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Sundays 10:45 am (LOFT)

## FEBRUARY 2023

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

"How Do We Pray?"

Pastor Zac Patterson

In Luke 11, the disciples say to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Jesus then proceeds to give them the most famous prayer known to man, the Lord's Prayer. It is the perfect prayer, one that we pray every service before Communion, and one that you should be praying at least once a day. But there is another resource for prayer that is often neglected: the Psalms.

The Psalms are the prayers of the saints in the Old Testament and were prayed by the saints in the New Testament and beyond. Jesus even prays the Psalms while He is dying on the cross (go read Psalm 22). The Psalms are full of wonderful prayers of all different types and styles. From praising God for his blessings to crying out to God for deliverance, there is a Psalm for pretty much every situation. Let's look at two.

First, we'll look at a Psalm of praise. These types of Psalms are exactly what they sound like, a prayer praising God for what He has done for the psalmist. Let's look at Psalm 138:

*<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;*

*<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.*

*<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.*

The psalmist praises God for His steadfast love and faithfulness, something that all the world should praise God for. This can be a great prayer for you to pray when you are thankful for all that God has done for you. And this Psalm has a wonderful line in verse 6 confessing God's mercy:

*<sup>6</sup>For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.*

Though God is the almighty Creator of the universe, He hears your prayers and desires to answer them. He wants to provide for you and does so abundantly throughout your life. Certainly, something to remember, especially when we get into the next type of Psalm.

Second, we'll look at a Psalm of lament. These types of Psalms are for those times in life where nothing is going right, everything is against you, and it seems like perhaps God isn't around like He promised He would be. Let's look at Psalm 31:

*<sup>1</sup>In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!*

*<sup>2</sup>Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!*

It starts off with a cry to God, that He would be a refuge for us in our time of trouble. It is a cry of faith to God, praying that He would rescue the faithful. We see that kind of crying for deliverance continue in verses 9-10:

<sup>9</sup>*Be gracious to me, O Lord for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.*

<sup>10</sup>*For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.*

The cry, "Be gracious to me, O Lord," is a cry of faith; an acknowledgment that God has the power to bring me out of this trouble. We see this faith especially in verses 14-15:

<sup>14</sup>*But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."*

<sup>15</sup>*My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!*

Even in the midst of hardships and great evil, the psalmist knows that he is in God's hands. God alone has the power to deliver him and, therefore, he places his trust in the Lord. These types of prayers are great to pray when you are in the midst of those difficult times in your life. Yes, it may be difficult, but God is always with you.

There are 150 Psalms and they are all worth praying. When you don't really know what to say when praying or have trouble coming up with the right words, the Psalms are an excellent resource for your prayer life. I would highly recommend you start praying one or a few Psalms every day. As you get more familiar with them, you'll find some that speak directly to situations you're in and they can be a great source of comfort to you. So, next time you're wondering what to pray, crack open that Bible, flip to the middle, and start praying the Psalms.

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### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Start out the year with serving Christ and Holy Cross! We are in need of servants in many areas. Are you handy? We frequently need small easy jobs done around the church. Do you like audio/video? We need people to help with live streaming, slides, and sound. Do you play an instrument or sing? We always need people for choir or musicians! Are you computer savvy? We need in-house IT people to call as needed for small issues. Altar guild, and Chair set-up. Do you love people and hosting? We need Ushers, Coffee Hour servers, Event Planners, Volunteer gatherers, Public Relations Coordinator, Outreach, and more. Most of these opportunities are easy, low commitment but high impact opportunities. Please prayerfully consider how you can help to make Holy Cross the best it can be, also helping YOU by being involved and getting the most out of your church life! Being fed spiritually and helping others. We need YOU!

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Directories will be completed in about 6 weeks. We will let you know when they come in.

### JULIET'S WOMENS BOOK CLUB

"**JULIETS**" book club for Christian women. Our first book is "Women of the Bible Speak" written by Shannon Bream. We plan to meet at the Fox River Grove Panera on Monday Feb. 6 at 6:00pm. Please contact Kathy to let her know you are attending or for answers to any questions. We are reading 2 chapters at a time so you can join in at any time. For this meeting read Esther and Rahab. Please bring a friend.

### HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

Human Care Ministry along with Versiti Blood Center wishes to THANK EVERYONE who donated at the Blood Drive on January 9<sup>th</sup>. In times of Critical Need & Crisis we rely on one another to give HOPE for local patients in need of blood!! Because of your generous donations 17 units were collected & this means 51 waiting patients will receive the gift of hope & life!! You are all "A BEACON OF HOPE". Continue to be regular donors. Holy Cross's next drive will be in August 2023. Thanks also to everyone who helped with set-up & take down for the drive "THANKS AGAIN"!

### HEART SAVER CPR/AED CLASSES

In previous years we were able to hold CPR Certification/Recertification/AED Classes here at Holy Cross for anyone who wished to attend. We are unable to hold these classes at Holy Cross any longer. The Cary Fire Department on Cary Algonquin Rd offers the HEART SAVER CPR/AED Classes on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month at 7PM-Class Time is 2-2 1/2 Hrs. If you live in the Cary Fire Dept. District there is no charge for the class, otherwise the charge is \$30.00. To sign up for the class: Call 847-639-2121 from 8:30AM-4:30PM and ask for Lorie to be scheduled for a class. The classes are full until after April at this time.

Holy Cross Church has an AED in the sanctuary ushers closet & in the kitchen cupboard above the phone in the LOFT. In the event of an emergency it is important to have some church members certified in CPR. Anyone can go get the AED & call 911 to help start emergency care before the paramedics arrive. Any questions contact Barb.

### FISH CLUB

Please join us- 3 to 8 years old- every Sunday from 9:35am - 10:30am in the Lower LOFT! We're sure the kids will grow in their relationship with Jesus and meet a few new friends along the way.

### KIDS FOR CHRIST

Kids for Christ meets from 5-6:30pm. Dinner will be provided. KFC is for all kids grades 1-8. This includes Confirmation instruction for grades 7-8.

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross Lutheran School is now enrolling for Preschool 3 through First Grade. For more information, check our website or call the school office at 847-639-6533. Tell your friends and neighbors!!! Spread the Word for a Christian Based Education!!

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Holy Cross Lutheran School is seeking a full-time teacher/assistant principal for the 2023-2024 school year. The right candidate must be ministry minded. Duties include teaching a combined classroom of either preschool/kindergarten or kindergarten/first grade, supervising before or after school care, and teaching all subjects for a full school day. Great pay and benefits. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, or a closely related field. To apply, send a resume to Chrissy Heiss at preschool@holycrosscary.org. Those interested can also call the school office at 847-639-6533.

### OWLS

Feb. 16, noon. Lunch and a movie in the lower LOFT

### LENT DINNERS AND EASTER BREAKFAST:

Are we interested in having light meals during Lent on Wednesday nights in March? How about Easter breakfast? The Lenten season falls early this year. If you, your family, a couple families, ministries or groups would like to get together to host a light meal please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or Loft bulletin boards. There are 5 Wednesday services this year. If you don't want to cook, an option is to easily arrange for a food truck. This was a nice option last year. Please prayerfully consider facilitating this wonderful fellowship opportunity as we move toward Lent and Easter as a church family.

**Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Hosts:** Governing Board

**March 1 Hosts:** Diane

**March 8 Hosts:** Choir

**March 15 Hosts:**

**March 22 Hosts:**

**March 29 Hosts:**

**Easter Breakfast Hosts:** Holy Cross Youth

## Recipes

For those of you who enjoyed the fudge and cookies at Pastor's Open House, Emma was gracious enough to share two of her delicious recipes!

### **FUDGE:**

#### **Ingredients:**

4 C semi sweet Chocolate chips  
2 cans (14oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
2 tsp Vanilla extract  
½ tsp Salt

#### **Directions:**

\*Prepare an 8" square pan with parchment paper, leaving Extra around the sides.  
\*In a large heavy saucepan, add Choc. Chips and milk  
\*Heat over low heat, stirring constantly until chips are almost completely melted  
\*Remove from heat and stir until chocolate is smooth and creamy  
\*Add salt and vanilla, stir until combined.  
\*Spread evenly into prepared pan.  
\*Chill for 2-3 hours or until well set.  
\*Lift fudge from pan using parchment paper.  
\*Cut into squares  
\*Store in an air tight container

### **RUM LOGS:**

#### **Ingredients:**

1 C butter  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 tsp rum extract  
¾ C sugar  
1 egg  
3C. Flour  
1 tsp nutmeg

#### **Frosting:**

1/3 C butter  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 tsp rum extract  
2 C confectioners' sugar  
2Tbsp Light cream

#### **Directions:**

Cream butter, sugar and extracts. Add egg and mix. Add sifted flour and nutmeg. Shape into ½ inch round logs then cut into 3-inch pieces. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. When cool, frost and sprinkle with nutmeg.





# Jesus Loves You!



We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His purpose. — Romans 8:28

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Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

JESUS	ALL	THINGS	WORKS
PAUL	GOOD	APPOINTED	THOSE
ROMANS	GOD	PURPOSE	SAVED
KNOW	LOVE	KEEPING	

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## Northern Illinois District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

President's Office

### Get Ready to SHINE!



Jesus tells us in Matthew 5: 16, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The LCMS Northern Illinois District is shining a spotlight on service from April 14-23, 2023. Throughout the district, groups of 2 or more people are asked to give witness to the love of Jesus through acts of service to their neighbors and communities. Simply join with some people from your church, school, small group, ministry group, family, etc., and serve together in a project of your own choosing.

And, imagine seeing our people in specially designed t-shirts all throughout the District during the SHINE! event serving and SHINING His light!  
*How is God calling you to serve your neighbors and SHINE His light?*

#### When is SHINE! taking place?

SHINE! takes place April 14-23, 2023. Decide how much time your project will take and pick a day to serve.

#### Who can participate in SHINE!?

There is no age requirement. Everyone from toddlers to seniors is welcome to participate.

#### How many people need to be in a group to participate?

A group can be as small as two people and as large as the group wants to be.

#### What kinds of servant projects are allowed?

There are so many ways that your group can serve right in your own community! Possible projects include: cleaning, carpentry, quilting, cooking, packing, weeding, collecting donations, yardwork, writing cards. Think of unique opportunities to serve in a way that's tailored to your gifts, your community, and your congregational needs.

#### How do I register my group?

Take a few minutes to give us some basic information about you, and share the t-shirt sizes your group will need for when you serve. Register your group by Wednesday, March 1, 2023 to receive a free SHINE! t-shirt. T-shirts are provided at NO COST to you.

Resources are available on our webpage along with the registration form. If you have any questions, email [Sue.Green@nidlcms.org](mailto:Sue.Green@nidlcms.org).

With You, My Eyes are on Jesus, (Hebrews 12:2, 3)

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President  
LCMS Northern Illinois District

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 12:00pm OWLS 5-6:30pm K4C 6:45 Compline Service	3	4 5:30pm Worship
5 8:30am Worship (Sanct) 9:45am Bible Study/Fish Club 10:45am Worship (LOFT)	6 6:00 pm Juliet's Meeting At FRG Panera  Pastor at PALS retreat	7  Pastor at PALS retreat	8	9 10:00 am Prayer Shawl 5-6:30pm K4C 6:45 Compline Service  Holy Cross School Fund Raiser Portillo's 5-8pm	10	11 5:30pm Worship 7:00pm Taizé Service
12 8:30am Worship (Sanct) 9:45am Bible Study/Fish Club 10:45am Worship (LOFT)	13	14 7:00pm Cultured Pearls 7:00 Dartball Home MCH  	15 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	16 12:00pm OWLS 5-6:30pm K4C 6:45 Compline Service	17	18 5:30pm Worship
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# February 2023