

Didache Divine Service

Session 14

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer: Fourth and Fifth Petitions

I. Invocation and Prayer

II. Hymn: 769 "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

III. Bible Reading: A Gentile Woman Prays to Jesus: Mark 7:24-30

[Jesus] arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵ For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Gentile, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept begging Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."

²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

³⁰ And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

1. Why would Jesus not want people to know where He was?
2. What drew this Gentile woman to come to Jesus?
3. What need did this Gentile woman bring to Jesus?
4. Why did this woman keep begging Jesus to cast out the demon?
5. How does Jesus respond to her prayer?
6. In Jesus answer, who are the children and who are the dogs?
7. Why does Jesus treat her this way?
8. What is revealed about the woman by her response to Jesus?
9. Why does Jesus cast out the demon?

IV. The Lord's Prayer Teaches Us What Prayer Is: (Review)

1. God's Word is the foundation for prayer.
2. Prayer is the voice of faith that claims the promises of God's Word.
3. God's Word is what gives certainty to prayer.
4. Our baptism gives us the rights and privileges of a child.
5. Our prayers are heard for Christ's sake, not because of our merit or worthiness.

V. The Small Catechisms Explanation to the Lord's Prayer: LSB p. 324

The Fourth Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread"

- We are taught that the gifts of daily bread are a sign of God's universal grace.
- We are praying for faith to rely upon our heavenly Father for everything that we need.
- We are taught the daily bread includes everything that has to do with the supports and needs of the body.

**The Fifth Petition: "And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us."**

- We are taught to believe that sin is the common problem that we all have.
- We are taught that God's answer to all our prayers rests upon His grace and forgiveness that we do not deserve.
- We are taught that our capacity to forgive and do good to others rests upon receiving God's forgiveness in faith.
- The "And" at the beginning of the petition connects the fifth petition to the fourth: It is in the context of the things of daily bread that we experience sin's struggles.
- The plural pronouns teach us that there is an important liturgical dimension to every petition of the Lord's Prayer.

VI. Hymn: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" (Stanzas 5-6)

VII. Liturgy for Holy Communion (Peach handout)

VIII. Hymn to Depart: 882 "O Christ, Who Art the Light of Day"