



*SERVICE OF PRAYER  
IN TIME OF WAR*

*As the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has escalated to the level of war, we come before God our Father in prayer, entreating Him to turn the hearts of those who delight in war and bloodshed, begging Him to draw near to those who suffer, and petitioning Him to grant peace in His mercy. God both commands us to pray and promises to hear our prayers for the sake of His Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” (1 Timothy 2:1-6)*

*Lord, in Your mercy, hear these the prayers of Your people. Amen.*



*Before the Prayer Service begins, we will hear from a few individuals who have spent time in Ukraine in the past, helping us get a better understanding of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine.*

*The assembly gathers in reverent silence.*

**HYMN**

When in the Hour of Utmost Need | **ELH 257**

*Please stand.*

**KYRIE**

*[Lord, Have Mercy (Luke 18:39)]*

- P** Kyrie eleison.
- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- P** Christe eleison.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P** Kyrie eleison.
- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## PSALMODY



*Antiphon: Ps. 57:1*

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be mer`ciful to me! /  
For my `soul trusts in You;  
And in the shadow of Your wings I will `make my refuge, /  
Until these calamities `have *passed* by.

*Psalm: Ps. 143:7–12*

<sup>7</sup> **Answer me speedily, O Lord; `My spirit fails! /**  
**Do not hide Your face from me,**  
**Lest I be like those who go down `into the pit.**  
<sup>8</sup> Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness `in the morning, /  
For in `You do I trust;  
Cause me to know the way in `which I should walk, /  
For I lift up `my soul to You.  
<sup>9</sup> **Deliver me, O Lord, from `my enemies; /**  
**In You `I take shelter.**  
<sup>10</sup> Teach me to `do Your will, /  
For `You are my God;  
Your `Spirit is good. /  
Lead me in the land `of uprightness.  
<sup>11</sup> **Revive me, O Lord, `for Your name's sake! /**  
**For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul `out of trouble.**  
<sup>12</sup> In Your mercy cut off `my enemies, /  
And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I `am Your servant.

**Glory be to the Father `and to the Son /**  
**and to `the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the be`ginning, is now, /**  
**and ever shall be, forever`more. A-men.**

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*Please be seated.*

## HYMN

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | **ELH 33**

## PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray: *For Peace in This World*  
Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead us to strife and discord so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with all zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring the peace that is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*For Patience*

**P** Lord God, grant us a peaceable heart and good courage in the struggle and strife with the devil, that we may not only endure and finally prevail, but also in the midst of the struggle and strife have peace, praise and thank You, and not murmur against Your divine will, so that peace may triumph in our heart, that we may not through impatience undertake anything against You, our God, nor against men, but both inwardly and outwardly, toward God and man, remain quiet and peaceable until the final and eternal peace.

**C** Amen.

## READING

Joel 2:12-19

*Silence for reflection on God's Word follows the reading.*

## PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray: *For the Whole Church*  
Merciful Lord, grant to Your Church singleness of purpose, that throughout this crisis all we do and say will point to Your dear Son and the forgiveness He has won for all people. Support all of us in our various callings to witness to Your love in Christ, so that the sorrowing and fearful may know where to turn for true comfort and hope. Bless and protect all pastors who bring words of comfort, and those working directly with

soldiers or serving humanitarian needs, and grant them diligence in the performance of their duties; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*For the Ukrainian Lutheran Church & Gift of Life*

**P** Father in Heaven, we come before You on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the faith in the country of Ukraine. We ask that You provide safety and peace to our staff working in Your Name for Gift of Life, as well as the people they serve. Grant them strength of faith, reminding them that no matter the circumstances, You are with them. We also pray for our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church. Preserve their faith, strengthen their leaders, pastors and members, that they may show the light of the Gospel in this dark time to all people. Finally, we ask that You change the hearts of those who would cause war and destruction. Lead them to turn from violence and seek peace with their neighbors. Let Your Word be the guide of all and cause it to spread to all people, bringing the peace that comes only through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray.

**C** Amen.

## READING

Romans 8:31-39

*Silence for reflection on God's Word follows the reading.*

## PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray: *For those in Authority*  
Grant health and prosperity to all that are in authority and endue them with grace to rule after Your good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

**C** Amen.

*For the Peacemakers*

**P** Lord of the nations, and God of all peace, pour out Your Spirit in rich measure on those in high places and low, who continue to seek peace during this time of war. Protect them from hate and violence, open their ears, their mouths, and their hearts to pursue the goal of peace, and make the citizens they represent responsive to their care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand.*

## READING

Matthew 24:3–13

*Silence for reflection on God's Word follows the reading.*

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray: *For the Suffering*  
Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, look in pity on all who are suffering during this time of strife and warfare. Protect the defenseless, heal the wounded, and sustain the homeless and hungry. Turn the hearts of our enemies, and forgive both them and us for our share in the sin that has brought this anguish on humanity. Open to us a way of reconciliation, and lead us to the path of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*For Those Who Grieve*

**P** You are the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction. Bless those who grieve the death of loved ones, especially those who mourn the loss of loved ones during this time of conflict. You have conquered death in the death of Your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who embraced the world in His dark death. Bring hope through the Word of Christ to all who mourn, that they may learn to hand over all of their sorrows to Jesus, the Man of sorrows, who is personally acquainted with our suffering. Remind us always, especially in the time of death, that Your will is always good and gracious to save; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### ***Free-Will Offering:***

*Your donation can be placed in the plate in the back, or given online.*

*All donations will be divided between various locations where the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) and its affiliated organizations are conducting humanitarian assistance.*

*As the hymn is sung, candles are lit. Please light your candle by tilting it into the flame of the candle from which you are lighting*

*Please stand.*

## THE LITANY

*The Litany finds its form from Ps. 136. The Litany (meaning ‘supplication’) originated in the 4th century, and has been used historically during Lent and also during periods of trouble, such as pandemic, famine, natural calamities, or war.*

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| <b>P</b> | Kyrie eleison.   | <b>C</b> | <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>   |
| <b>P</b> | Christe eleison.   | <b>C</b> | <b>Christ, have mercy upon us.</b> |
| <b>P</b> | Kyrie eleison.   | <b>C</b> | <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>   |
| <b>P</b> | O Christ, hear us.   | <b>C</b> | <b>O Christ, hear us.</b>          |
| <b>P</b> | O God the Father in heaven,  | <b>C</b> | <b>Have mercy upon us.</b>         |
| <b>P</b> | O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  | <b>C</b> | <b>Have mercy upon us.</b>         |
| <b>P</b> | O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter,  | <b>C</b> | <b>Have mercy upon us.</b>         |
| <b>P</b> | Be gracious unto us.   | <b>C</b> | <b>Spare us, good Lord.</b>        |
| <b>P</b> | Be gracious unto us.   | <b>C</b> | <b>Help us, good Lord.</b>         |
| <b>P</b> | From all sin;<br>From all error;<br>From all evil;   | <b>C</b> | <b>Good Lord, deliver us.</b>      |
| <b>P</b> | From the temptations and assaults of the devil:  | <b>C</b> | <b>Good Lord, deliver us.</b>      |
| <b>P</b> | Arm us in the strength of Your might, that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.   |          | <i>(Eph. 6:10, 11)</i>             |
| <b>P</b> | From sudden and evil death:  | <b>C</b> | <b>Good Lord, deliver us.</b>      |
| <b>P</b> | O Lord, do not sweep us away with sinners, nor our life with bloodthirsty men. Teach us to number our days, and help us not to meet our last hour unprepared and unawares. |          | <i>(Ps. 26:9, Ps. 90:2)</i>        |

**P** From pestilence and famine:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P** Let us dwell in Your shelter and abide in Your shadow, that we may be delivered from the deadly pestilence; do not break our supply of bread, and lay no famine upon us. *(Ps. 91:1, 3; Ez. 14:13; 36:29)*

**P** From war and bloodshed:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P** Scatter the peoples who delight in war; make wars cease to the end of the earth; strengthen the bars of our gates and make peace in our borders. *(Ps. 68:30; 46:9; 147:13-14)*

**P** From sedition and rebellion:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P** O Lord of peace, govern all subjects that they may not instigate sedition in the land, but live together peaceably and in unity. *(2 Th. 3:16; Eccclus. 7:7; Ps. 133:1)*

**P** From storms and natural disaster:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P** Turn back the destroying hail for rain, and the terrible tempests; hide us in the time of thunder under the shadow of Your wings. *(Ps. 105:32; Ps. 17:8; Jer. 30:23)*

**P** And from everlasting death:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**P** Ransom us from hell and redeem us from everlasting death. Guard us by Your power through faith unto salvation. *(Hosea 13:14; 1 Pt. 1:5)*

**P** By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation;

By Your holy Nativity;

By Your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;

By Your Agony and Bloody Sweat;

By Your Cross and Passion;

By Your precious Death and Burial;

By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation;

In all time of our prosperity;

In the hour of death;

And in the Day of Judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**



**P** We poor sinners do beseech You;

**C** **To hear us, O Lord God.**

**P** And to lead and govern Your holy Christian church in the right way;  
To preserve all pastors and servants of Your Church in the true knowledge  
and understanding of Your Word, and in holiness of life;  
To put an end to all godless teaching and causes of offense;  
To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest;  
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and grace;  
To raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand;  
And to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:

**C** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To give to all nations peace and concord:

**C** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** We beseech You on behalf of all authorities, that among them we may  
live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty; draw the  
hearts of all high potentates to peace, that there may be peace and truth  
in our days. *(1 Tim. 2:2; Ps. 33:15; Is. 39:8)*

**P** To preserve our country from discord and contention;  
To direct and defend our government, and all in authority;  
And to bless and keep all who administer justice, and all our people:

**C** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To behold and sustain all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;  
To protect all who travel;  
To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;  
To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;  
To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;  
And to have mercy on all people:

**C** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to turn their hearts;  
To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;  
And graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

**C** **We beseech You to hear us.**

**P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C** **Have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C** **Have mercy upon us.**

**P** O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**C** **Grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ, hear us.

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**P** Kyrie eleison.

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | **ELH 589**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** Let us pray:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed. Give Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BLESSING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord | **ELH 584**

*The assembly is invited to sing the hymn three times.*



## SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Jeff Hendrix

Organist: Darek Hartwig

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## WELCOME

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome! Restrooms are located downstairs for your convenience. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

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## THANK YOU

We thank the Oregon Chamber of Commerce for their support. Attendees are encouraged to pick up a *Community Resource Guide* on your way out – free from the Oregon Chamber.

We also thank our speakers, and thank you for coming.  
May God grant you peace.

## DONATIONS

Donations to support the humanitarian aid in Ukraine through the ULC and its partner organizations, or to support the ongoing work here in Oregon, WI may be made to Faith Lutheran Church via online giving:

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