

Lord, Teach Us To Pray
(Excerpt from sermon on July 24, 2022)

Prayer is a complicated topic for such a simple act, and there are as many ways to pray as there are people. Some people pray all the time, talking to God in an ongoing conversation. Some people never pray, for a variety of reasons. A lot of people don't know where to start, so they just never get going on it. For those who find prayer difficult, Jesus provided a template in The Lord's Prayer. We read in Luke 11:1-4:

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

First, Jesus gave us an introduction - **you start with God**. It is a conversation with God, after all. Jesus' initial focus is on glorifying God, and his reverence for God. There is joy in greeting our Father, and thanksgiving that he is there, listening and waiting for us to come to him.

That initial praise and honor is followed by the **longing to be back in God's presence**. Your kingdom come is a short and sweet way of saying I am waiting to be with you again. There is no need for excessive words. You are not more thankful because you used 100 words rather than three. God doesn't care whether we shout, whisper, or even say it in our own heads. There is no limit on how and when we pray, he is happy whenever we come into his presence in this way, and we can just revel in his care and attention to us. And he revels in our care and attention to him.

Then, as with any conversation, **God wants to know how we are and what we need**. Just as with meeting a friend or relative, God doesn't expect us to come to him in a one sided conversation and not talk about ourselves. But unlike the long list we seem to think is required of us in prayer, the requests Jesus outlines here are more universal. Give us what we need for survival (daily bread,) forgiveness (something in which we take both a passive and an active role,) and preserve us from the hardships of this world. In other words, admit our dependence on him in everything, asking him to watch over us until we join him again, and in gratitude for what he does for us, give to others what we are asking for ourselves.

Of course, we are human, and we have questions. But Jesus went on to address those questions in the next few verses. Luke 11:9-13: *"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Jesus encourages us to be **active in our prayer - to ASK, to SEARCH, to KNOCK**. When we ask we receive. When we search, we find. When we knock, doors are opened to us that would otherwise be closed. Doesn't sound like prayer is an empty activity, devoid of real results. So if we believe that every word in the Bible is divinely inspired, straight from God to us, then prayer does indeed have an effect, even if God already knows our every moment and thought. The disconnect comes from our human limitation to see the full divine intent, not because God has somehow let us down or failed to respond when we don't get what we asked for.

There is so much more that can be said on the subject of prayer, but put into the most simple terms, God is always present through the Holy Spirit, and the prescription for calling on him is simple and straightforward. I go back to the format of the Lord's Prayer for my inspiration over and over again.

Give thanks to God. (Father, hallowed be your name.)

Express my longing to be with God. (Your kingdom come.)



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THE VIEW FROM THE PEW Cont.:

Ask for what I need, but understand that God's perspective is what is the overall best interest, not my immediate wants, and I might not get the answer I'm looking for. (Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.)

Accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. (And do not bring us to the time of trial.)

Wishing you the gift of the Holy Spirit as you pray.

Sarah J.

COUNCIL MEETING:

July 10, 2022

Lori opened meeting with a devotional Prayer.

Secretaries report was read and approved.

Treasurers report was presented and approved.

Old Business:

- Trustees have contacted someone about replacing the pull chain in the back room.
- Cyndi and Pastor gave a demonstration on the use of our new Life Vac. We will have signs placed around to let everyone know where it is if needed.
- Ice Cream Social, Lori is working on music and a possible silent auction or raffle.
- Proceeds from this will go to the Good Sam Fund. Music will be first and then the social with open face sandwiches bars and ice cream.
- Pastor and Cyndi have picked up a fan and wet-vac for the Church.
- Larry picked up a small vac as requested by the janitor.

New Business:

- Cyndi reported on the up costs of the contract for Heating Oil as well as the post office box.
- Monthly missions for August will be Feed My Starving Children, and the Cannon Falls Fire Dept.
- Pastor mentioned getting music for the last two Sundays because Sarah will be leading presenting the message those dates. He will check with Mikki Benrud.

Meeting closed with The Lords Prayer.

Shirley

June Missions:

Cannon Valley Senior Center: \$TBD

Wangen Prairie Area Ukranian Missions: \$TBD

Helping Hands: \$TBD

See the bulletins in the month of August for these amounts



MONTHLY MISSION: Feed My Starving Children

As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. You will hear us say this again and again: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed." We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these." They will be found, and they will be fed. With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger.

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2nd August Mission: Cannon Falls Fire Department: The Cannon Falls Volunteer Fire Department provides excellent fire protection for the City of Cannon Falls and surrounding area. Fire Chief Mike Althoff is responsible for Cannon Falls Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Cannon Falls Fire & Rescue is made up of committed community members that handle calls within the City and surrounding townships 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

✠ Thank You ✠

Dear Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church,

June 28, 2022

Thank you for your generous April missions gift of \$1,081.30 to Lutheran Braille Evangelism. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated, and your kindness has touched our hearts. Together we are making a difference in people's lives!

Your gift helps us publish and distribute the large print Christian Magnifier and the Braille Tract Messenger devotional magazines at no cost to people blind and visually impaired. Also, your offering supports the audio talking BibleCourier for the blind. Currently, available in 33 Bible translations with 7 more translations in development.

For greater visibility, we've begun building a media platform on the World Wide Web, broadening the ministry's reach with God's word to people blind and visually impaired—carrying on the LBEA founder's vision. You can check out the work at lbea.org.

Again, thank you for your continued thoughtful generosity. Truly, your blessing ensures this 70-year-old ministry continues to support the spiritual needs of people blind and visually impaired.

May the Lord richly bless you as you shine the light of Jesus to those around you.

In Christ Service with a grateful heart,

Yvonne Pilot

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Who made the sky so bright and blue?
Who made the fields so green?
Who made the flowers that smell so sweet,
In pretty colors seen?

Who made the birds to soar so high
And taught them how to sing?
Who made the pretty butterfly
And painted her bright wing?

'Twas God who made this world so fair,
The sun, the sky, the air,
'Twas God who made the sea, the ground,
And all the things around.



To the Wangen Prairie Bible Study & Congregation,

I think my mom and dad didn't even meet you until they were already 80 years old and yet you became some of their dearest people in their lives.

Thank you for being devoted followers of Christ who lived out your faith with my dad both as your pastor and as your friend.

The trio of flowers/plant that you gave to remember him was beautiful (and I decided



THANK YOU FOR YOUR

kindness and sympathy

during this difficult time to keep it for myself. It was also such a support and comfort to see several of you at the funeral.

*With love & appreciation,
Becky Sticker*



Thank you!



Empowering Lives Through HOPE

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church Congregation
PO Box 97
Cannon Falls, MN 55009-0097

July 5, 2022

Thank you Pastor Shannon and all Congregation Members.

You make all the difference! We received your \$587.25 donation and it brightened our day! Your generosity and compassion build a brighter future for those who have experienced abuse, violence or lack of basic needs. You give hope to so many others in need.

Thanks to you, we are helping families rebuild their lives in times of crisis, and you are part of addressing the larger underlying issues that cause domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and homelessness. Thank you!

Warmest regards,

Sara Kern
Sara Kern, Executive Director



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651-388-9360, Ext.9

Thank you so much for your support!

Below is the information for your records:

Date: June 30, 2022

Donation: \$587.25

HOPE Coalition is a nonprofit charitable organization, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under section 501 (c)(3).

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Some upcoming events:

Information on the LCMC annual gathering and convention on Oct 2-5, 2022 at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville can be found here: <https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering>

Ice Cream Social coming August 14 from 2-5 PM! Program at 3 p.m., including music from Tammy Hanson, Pam Collins, and Samuel and Diana DeMoraes. We are selling raffle tickets, you put them in the basket with the items you hope to win. You don't need to be present to win. A light meal will be served with ice cream & treats. All proceeds go to Good Samaritan Fund in Cannon Falls. That fund helps people with urgent needs, like gas bill, emergency car repair, etc.



Weekly Verse to Ponder



July 31- August 6: *No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.* 1 Corinthians 10:13

August 7-13: *Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:19-20

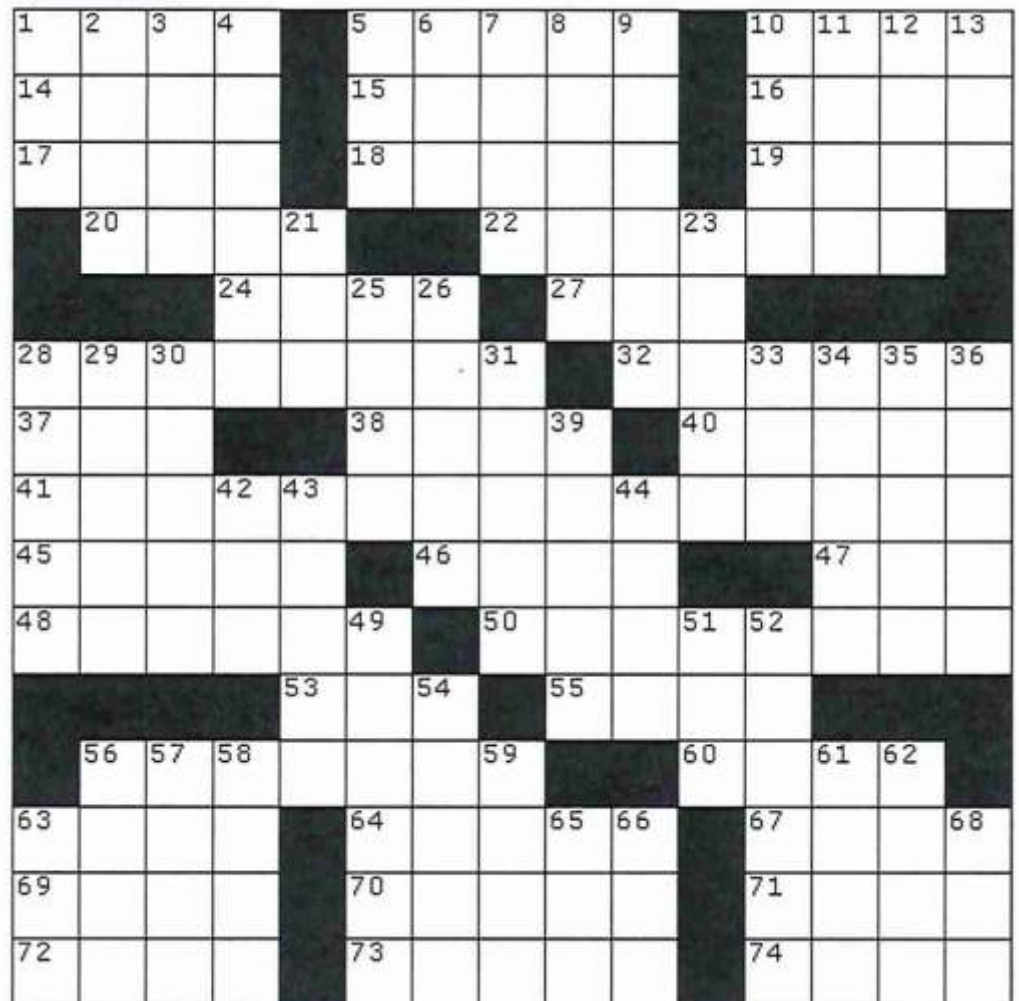
August 14-20: *Pray without ceasing.* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

August 21-27: *And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17

August 28 - Sept 3: *And above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.* 1 Peter 4:8

Please email Sarah at dandsbanner@gmail.com, call 507-789-4611 during the day, or call 913-685-3031 (cell phone) to leave a message if you want anything included in bulletin or newsletter. Bulletin deadline is Thursday evening, newsletter is the 25th of the month.

Bible Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Condemn
- 5 Disconcert
- 10 Horse fly
- 14 Word meaning father
- 15 From that time
- 16 Celebrity
- 17 Expires
- 18 Seasoner makers
- 19 Eager
- 20 Potato sprouts
- 22 Roving
- 24 ___ to riches
- 27 Eastern state
- 28 Cut off (a body part)
- 32 Inactiveness
- 37 Encounter
- 38 Club
- 40 Sporty car brand
- 41 A timely wish
- 45 Result
- 46 Saucy
- 47 Snacked
- 48 Mark of disgrace
- 50 Lazy boy

53 First woman

- 55 Reasons
- 56 Radioactive element
- 60 Dines
- 63 Stiff
- 64 Soothing agents
- 67 American state
- 69 National capital
- 70 Brief
- 71 Seaweed substance
- 72 Friends
- 73 Construct
- 74 Opp. of love

DOWN

- 1 Father
- 2 Off-Broadway award
- 3 Do what you're told
- 4 Capital of Lesotho
- 5 Request
- 6 Box
- 7 Soon
- 8 Fish
- 9 Mythological god

10 African nation

- 11 Tribe of Israel
- 12 Little Mermaid's love
- 13 Heavenly Father
- 21 Rested
- 23 Marriage site
- 25 Fish hook
- 26 Belt
- 28 Sackcloth and ___
- 29 Intended
- 30 Cola company
- 31 Diner
- 33 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 34 African country
- 35 Furious
- 36 Speaker
- 39 Hurling
- 42 Type of dog
- 43 Asian country
- 44 ___-a-Sketch
- 49 Fly
- 51 Caustic substance
- 52 Book before Jeremiah

54 Swiss

- mathematician
- 56 ___ Major (Big Dipper)
- 57 Brook
- 58 OT prophet
- 59 Extra
- 61 Roman garments
- 62 Hit a fly
- 63 Father
- 65 Computer key
- 66 Harden
- 68 Exist

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9am - Quilting	Roger & Joyce Steeds Anniversary	9:30am - Bible Study		
7	8	9am - Quilting	Jacob Bauer Birthday	9:30am - Bible Study	12	13
Worship/Communion						
14	15	9am - Quilting	17	18	19	20
Service of the Word 10:15am - Council Meeting Ice Cream Social 2-5pm	Elizabeth & Lynn Bauer Anniversary			9:30am - Bible Study		
21	22	9am - Quilting	24	25	26	27
Worship/Communion				9:30am - Bible Study		Loree & Jan Kapp Anniversary
28	29	9am - Quilting	31	1	2	3
Service of the Word	Jim Plakna Birthday					

