

A rustic wooden sign with a dark brown, weathered appearance. The sign is mounted on a wall made of horizontal wooden planks. The text is written in white, with the first line in a bold, serif font and the second line in a cursive script font.

GIVE US THIS DAY  
*Our Daily Bread*



## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

Church Office Hours: 9 AM to 1 PM Monday thru Thursday



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**TO OUR GUESTS:** We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register during the offering. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Christian education classes are offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH and NURSERY** Following the Children's Message, all children ages 3-7 are invited to Children's Church downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering. A nursery attendant is provided for children ages birth to 3 years during our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.



**COMMUNION** We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice. If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

# *The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills*

October 14, 2018

## Special Series on the Lord's Prayer

### Week 5: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

LSB #785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

## Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

**God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petitions that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

*What is meant by daily bread?*

**Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors and the like.**

## RESPONSE

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

LSB #766 (v. 5)

5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance give.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 145:14-20

*(God Provides for His Creation)*

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup>The LORD preserves all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"*

*Jesus, our Lord, our life indeed,*

*Help us to find the strength we need;*

*Write in our hearts all the words you have said,*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Grant us a new and loving heart,*

*Fill us with truth to do our part.*

*Offer us food for our souls to be fed,*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*For daily bread, unending praise;*

*For daily love, devotions we raise;*

*For day by day with you we are led,*

*So give us this day our daily bread.*

*Give us your Son, the Christ, our Lord.*

*Give us his bread, his promise outpoured;*

*Give us our Jesus, the Living Head,*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

## EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 8:1-9

*(Encouragement to Give Generously)*

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup>and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

<sup>6</sup>Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup>But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

<sup>8</sup>I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

<sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich...

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

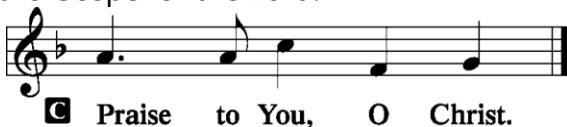
*(Do Not Be Anxious about Tomorrow)*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the sixth chapter.



<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB #895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**SERMON***"There is No 'I' in Stewardship"***Psalm 145:15**

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

**OFFERING****VOLUNTARY****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord in Your mercy,

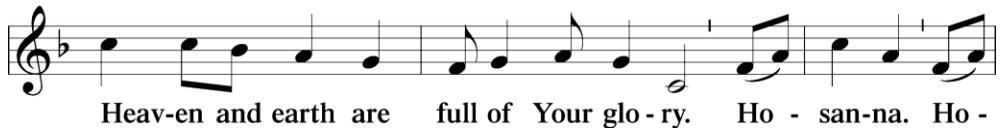
**Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SANCTUS



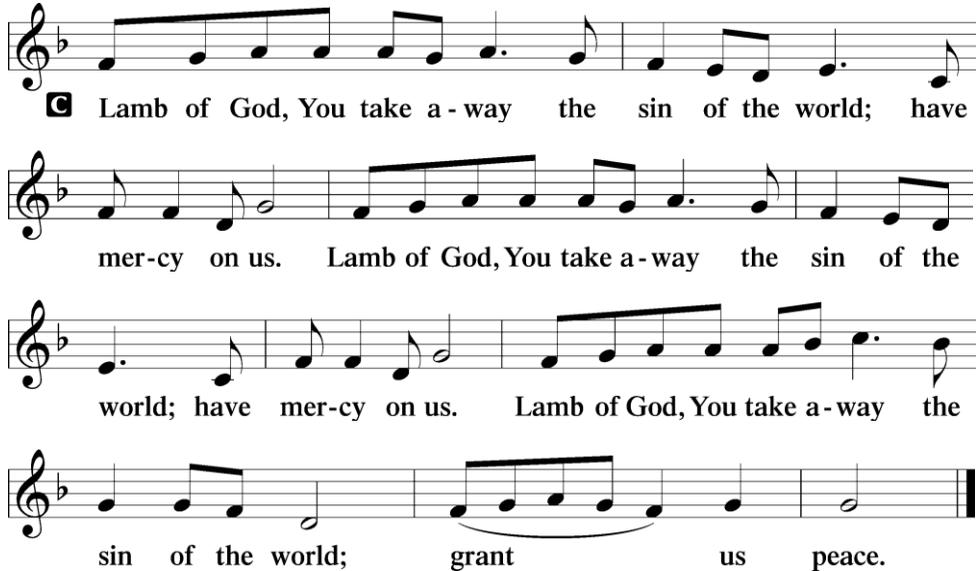
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| "Praise and Thanksgiving"        | LSB #789 |
| "This Touch of Love" (10:30)     | Choir    |
| "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" | LSB #892 |
| "Great is Thy Faithfulness"      | LSB #809 |

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****"For the Fruits of His Creation"**

LSB #894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har-vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**



**SIGN- UP ON THE**  
**BULLETIN BOARD**

Fall Church Picnic

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

following late service

Vestavia Lodge

near 1793 Merryvale Road  
behind Wald Park

