



Time of Prayer

Friday, August 7, 2024 ❖ 2:00 pm

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023>

Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose will it is that all should come to you in need: Grant to those who are sick and suffering healing in body, mind, and spirit, and to those who care for them perseverance, wisdom, and grace, that we may continue forever in your joy and steadfast in the abundant life you promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 118 1-14

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ²Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ³Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ⁴Let those who fear the LORD now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ⁵I called to the LORD in my distress; *
the LORD answered by setting me free.
- ⁶The LORD is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
what can anyone do to me?
- ⁷The LORD is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- ⁸It is better to rely on the LORD *
than to put any trust in flesh.
- ⁹It is better to rely on the LORD *
than to put any trust in rulers.
- ¹⁰All the ungodly encompass me; *
in the Name of the LORD I will repel them.
- ¹¹They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- ¹²They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
in the name of the LORD I will repel them.
- ¹³I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but the LORD came to my help.
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

The Second Reading

Reader A reading from Luke.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell

you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Intercessions

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

All **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

All **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and John, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

All **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

Barbara	Peggy	Burton	Joni	Kitty
Parry	Ron	Diane	Sue	Tom
Karina	Richard			

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

All **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially: Rebecca

The People may add their own petitions in silence or aloud.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
All **Who put their trust in you.**

Officiant Almighty God, help of the sick and suffering: Be with all those who have asked for our prayers and desire your healing; bless, preserve, and keep those who love and care for them, that we may be conformed more and more to your likeness, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

Officiant Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and the blessing of God Almighty, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**