litany

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine the light of your word and your way upon us so that we may see:

In the midst of suffering, pain and sorrow and in all of our joys and in gladness,

God is with us.

Despite our insatiable desires and our fear of scarcity,

God is a shepherd who provides.

When we feel lost, lonely or have lost our way,

God leads and guides us

Even when we feel ashamed or unworthy or somehow “less than,” God not only makes room for us, but

God gives us a place of honor

We seek God only to discover that we can trust God’s promises because:

God pursues us with grace;

God provides for us, leads us, and honors us because

God loves us

We respond with faith. As we light a candle this night, we bring to you all of our cares and concerns for ourselves, our community and the world. We pray especially for...

You are invited to light a candle in the window as you sing and pray. Please maintain space between each other - there is plenty of time for candle lighting..

Prayer Refrain *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* ELW #751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Prayer

Let us pray together: Loving God,

at times we seek to follow our own way even if it isn’t the most healthy for ourselves or our communities. Lead us in this time where leadership seems absent. Guide us in paths of wholeness for all of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

John 8:12 (NRSV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Psalms 23 (NRSV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Homily “The Lord Leads and Guides Us” **Intern Pastor Raul Garcia**

The 23rd Psalm in Song The Lord’s My Shepherd ELW #778

The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake; within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be; and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Faith Practice: Baptism as Spiritual Practice

God made promises to you in baptism that you are now God’s child, a brother or sister to Christ Jesus and an heir with Christ to eternal life.

This week, as you wash your face, make a cross on your forehead and say your name and say, “You are God’s beloved child. You belong to Christ in whom you are baptized.