

Sunday Worship



July 26, 2020 · Lectionary 17

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SUNDAY MORNING
ONLINE ZOOM MEETINGS

Sunday School Grades K–7

9:30 am Meeting ID: 814 4956 3264

Sunday School Grades 8–12

11:30 am Meeting ID: 872 5728 0891

[contact Nicole Meyer](#)

Online Worship & Coffee Hour

10:00 am Meeting ID: 818 5645 8080

GATHERING

WORD OF WELCOME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Tiento XXIV

Francisco Correa de Arauxo

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Water is poured at the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God whose Almighty Word

ELW # 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *[silence]*

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

LESSON — Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

*Jacob weds
Leah and
Rachel*

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Holy wisdom, Holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1–11, 45B

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek God's face.**

Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

The Lord is our God,
whose judgments prevail in all the world,
**who has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:**

the covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,
**which God established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S WORD

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

*Parables of
the kingdom
of heaven*

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at

the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou my Vision

ELW # 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people respond to each petition:

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

A SENDING PRAYER

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

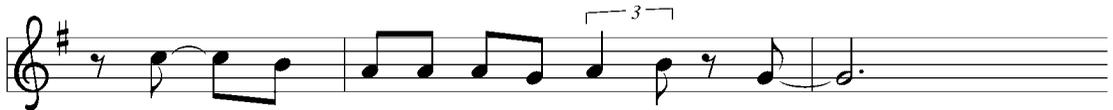
SIYAHAMBA



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



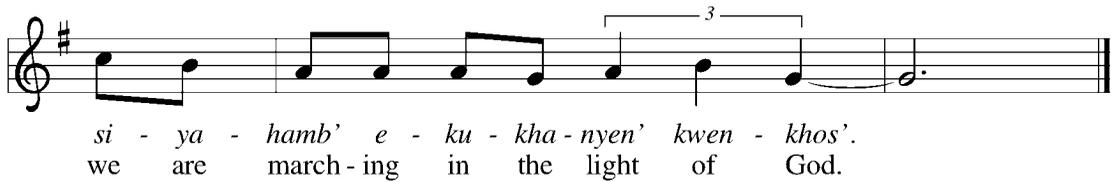
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 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



POST-SERVICE MUSIC *One Foot/Lead with Love*
Melanie DeMore

Refrain You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

- 1, 4. Don't give up hope, you're not alone.
Don't you give up, keep movin' on.
2. Lift up your eyes, don't you despair.
Look up ahead, the path is there.
3. I know you're scared, and I'm scared too,
But here I am, right next to you.

“We are Marching in the Light of God,” or “Siyahamba,” originated in South Africa, probably as a Zulu folk song. In 1978, the Swedish choral group, Fjedur, toured South Africa at the invitation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa. It was during this tour that Fjedur's musical director, Anders Nyberg, heard and recorded “Siyahamba.” In 1984, Nyberg included “Siyahamba” in a songbook called *Freedom is Coming: Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa*. Since then, it has been included in forty different hymnals in seven languages.

Today, we are pairing “We are Marching in the Light of God” with “One Foot/Lead with Love” by singer activist, Melanie DeMore. DeMore wrote this song the day after the 2016 election. It was popularized at women's marches that year and is now published in the *Justice Choir Songbook*. If you'd like to sing it with the composer, there's a [video on YouTube!](#)

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S LITURGY

Presider

Bryon Hansen

Lector

Tina Georgeson

Musicians

Beth Ann Bonnecroy

Preacher

Anne Van Kley

Videographer

Walter Zamojski

Jeffrey Cooper

Paul Georgeson

Anne Van Kley

Announcements

Edible hope of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is asking for your help volunteering to feed the homeless in Ballard. Since April 23 the National Guard has been helping us out by preparing, packing and serving food daily. They have made it possible for this vital ministry to continue while vulnerable volunteers have been able to stay healthy at home. Due to the fact that they are leaving at the end of July, we will soon be desperately understaffed if you don't help out! We are looking for eight volunteers (ages 12-60) per day to come between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will either be preparing, packing, serving or cleaning up. Serving is happening outside in the parking lot. Masks, gloves, and aprons will be provided. Temperature checks will also be necessary for social distancing/safety measures. With a commitment to volunteer just one day a week, you could help out people in our community and have something to do during these uncertain times. Please contact Sara Bates at 206-784-3119 or meals@stlukeseattle.org for more information. We at Edible Hope thank you for volunteering!

– PRLC Member Einar Ogle

Virtual Vacation Bible School: August 10–14 We can stay home, stay safe, AND Jesus' power will STILL pull us through! ZOOM along the Rocky Railway with us August 10–14 daily at 10:00 a.m. With videos, songs, stories, skits, experiments, snacks, discussions and much more we'll engage in online faith focused fun and exploration. Stay on track supply packs, including a t-shirt, music album, and lots of fun surprises will be provided for each participant. Cost per person is \$30. Scholarships are always available if needed. Opportunities for safe and distanced in-person gatherings may be added as government and health guidelines progress and permit. Online registration is now available at prlc.org.

PRLC Summer Strolls Last Sunday, 13 two-legged and 3 four-legged walkers took part in a four mile stroll through the Licton Springs neighborhood and along the Interurban Trail in Broadview on a hot Summer evening. This Sunday, July 26 at 6:00pm, join us at Cedar Park (3731 NE 135th, intersection of NE 135th St & 37th Ave NE) for a 3.5 loop walk through northeast Seattle mostly along "Stay Healthy Streets" closed by the City of Seattle to through traffic.

These walks will continue every Sunday evening at 6pm through the end of August (COVID permitting). Face coverings are required. Please contact Don Boelter to be added to the weekly email list with details on each walk (donboelter@gmail.com, 206-276-4687).

Upcoming Walks:

August: 2: Myrle Edwards Park

August 9: Golden Gardens Drive/Sunset Hill

August 16, 23, and 30: TBD

Vicar Care Committee. We'd like to give a shout of appreciation to Al Bruck, Riley Dudley, Alice and Willie Gregory, Eric Liljegren, Alice Rowe, Erica Shutes-David, and Michael Trice as they support our new vicar, Sara Funkhouser, as she follows her call in these weirdest of times. Sara will be moving to an apartment on Phinney Ridge on August 6. Thank you to all who have so generously donated furniture and housewares on her behalf. We're still looking for a few items, including a fan and any wall art or frames. We'd love to have Sara feel welcomed and seen by our congregation despite the obstacles of social distancing. If you're willing, please send a letter or card in which you introduce yourself to Sara:

Vicar Sara Funkhouser

c/o Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church

7500 Greenwood Ave N

Seattle, WA 98103

Feel free to include a gift card or suggestions for your favorite places to visit around Seattle, especially places that are open and accessible when social distancing. We are so excited to have her!

PRLC member Abby Cress has been extended a call to serve as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, Montana. Recently graduated from United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg), this will be Abby's first call. Details forthcoming around her ordination.

Next Sunday

August 2, 2020

Lectionary 18, Year A

Lessons

Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21

Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

“let us exalt God’s name together...” Psalm 34:3 + “pray without ceasing ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need and your prayers. Please email office@prlc.org or call 206-783-2350 with requests. Prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; if you wish to keep a request on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office. New requests for the week are in **bold type**.*

We pray for...

the church of Jesus Christ in every land ...

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
The ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
Missionaries in Hungary, Pastor Rachel Eskesen and Pastor Zach Courter
Ecumenical partners – United Methodist Church
Partners in our Synod – Faith Lutheran
Partners in the Seattle area – Woodland Park United Methodist Church

healing in body, mind, and spirit ...

Beau, son of Ryan and Christine, health struggles

For safe travel and comfort for Sally LeBoeuf, friend of Sallie Shippen, as she moves to Utah and enrolls in Hospice.

Celia, sister-in-law of Brian and Peggy Kreger, breast cancer, and her husband Dan

Debi, friend of Brian and Peggy Kreger, recurrence of breast cancer

Jean Hansen, mother of Pastor Bryon, hospitalized

Suzanne, sister of Ruth Moore, heart bypass surgery

Michael Simpson, brother of Monica Hartley, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Lisa, sister of Paula Eisenrich, stage 4 colon cancer

John Breen, recovering from surgery

Janice Stamey, cancer

Rex Wood, Luci Baker Johnson’s cousin’s husband, suffering from COPD

Bruce Weaver II, friend of Luci Baker Johnson, reemergence of bone/pelvis cancer

Diana Kunde, cancer treatment

John Rost, cancer treatment

Diane Hart-Hamilton, surgery on June 8th

For all infected with COVID-19

Mabel Rockness

Gretchen (daughter of Peter and Ann Marie Wick), brain cancer

Eunice Baker, in home hospice for dementia and vascular disease

those preparing for baptism ...

Musashi Shutes-David, Lana Shutes-David, Genevieve Ferguson, Olive Bailey, Alice Bloom

those preparing to renew baptismal vows ...

Kate Bailey, Kate Cleveland, Kent Butters, Lauren Bloom, Linda Currey, Robyne Curry, David Gehlen, Julia Gehlen, Patrick Hinshaw, Renée Knepper, Nicole Meyer, Mary Murphy, Sabine von Preyss

Brigid Collins, Col Snelling, Isaac Liljegren, Charlotte Van Kley, Lily Huber, Vassar Price, Finn Vickers, Kristen McGregor, Tess Van Sanford

the homebound members and friends of Phinney...

Virginia Schafer, Eunice Baker, Margie Conover, Brian Cummins, Gloria Swisher, Borgny Eriksen, Jean Hansen, and many others

for those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness...

Carolyn Love, Ray Price, Margaret Wallace, Bonnie Hartmann, Warren "Andy" Pease, Ardy Wisch, Arnold Boelter, Carman, Heather, Shirley Sutherland

the faithful departed ...

Susan Hofstatter, sister-in-law of Bob Hofstatter; July 20

Les Filion, July 11

David Van Sanford, father-in-law of Kari

Erma Kahle, grandmother of Matt Langston

peace and justice in all lands and the well-being of creation ...

The Dut Chuei family in South Sudan, for family unity and safety

Thanksgiving for Todd Johnson, friend of Luci Baker Johnson, recovered from COVID-19, home and back to work

The vulnerable and endangered, and all who support and care for them, in particular Stephen, ER physician and son of Don Swisher; and Jeff, ICU nurse and son of Don and Sylvia Maier

Wisdom and safety for health-care workers, first responders, and public leadership in dealing with the spread of illness from the coronavirus

All affected by COVID-19

For all who grieve the death of George Floyd

Racial justice in America

Thanksgiving and protection for Rev. Katherine GrayBuck and all hospital chaplains

Tensions in the Middle East, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo

Wisdom in dealing with climate change

Immigrants seeking a homeland

The children who were taken illegally from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border

All single parents everywhere

Those suffering from addiction and other mental illnesses

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses ...

Commemorations and Festivals for the Week

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672;
George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians** Tuesday, July 28

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Wednesday, July 29

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Wednesday, July 29

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Psalm 65:8–13	Genesis 30:25–36	James 3:13–18
Tuesday	Psalm 65:8–13	Genesis 30:37–43	Ephesians 6:10–18
Wednesday	Psalm 65:8–13	Genesis 46:2—47:12	Mark 4:30–34
Thursday	Psalm 17:1–7, 15	Isaiah 14:1–2	Philippians 4:10–15
Friday	Psalm 17:1–7, 15	Isaiah 41:8–10	Romans 9:6–13
Saturday	Psalm 17:1–7, 15	Genesis 31:1–21	Matthew 7:7–11

Church Groups on Zoom

The WAY

Sunday at 12:30 am

[contact Pastor Bryon Hansen](#)

The WAY continues through the virtual realm. We meet at for about an hour or so beginning 12:30 on Sundays. If you are a WAY participant or companion, please join us for mutual conversation, prayer, and reflection.

Meeting ID: 948 7586 1888

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 am

[contact Chris Shultz](#)

Are you an early riser? Are you craving conversations about something other than COVID-19 or the weather? Then ZOOM in to the Wednesday morning Bible Study from your home. This study is open to anyone, male or female, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. We take a look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and discuss them. Come and join us!

Meeting ID: 530 820 320 Password: 960129

Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:00 am

[contact Pastor Bryon Hansen](#)

The gift of praying at certain times of the day is a way to mark God's presence throughout the day. One of these is Morning Prayer, a time to open our hearts and voices to God's presence, pray psalms, hear and reflect upon the day's scripture, give thanks and pray for others. Join us as we give thanks for the resurrection dawn of a new day and join in the ceaseless prayer of the church at all times and in all places.

Meeting ID: 937 8522 0760

Quench for Youth

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

[contact Nicole Meyer](#)

Students in grades 6–12 are encouraged to meet up for virtual quenching of our social and spiritual thirsts. There are always some shenanigans and laughter too! Join the youth email list to receive up-dates and info about the theme of the week.

Meeting ID: 890 2788 9111

Spirited Women

Thursdays at 10:00 am

[contact Pastor Anne Van Kley](#)

Spirited Women are now reading Melinda Gates' book, *The Moment of Lift*. If you would like to be added to our email list, contact Pastor Van Kley. Consider yourself invited!

Meeting ID: 872 5037 0297

Holy Happy Hour

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

[contact Pastor Anne Van Kley](#)

Pour yourself your favorite beverage and join us for an informal, authentic conversation about theology, philosophy, scripture, or whatever else comes up! Your only job is to come with a question, any question. It can be as big as "why do bad things happen to good people" and as obscure as "what is wormwood, anyway?" No pressure, though. You can also pass and just enjoy listening to the conversation. Let's try it!

Meeting ID: 944 2014 8367

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Nursery Care

Our congregation participates in a Lutheran counseling organization with congregations from across the Puget Sound area. **Lutheran Counseling Network** is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors who provide therapy in a variety of settings for a variety of needs. One such office is located in our building, with Counselor Rosemary Raynaud providing therapy on an appointment basis. Learn more at www.lutherancounseling.net. You can also reach Rosemary by phone at 206-364-1046, ext. 3.

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GIVING THANKS AT THE TABLE

During Ordinary Time feel free to use one or more of these prayers at Mealttime. Join hands around the table as a sign of peace and unity. Whether alone or with others, make the sign of the cross after each prayer. These prayers echo the Great Thanksgiving Prayer used at the Sunday Eucharist.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, O God. You give food to every living creature.
Fill our hearts with joy and delight.

Give us what we need and enough to spare for works of mercy
in praise of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Through Christ may glory, honor, and power be yours forever. **Amen.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to use be blessed.

May every table, everywhere
receive from you a goodly share. **Amen.**