

A Time of Prayer
March 6, 2024

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.

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come seeking your healing grace for themselves or others. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-5)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those whose are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1-7 *Inclina, Domine*

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

A Reading from John (5:2-9)

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers

Let us offer our prayers for God’s healing, saying, “Hear and have mercy,”

Holy God, source of health and salvation,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,
Hear and have mercy.

Blessed Jesus, your Holy Name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, descendant of David, you healed all who came to you in faith,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, child of Mary, you embraced the world with your love,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Son of God, you take away our sin and make us whole,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, eternal Christ, your promised Spirit renews our hearts and minds,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give courage to all who await surgery, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and hope of Easter joy, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Hear and have mercy.

We pray for

Barbara	Peggy	Burton	Edie	Rebecca	Bud	Susan
Joni	Kitty	Jeanne	Parry	Julie	Lynn	David
Ron	Diane	Sue	Tom	Jason	Mary	Karina
Kevin	Jay	Alice	Bill			

For the repose of the soul of
Pat

For whom else shall we pray?

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.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
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.**