

A Time of Prayer
October 4, 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.

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.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, all whom we name with our voices and all whom we name in our hearts, 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 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 145:1- 9 Exaltabo te, Deus

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

A Reading from the Gospel of John (6:47-51)

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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	Bob	Burton	Edie	Janet	Jason
Joni	Kitty	Mary	Parry	Peter	Rebecca
Ron	Sally	Tim	Tom	Heather	

For the repose of the soul of

Anne	Deb	Diane	Mary Ann	Walter
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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.**