A Prayer Service

HYMN: The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) #24

INVOCATION

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 139

PRAYER

HYMN: TLH 39

READING: Ezekiel 3:15-21

PRAYER

HYMN: TLH 496

READING: II Corinthians 5:18-6:2

PRAYER

HYMN: TLH 400

READING: II Timothy 2:1-4

PRAYER

HYMN: TLH 580

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P: O Lord
C: Have mercy on us.
P: O Christ,
C: Have mercy on us.
P: O Lord,
C: Have mercy on us.

ALL: THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Be merciful to us, O Lord,
C: Forgive us, for we have sinned against You.
P: Let your people be clothed with righteousness
C: And let your saints shout for joy.
P: Lead us in the path of righteousness,
C: Guide us in Your ways.
P: O Lord, we pray for justice.
C: Defend the helpless children from the slaughter of abortion.
P: We pray for our rulers.
C: Give them wisdom and courage to enact laws that protect and defend life.
P: We pray for those who have committed the sin of abortion.
C: Lead them to the knowledge of Your Son, and wash them clean of this sin through His blood.
P: We pray for the church.
C: Strengthen your people so that we proclaim both law and gospel.
P: We pray for forgiveness for ourselves.
C: We recognize that we also have sinned against you and need your forgiveness.

(Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
C: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
P: Wash away all my iniquity
C: And cleanse me from my sin.
P: For I know my transgressions,
C: And my sin is always before me.
P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
C: So that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
P: Surely I have been a sinner from birth,
C: Sinful from the time my other conceived me
P: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
C: You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean
C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
P: Let me hear joy and gladness;
C: Let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
P: Hide your face from my sins
C: And blot out all my iniquity.
P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
P: Do not cast me from your presence
C: Or take your Holy Spirit from me.
P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation
C: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
C: And sinners will turn back to You.
P: The Lord be with you.
C: May He be with you also.

BENEDICTION


HYMN: TLH 53

(Silent Prayer)

[To be used with Thoughts and Prayers for the Scripture Readings]