

Student Message - The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *by Aayden Lodermeier*

Student Questions: Tell of a time you had to forgive somebody. What did they do to you? How did it feel? How long did it take you to forgive them? How were you able to find the grace to forgive?

Teaching: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Song of the Day and Offering:

Offerings will be collected during the song of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>.

“This Little Light Of Mine” ELW #677

Vs 1: This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs 2: Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs 3: Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks” W&P 41 (ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer:

L: God of grace,

C: Your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *by Clara Mandelkow (call and response)*

L: Let us Pray....

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace: **P:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C:** And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

The Words of Institution

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.

The Meal & Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Borning Cry” ELW #732

Vs 1: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

Vs 2: When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

Vs 3: In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

Vs 4: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Post Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together,

C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Blessing:

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: *“Go My Children With My Blessing”* ELW #543

Vs 1: Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone; Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, My children with My blessing, you are My own.

Vs 2: Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story, Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure.

Vs 3: Go, My children, fed & nourished, closer to Me; Grow in love & love by serving, joyful & free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed & nourished, joyful & free.

Sending: **P:** Go in peace. Live in hope. **C:** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to the Lodermeier family for ushering this evening.

Car Conversations: On the way home, consider asking each other, “What’s one new thing I learned tonight?”
“What’s one thing that was challenging?”

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together: **SHARE** your highs and lows for the week. **READ** the piece of scripture from our Wednesday night service. **TALK** about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. **PRAY** for each other incorporating your highs and lows. **BLESS** each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.



Mid-Week Edu-Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
6:45PM • January 8, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting: *(stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words & the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “*Shall We Gather At The River*” ELW #423

**Verse 1: Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain: Yes, we’ll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.**

**Verse 2: On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. [refrain]**

**Verse 3: Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev’ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. [refrain]**

**Verse 4: Soon we’ll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. [refrain]**

Reading: **Matthew 18:21-35** read by Aayden Lodermeier *(you may be seated)*

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. ²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ ³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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