

ILCW Year-C Lessons for the  Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 18:20-32 NIV

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." 22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ... 26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." 29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

Epistle

Colossians 2:6-15

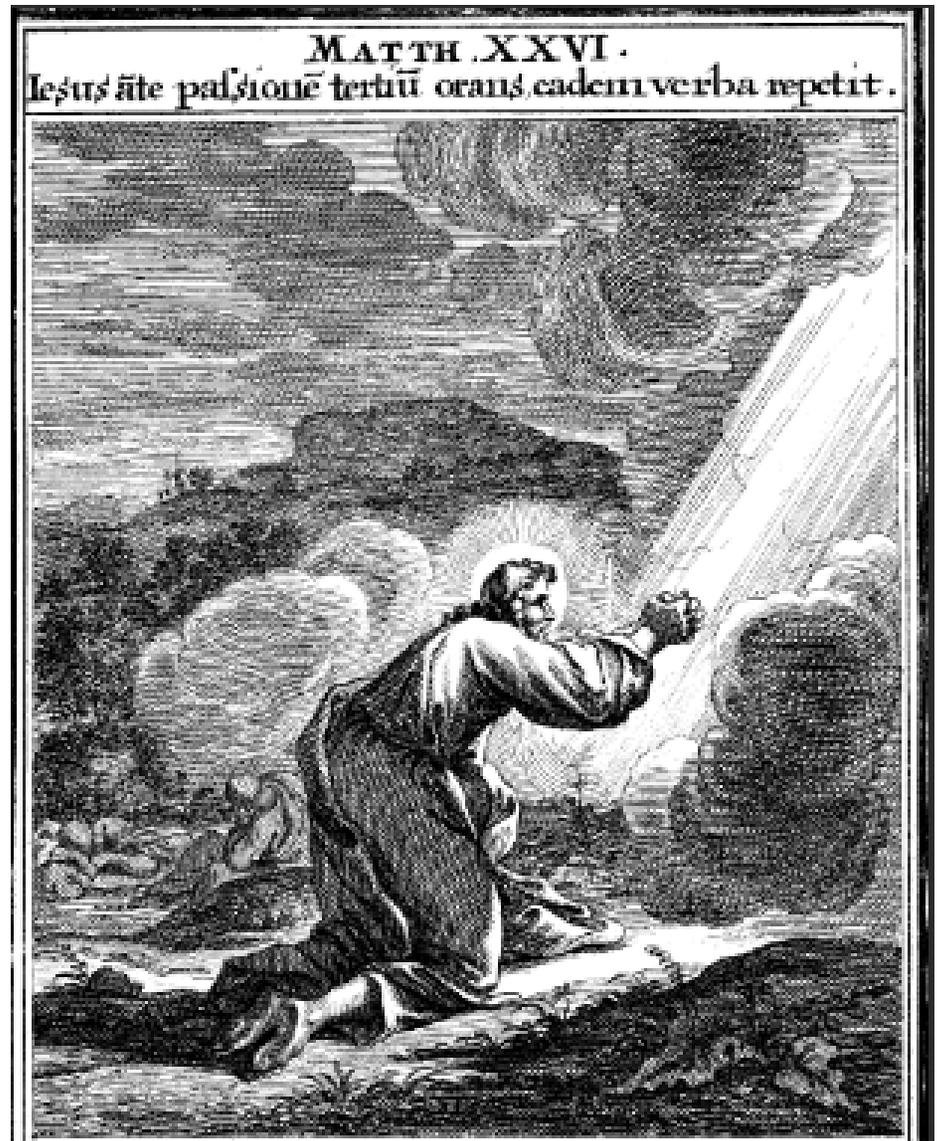
So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, ... 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Gospel (Sermon Text)

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." 5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL, USA
10th Sunday of Pentecost-C  "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"
July 28th 2013  9:30am



*Woodcut illustration from a 1695 Bible – Luke 11:1-13
The disciples ask Jesus, "Lord, Teach Us To Pray."*

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July 28th, 2013 Pentecost-10(C) †(LORD'S) PRAYER †

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! Thank you.

ORDER OF SERVICE *(See insert)*

PLEASE NOTE: The service folder insert has been written so that it may be used more than once. If you prefer to use the hymnal, see **page 5**. Feel free to leave the service folder insert with an usher after the service. Thank you. May the Lord bless your worship!

Service		
Opening Hymn	537 (4v)	Ev'ry Morning Mercies New
Hymn of Day	446 (6v)	Rise My Soul to Watch and Pray
Sermon	Luke 11:1-13	“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”
Offering Hymn	441 (6v)	Sing v1&2 We Give Thee But Thine Own
Sending Hymn	459 (7v)	Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare
Closing Hymn	26 (6v)	Sing v1-4 Praise the Almighty, My Soul

PROPERs for (TRINITY9 =) TENTH SUNDAY of PENTECOST-C ✠ JULY 28

INTROIT: Behold, God is my Helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my soul. He shall repay mine enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth, O Lord. Save me, O God, by Your Name, and judge me by Your strength. Ps.54

COLLECT: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us ask such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever,

GRADUAL: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your Name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His Commandments. Alleluia! ...from Psalms 8 & 112

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *(printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)*

Genesis 18:20-32 Abraham prays for, even bargains for Sodom and Gomorrah.

Colossians 2:6-15 Christ, Who is True God in bodily form, cancelled the Law.

Luke 11:38-42 Jesus teaches the Perfect Prayer & Persistence in Prayer.

SERMON Text: (Gospel-C) **Luke 11:1-13 Theme: “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”**

Papa bilong mipela, you I stap long heaven; Nem belong yu I holi. Kingdom bilong you I mask am long ol ples. Maus bilong yu ol I bihainim long heaven, ... Tekewe mipela long olgeta samting nogut. Kingdom na strong na biknem I bilong yu tasol oltaim oltaim. Tru. (Lord's Prayer in New Guinea Pidgin)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Madeline Beck Richard Birkenmeier Jonathan Jumper (Elaine's grandson) Vivian Temple (surgery recovery) George Wendt (brother of Steve Wendt)	Patty & Buster Brewbaker Delores (Dee) Kurczewski Jeanette Kubly Mariah Sawyer Ann Wentz
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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeter	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Usher	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Treats	RobinDux&ElmaHendricks	Robin Dux

COFFEE will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Everyone is invited to stay! We thank our volunteers for serving today. We are IN NEED OF SERVERS for future Sundays. If you can help, PLEASE SIGN UP. Thanks!

Statistics	Last week	Year to date (average)
Sunday Worship	33	33
Communion Attendance	22	27
Sunday Bible Class	13	11
Thursday Bible Class	8	9
Sunday Offering	\$	(YTD total) \$

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 7/28	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 ff...	Bible Study (Exodus 2) Divine Worship (no Communion) Fellowship time: <i>Treats and Drinks</i>
Monday 7/29	7:00 pm	Bible Instruction w/ Paul & Daniella
Tuesday, 7/30	6:00 pm	Catechism Class with Prescott
Thursday, 8/1	6:30 pm	Bible Study at Madeline Beck's
Sunday, 8/4	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 ff...	Bible Study Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion) Fellowship time: <i>Treats and Drinks</i>

Congregational Notes

Please contact our Elders with any concerns about church matters: **Jim Vanesky 644-7807 & John Weber 853-5458 & Don Wienke 863-815-8892.**

Schedule notes - Some NEW things (now and in August)

- + First, Thank you Robin Dux & Elma Hendricks for sumptuous fare today.
- + Some NEW items here at Our Savior: 1) NEW **Directory**(Phone#,s, Emails)
- + 2) NEW **Bulletin** look: after next Sunday, *All* bulletins will be in the (B&W) format that some of you have today. (No more pre-printed color covers)
- + 3) Our church has a NEW **Webpage!** Check out: www.OSLlakeland.ORG
- + 4) Pastor is moving house to a NEW residence this week: **6412 Odom Rd.**
Next Sunday: **8/4 Pentecost11-C(W/L.S.) p.15 Hymns: 425, 430, 179(430) 660**

TRINITY-9(P10C) Luke 11:1-13 "JESUS TEACHES (LORD'S) PRAYER" 07.28.13

INTRODUCTION The topic on the **table this morning is Prayer**. (OT-Genesis 18) Abraham **prays for Sodom and Gomorrah**. (Go.-Luke11) Jesus teaches His disciples to pray, giving them the words for prayer, a parable about prayer, and some encouragement to pray.

Prayer is one of those "**least common denominator**" religious activities. Whenever people get religious, prayer is involved. People who are "spiritual without being religious" usually pray, or at least meditate, or think "God-ward" thoughts.

Prayer is also one of the **more misunderstood religious activities**. Like any other bit of religion, prayer can become a **transaction**, a **deal**, some sort of **bargain** where we try to extract some favor from God by saying the right words. Kind of like **God as vending machine**. Put in the right combination of petition, prayer, and praise and out pops your miracle, blessing, or whatever you are seeking from God. Many people have stumbled on this way of thinking. And when God fails to deliver the goods on demand, that marks the end of their religious phase.

Prayer is **not a bargain**. Nor is it informing God of anything He isn't already aware of. "Hey God. Over here. It's me. I'm sick, in case you haven't noticed, and wouldn't mind feeling better. So could you please send some healing my way?" Doesn't work that way. Jesus told His disciples, "Your Father in heaven knows what you need even before you ask." Our catechism says the same thing: God's name is hallowed, His kingdom comes, His will is done without our prayer. So there. Ponder that for a while. God already knows what you need, and promises to give you what is best. Shoot, He even causes the rain and sunshine to fall on the heathen.

So then, why pray? Ah, good question! **Why pray when your Father in heaven has it all covered anyway?** Well, why bother talking to your earthly father if he's going to give you the keys to the car anyway? Why talk to your wife if she already knows what you're going to say? Why talk to your friend who already knows what you're thinking?

If you stop and think about it, most of our talk is not about getting things out of others. Most of our talk is just talk, chat, saying what's on our minds and hearts, sharing our secrets, our fears, our hopes, our longings. (Most our conversation is **not** so much **communication** as it is **communion**.) And there is the **Gospel key to prayer**. Prayer is **not** communicating with God, but communion with God. Holy conversation. Dear children coming to their dear Father in heaven and saying, Abba. Papa. And the Son insisting that the Father listen to us. And the Spirit packaging and delivering our words to the Father.

1. Jesus prayed. That's the beginning of our Gospel reading and also the beginning of our prayer. Jesus, the eternal Son in human flesh, prayed. Luke makes a point of it more than the others. If anyone didn't need to pray, it was Jesus. He knew the mind of God perfectly. He and the Father were one.

Why did He need to pray? He was God in the flesh. What did He pray about? Luke doesn't tell us here, but in other prayers of Jesus, He prays for His **disciples, for the world, for... US**. He is our High Priest and intercessor, who prays for us. And because He prays for us, we are able to pray. We pray through Him, through His sacrifice, through His blood, through His death and Resurrection.

2. Jesus taught His disciples to pray. This is the second thing. Prayer is not a natural activity, like eating or breathing. Prayer must be taught the Lord and learned by the disciple. The disciples recognize this. "*Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.*" We don't know what John (the Baptist) taught about prayer, and this is the only mention of it. But that doesn't matter. The One greater than John is speaking.

He gives them words to pray. Father. Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us Lead us not into temptation. You'll recognize what we call the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father, at least five of seven petitions. It's a perfect prayer, embracing all that we need. Daily bread, certainly. Enough for the day, each and every day. But surrounding that God's name and His kingdom, the Name by which we are claimed and saved, the kingdom that comes by Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus teaches us to pray on the front end for the big stuff, the eternal stuff, the stuff that lasts forever. God's Name, His Kingdom, and in the longer version, His will.

(1st Petition) This has nothing to do with getting favors from God; it has everything to do with His favor for Jesus' sake. May **Your Name be holy**, Father. On our lips and in our lives.

(2nd Petition) May Your **Kingdom come**, Father. Rule us! Be our Lord as you already are. Overrule every competing rule – the **devil**, the **world**, and yes, oh yes, **my own sinful self** that wants to be king. Let the **Word be preached and heard**. Let faith take hold and love flow. That's what we're praying for. Nothing less than the reign of Christ over us. Big stuff. Eternal stuff. Stuff that matters forever. We might call it "spiritual stuff." You can't take it to the bank, and it's not going to pay the rent, but in the end, it's what we need **to see us through death to life**.

Yes, it comes without our prayer, but in praying we are reminding ourselves from whom it all comes. And when you're praying that God's Name be holy and His Kingdom come, you're not so much praying to get stuff as you are praying that God would be gracious to you and establish His reign in your life.

(4,5,6th Petition) On the other side of **daily bread** is **forgiveness** and our being **guarded against temptation**. That's the agenda for prayer, then, according to Jesus, and He gives a perfect prayer for us to pray, which means we don't even have to worry about getting the words right, because, let's face it, sinners that we are, we'd mess up even something as simple as prayer.

3. Third, Jesus **encourages US to pray**. He tells a funny parable of a person who has unexpected out of town company and is three loaves short at midnight and so goes and pounds on the door of his neighbor who's already sound asleep. Outrageous? Of course! It's over the top. The point of the parable lies in the Greek word **'anaideion**, which gets translated as **impudence** ... but I think it's better translated with the Yiddish word **Chutzpah**. Prayer is an act of sheer chutzpah, like pounding on your neighbor's door at midnight. And the only reason we get away with this is that our Father is that "crazy neighbour" who actually listens to our prayers and petitions and doesn't mind the midnight intrusion. In fact, **He delights in it!** He thinks it's great. But then, what Parent doesn't like to hear from their kids?

4. Fourth, **He promises that prayers do not go unanswered**. - **Ask**, and it will be given you. **Seek**, and you will find. **Knock**, and it will be opened. He doesn't promise that you will get precisely what you ask for, or find exactly what you seek, or that every door you knock on will be opened. Fathers know to give **good** gifts to their children. **Right** gifts. Gifts that will **bless and benefit** them. He promises the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. And with the Spirit, every good and perfect gift.

I dare say that every Petition of the Lord's Prayer is **answered fully**. His Name **IS Hallowed**. His Kingdom **DOES come**. His Will **IS done**. He **sustains** your life with daily bread. You are **forgiven, guarded** from temptation, **delivered** from evil. Every **single petition of that perfect prayer is fulfilled in your life every single day**. Maybe not in ways you might expect, but our expectation fall far short of what our Father in heaven wants to give us.

CONCLUSION I started by saying that prayer is the **LCD - least common denominator** religious activity. Religious people pray. I'm going to end by saying **don't look at prayer in a religious way**. **Don't** think of prayer as something you do to **get something from God**, but something you do **because you believe you already have everything** you need and more. Don't pray to earn God's favor or to get favors. Pray because you **have** God's favor **in Jesus**. Don't pray as though you were coming to a king or some powerful political bigshot; pray as children coming to their dear Father in heaven. Don't pray as the religious types do; pray as Jesus, your Savior, has taught you. Short, sweet, to the point.

And remember this. Prayer doesn't begin with you. It begins with Jesus. **His** prayer. **His** words. **His** sacrificial life and death. **His** Resurrection. Your Baptism into Him that makes you a child of God who dares to knock on the Father's door at midnight. He **has to** answer. He **wants to** answer. He **always DOES answer**. You're one of the Family. **In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

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Prayer of the Church + 10th Sunday after Pentecost + 28 July 2013

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we might be kept with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a faithful life of prayer, that the Lord would enable us in all our needs to bring our petitions to Him, and that He would grant us zeal to pray daily and regularly, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For childlike trust in our heavenly Father, that the Holy Spirit would lead us to trust that all we need for each day of life we receive as daily bread from our Father, and that He would drive away all worry and anxiety, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that no one might take her captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, but that she would be preserved unconquerable and faithful until the Day of her Savior's return, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors, that the Lord of the Church would give them courage to live according to their ordination vows, interceding for their parishioners daily, ordering their teaching and preaching according to the Word of God, calling the erring to repentance, absolving the penitent and adorning the Office of the Ministry with a holy, repentant life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod and all church workers in their various callings, that God would strengthen our common tasks of witness, mercy, and life together in His Name, and for the **youth** of our churches, who are the **future of the Church**

For our Country, and for all those in authority at the national, state and **local** that God would preserve this land and our government, granting prosperity to our labors and safety to our people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the injured, the suffering, the dying and any in need who have requested our prayers [*including _____*],

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Madeline Beck	Patty & Buster Brewbaker
Richard Birkenmeier	Delores (Dee) Kurczewski
Jonathan Jumper (Elaine's grandson)	Jeanette Kubly
Vivian Temple (surgery recovery)	Mariah Sawyer
George Wendt (brother of Steve Wendt)	Ann Wentz

that God would grant them pardon and visitation in the midst of their afflictions, and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For any who are suffering spiritually, especially suffering for the sake of the Gospel, and for this Our congregation which our Savior redeemed with such a great price, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**