Jesus is the Center of our Faith:

Jesus Praying from the Cross

Today we continue our worship series on prayer by focusing on Jesus’ prayers from the cross. Even in his most agonizing moments, Jesus continued to cry out to God in prayer, inviting all of his followers to do the same. Do we dare to pray honestly to God even in our darkest days?

GATHERING AND PRAYING

Prelude

Deloris Schmidt

Welcome & Congregational Announcements

Josh Schmidt

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Psalm 31:1-5

*Call to Worship

Psalm 31:14-16

*Gathering Hymn

“You are all we have” No. 29 STJ

*Gathering Prayer

Psalm 31:14-16

*Hymn of Prayer

“I need thee every hour” v. 1-3 No. 555

*Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

PROCLAIMING

Offering Our Gifts

Task Force Moment

Gayle Funk

Children’s Story

Janna Duerksen

Hymn

“Precious Lord, take my hand” No. 575

Scripture Reading


The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Praying the Psalms” Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding in Prayer

Song of Response

“My God, My God, Would You Forsake Me?” Trio

Faith Sharing

Sheri Schmidt

Hymn of Sharing

“Lord, listen to your children” No. 353

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Psalm 31 Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

*Sending Hymn

“Working with Joy” -Nickel Jubilate

*Benediction and Postlude

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Brent and Pam Abrahams and family and Elton and Denise Nickel. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Yvette Nickel.

In the pew pockets are Welcome Cards and Prayer Request Cards. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a Welcome Card and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and return to a Pastor’s mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Adults are invited to join the Prayer Elective class meeting in the sanctuary overflow.

2:00 p.m.—Chapel at Bethesda

5:00 p.m.—Membership Meal

This Week

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 24

5:30—Faithful Fitness

7:00 p.m.—TMYF, Outreach Meeting

Friday, May 26 - Monday, May 29

Junior High Camp WaShunGa

Next Sunday, May 28

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our Worship Series on "Anabaptist Essentials: Jesus is the Center of Our Faith, Praying With Jesus." Our focus will be Praying for Disciples, scripture is John 17, and Pastor Phil will be preaching. Next Sunday we will also recognize our graduates.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

7:30 p.m.—Memorial Service at Goessel Cemetery.

Offerings & Attendance

May 14, 2017

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Prayer Requests
The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 14.

★ Myron reflected on money, which can be a source of concern as well as a symbol of passion. Additionally, money, like flowers, is God's gift to us, something we can tend but can't make grow. He then shared a praise that we as a church have put together $700,000 towards the new building. Thanks be to God!

★ Carol reflected on the practice of Centering Prayer and how prayer is like exercise, something to work on and build on. She also invited people in the congregation to form prayer buddies so that we can exercise prayer together as a community. Lord, hear our prayer as we seek to practice prayer.

★ Pastor Rosie reflected on the many opportunities we have in life to return and re-center ourselves on God. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

★ Jr. High students and staff who will be at Camp WaShunGa this coming weekend. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

Budget Update:

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- Psalm 80
- Psalm 143

Psalms of praise include:
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- Psalm 16
- Psalm 65
- Psalm 100
- Psalm 103
- Psalm 104
- Psalm 121
- Psalm 145
- Psalm 146
- Psalm 148
- Psalm 150

Praying the Psalms
Sometimes it is difficult to find the right words when we enter into prayer, especially when we are feeling overwhelmed by sorrow or anxiety. Praying from the book of Psalms can be helpful when no words come. This early hymnbook of God's people covers the spectrum of human emotions and lays everything before God.

One prayer practice would be to find a place to pray in solitude, turn in your Bible to a psalm of your choice, and enter into prayer, reading aloud from the psalm itself. You can pray these in whatever voice feels most appropriate: whispered laments, shouted anguish, joyful praise. Another practice would be to pray the psalms in community.

Or, if you prefer more tactile prayers, you can enter into a time of praying the psalms in color. You can write out the words of a psalm of your choice in a creative and prayerful way that draws attention to what stands out to you from the psalm (words, phrases, images, emotions, colors, etc.). Below is a list of some (but certainly not all) psalms that could be used in prayer.

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Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.