



Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the Psalm and other parts of the service may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm *From Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

For those with access to the internet, you may now play today's worship video, located on Bethany's website (www.bethanycr.org) under the Worship Resources tab and then continue with the Nicene Creed. Everyone else may continue the service as printed....

Scripture Lesson – *Mark 5:21-43*

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard

the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon – † *Pressing or Touching?* † (A copy is included at the end of this service.)

The Nicene’ Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,**



who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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.

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving

- New Bethany members
- Leonard Tiedt - served as Stephen Leader since '03, now retiring
- Brenda Heims - good doctor report
- Elaine Cook - recovered after surgery

Entrusting into God's Care

- Those suffering after the storm and during the pandemic
- The homeless & the unemployed
- Workers in the Church, here at Bethany and throughout the World

Healing

- Dale (brother of Marge Grovert) - Parkinson's disease
- Dathan Hinrichs - recovering after a burn
- Wanda (friend of Heitlands) - cancer
- Shirley (sister of Donice McDonald) - cancer
- John (brother of Donice McDonald) - cancer
- Nancy Owens - recovery after surgery
- Jeannine Robinson - health issues
- Darlene Eckert - recovering at Garnett Place
- Kyle Kraft - recovering after surgery
- Kim Neuhaus - health issues
- Dale Stonewall - recovering at home after surgery
- Faye Sieck - health issues

Shut-Ins

- Candi Engel - Garnett Place

Mourning

- Eugene (grandfather of Erin Heller) - died 6/22
- LoAnn (relative of Bonnie Bubke) - died 6/19
- Julie Elias - mourning the death of her mother, Vera on 6/6
- Family and friends mourning the death of Al Bachman 5/23

Serving Our Country

- Tailor & Charlie (grandsons of Kim Neuhaus) - serving in U.S. Armed Forces
- Harrison (son of Rob & Faye Sieck)- serving in U.S. Armed Forces

Collect of the Day

Let us pray... Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. By Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

Amen.

Together we pray... **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



✠ *Pressing or Touching* ✠

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As we celebrate several new members joining the church here at Bethany this weekend, we would do well to remember exactly what the Church is. If we look in the latest edition of Luther’s *Small Catechism*, we’ll find that the Church, “...is the Body of Christ – that is, all people whom the Spirit, by the Means of Grace, has gathered to Christ in faith throughout the world.” Of course, this definition of the Church comes right from God’s Word. Paul writes in Colossians 1:8, “And He [Christ Jesus] is the head of the body, the church.” Writing to the Corinthian Christians, Paul again says, “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (I Corinthians 12:27). And so, while we have the “church” building and we go to “church”, the Church with a capital “C” is nothing else than the body of Christ made up of everyone who believes in Him as their Savior. We keep this in mind, for what happens in our text, also happens in the Church today.

At the end of Mark 4, Jesus calms a storm with the power of His mighty Word. At the beginning of Mark 5, Jesus healed a man who was possessed by a demon. And so, we should not be surprised that at the beginning of our text Jesus is surrounded by a great crowd. What is surprising is that a man named Jairus seems to have worked his way through the crowd to approach Jesus. And the crowd around Jesus would have been shocked to see this man fall down at the feet of Jesus, because this was no ordinary man. Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue, an important and powerful person, who normally would not fall down at the feet of anyone. But Jairus was desperate – his daughter was dying and they needed a miracle. So, he begs Jesus, “Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live” (Mark 5:24).

As Jesus makes His way to Jairus’ daughter, the large crowd follows them and apparently the scene is full of chaos. Because as they’re walking along a woman, who had been sick for 12 years, reaches out to touch Jesus. And while He knows someone touched Him, He doesn’t know who. So immediately He asks, “Who touched my garments?” The disciples must have thought this was a a ridiculous question because they say, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” (Mark 5:31) To the disciples, it seemed as if everyone was touching Jesus. But for Him, there was a difference. For Jesus, there was a difference between the crowds pressing in around Him and someone reaching out to touch Him. You see, people were banging into Christ and pressed into Jesus as they crowded around Him, but it is not until this woman touches Christ with faith that power goes out of Him.

Now remember, the Church is the body of Christ today. So, St. Augustine once said of this passage, “If then we are His body, then what His body suffered in the crowd, His Church suffers now. It is pressed by many, touched by few. The flesh presses it, faith touches it...Lift up the eyes of faith, touch but the extreme border of His garment, it will be sufficient for saving health.”

Flesh presses, faith touches the body of Christ, the Church, and therefore Jesus Himself. I’m sure that we all know people who are like the crowds around Jesus in our text. They press in around Him and the Church, but they don’t touch Jesus with faith. They sort of like to “hang out” at the church, in the sense that they go to church when it is convenient for them or something fun is happening there. They might socialize with other Christians, maybe even talk like a Christian and know all sorts of things that Christians should know! But in the end, they are more like the crowd than the woman who was bleeding. They might be curious about Jesus, talk about Jesus, maybe even argue with others about Jesus – but in the end they don’t really think or believe that

they need Jesus, or His body the Church, because they don't know or really believe that they are sick with sin and spiritually and eternally dying.

Jairus, his daughter, and the sick woman knew that they needed Jesus. And with faith they came to Him and received exactly what they needed. *“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease”*, Jesus said to the bleeding woman and Mark tells us that she was healed. To Jairus' daughter who had died, Jesus said, *“Little girl, I say to you, arise.”* and we are told she immediately got up and began walking. Now to be clear, it was not because someone had faith in Jesus that these miracles happened. But rather it was faith that brought them to Jesus and allowed them to receive His power, healing, and love.

People today, like the woman and the girl, who know that they need to have Jesus save them, have this same faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. And they don't just sort of bump into Jesus now and again. They don't just hang out at the church when they have the chance. They have faith in Jesus as their Savior and actually become a part of His body, the Church. And this faith, even if it is faith that just touches the edge of the garment of Jesus, or His Church, is sufficient to be saved from sin, death, and the devil. It is not a guarantee that we will be healed of whatever ailment we suffer from or that our loved ones will not taste physical death. But this faith opens our eyes to see God's kingdom at work today and in eternity. It opens our eyes to see Jesus' victory on the cross and His power in the empty tomb. So even if we continue to be sick, or even if our loved one's die, we know that on the day of Jesus' return we will most certainly be healed of every disease and everyone who has died in the faith will hear Jesus say, *“Arise!”* to a new and eternal life.

What joy the healed woman must have felt after 12 long years of sickness! What joy Jairus and his family must have felt as his daughter walked around the room! If we find it hard to imagine this joy, know that we won't find it hard to imagine it forever. Because Jesus tells us there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. And there is joy in the Church as our church family here at Bethany continues to grow. And on the Last Day all of this joy will seem like nothing compared to the joy of those, who have not just pressed up against Jesus, but with faith have actually touched Him and are members of His body, the Church. Amen.

