

A Time of Prayer  
August 2, 2023

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.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**A Reading from Isaiah (35:5-10)**

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of the jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30** *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
                         and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
                         and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
                         you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
                         give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

#### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (13:10-17)**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:  
**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;  
**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:  
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

We pray for

Tim	Joni	Richard	Ron	Tom	Bob	Edie
Dotti	Kitty	Peter	Annette	Rebecca	Diane	
Mary	Roger	Burton	Janet	Liz	Parry	

For the repose of the souls of Helen, Al, Larry, Keith, Priscilla, Will, Diane, Stephen, and Joan

Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**