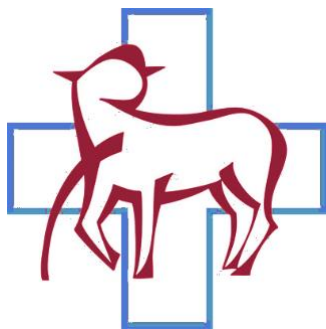


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## Responsive Prayer 2

### Opening Versicles

LSB pg. 285

- P O Lord, open my lips,  
**C and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Psalm 59

*For the Director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David.*

*A miktam. When Saul had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him.*

- P <sup>1</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;  
protect me from those who rise up against me;  
**C <sup>2</sup>deliver me from those who work evil,  
and save me from bloodthirsty men.**  
P <sup>3</sup>For behold, they lie in wait for my life;  
fierce men stir up strife against me.  
**C <sup>4</sup>For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord,  
for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.  
Awake, come to meet me, and see!  
You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel.**  
P <sup>5</sup>Rouse yourself to punish all the nations;  
spare none of those who treacherously plot evil.  
**C <sup>6</sup>Each evening they come back,  
howling like dogs  
and prowling about the city.**  
P <sup>7</sup>There they are, bellowing with their mouths  
with swords in their lips—  
for "Who," they think, "will hear us?"  
**C <sup>8</sup>But you, O Lord, laugh at them;  
you hold all the nations in derision.**

P <sup>9</sup>O my Strength, I will watch for you,  
for you, O God, are my fortress.

**C <sup>10</sup>My God in his steadfast love will meet me;  
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.**

P <sup>11</sup>Kill them not, lest my people forget;  
make them totter by your power and bring them down,  
O Lord, our shield!

**C <sup>12</sup>For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,  
let them be trapped in their pride.  
For the cursing and lies that they utter,**

P <sup>13</sup>consume them in wrath;  
consume them till they are no more,  
that they may know that God rules over Jacob  
to the ends of the earth.

**C <sup>14</sup>Each evening they come back,  
howling like dogs  
and prowling about the city.**

P <sup>15</sup>They wander about for food  
and growl if they do not get their fill.

**C <sup>16</sup>But I will sing of your strength;  
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.  
For you have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of my distress.**

P <sup>17</sup>O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,  
for you, O God, are my fortress,  
the God who shows me steadfast love.

#### **Reading** Luke 19:45—20:19

And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know where it came from. And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do

to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone?"

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

**Hymn** LSB764 "When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love"

SURSUM CORDA

1 When aim - less vi - o - lence takes those we love,  
2 When pass - ing years rob sight and strength and mind,  
3 Our faith may flick - er low, and hope grow dim,  
4 Be - cause Your Son knew ag - o - ny and loss,  
5 Through long grief - dark - ened days help us, dear Lord,

When ran - dom death strikes child - hood's prom - ise down,  
Yet fail to still a strong - ly beat - ing heart,  
Yet You, O God, are with us in our pain;  
Felt des - o - la - tion, grief and scorn and shame,  
To trust Your grace for cour - age to en - dure,

When wrench - ing loss be - comes our dai - ly bread,  
And grief be - comes the fab - ric of our days,  
You grieve with us and for us day by day,  
We know You will be with us, come what may,  
To rest our souls in Your sup - port - ing love,

We know, O God, You leave us not a - lone.  
Dear Lord, You do not stand from us a - part.  
And with us, shar - ing sor - row, will re - main.  
Your lov - ing pres - ence near, al - ways the same.  
And find our hope with - in Your mer - cy sure.

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## Sermon

### Kyrie

P O Lord,  
**C have mercy.**  
P O Christ,  
**C have mercy.**  
P O Lord,  
**C have mercy.**

### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB pg. 285

**C 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.**

### Apostles' Creed

LSB 286

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## Versicles

LSB pg. 286-287

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C let my cry come to You.**

Psalm 102:1

P In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C for You answer me.**

Psalm 86:7

P Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Psalm 51:9-12

P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C my lips will praise You.**

P For You have been my help,  
**C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**

Psalm 63:3, 7

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C unite my heart to fear Your name.**

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C and I will glorify Your name forever.**

Psalm 86:11-12

P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C May those who love Your salvation say evermore,  
"God is great!"**

Psalm 70:4

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Psalm 28:9

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C listen to my plea for grace.**

Psalm 86:6

## Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,  
**C be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with  
penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of  
Your Word;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.  
**C Amen.**

## Luther's Evening Prayer

Small Catechism

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus & Blessing

LSB pg. 287

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

**C** Thanks be to God.

**p** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen

## Closing Hymn LSB429 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

WINDHAM

1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the  
died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror  
all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

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