

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 mother 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

Congregation sings: Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: TLH 53

(Silent Prayer)

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