**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday Lent #4**

**March 21,2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: The Lord’s Prayer**

**Emphasis: The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught his followers.  This prayer teaches us who God is and how God works.**

**Bible Background:** This is a prayer that Jesus shared with his disciples.  He encouraged his disciples and the people who were following him to pray and talk to his Father. Jesus loved his Father and knew that when you pray to his father, God is filled with joy.

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer too. It was the same prayer he taught the disciples.  Thank you to the writers of the Bible, Jesus can teach it to all of us.  The Lord's Prayer shows what is important in a prayer. Not only does this prayer ask God for help, but it also reminds us that we are to honor God. This prayer is a good balance of thanking and honoring God,  and asking God to provide us what we need.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Story of the Lord’s Prayer Pages 278-281) Matthew 6:5-14  - Jesus’ instructions to praying from the heart.)

**Questions:**

1. **Why do you think that Jesus taught us this prayer?** (There can be many answers to this question! Jesus wanted everyone to know his Father.  He also wanted God’s people to know how much God loves them and to be able to thank God for God’s unconditional love.)

1. **How can we honor and love God in our daily life?** (We can pray the Lord’s Prayer. We can listen to, and respect our parents, and our teachers.  We can be kind to our brother or sister and friends.)

1. **How can we help God give others their daily bread? (**Be God’s hands, feet and voice in the world! (We can share what we have with others.  We can give food to the Kyrene food bank or help feed that people of the Navajo nation. Esperanza’s newsletter has the times and places for all our giving opportunities at church.)

**Activity: Lord’s prayer banner:** Enclosed are materials for your family to make a Lord’s prayer banner. Jesus taught us how to pray. What are some things you pray for?  Write one of the things you pray for on a strip of paper and other materials. Then hang them on your prayer banner. Think of words and shapes that represent the Lord’s prayer. Put the words and shapes that represent God, our father and how much God loves us on the banner. This prayer is also about how we are to put God first in our lives and to honor God in all we do**.**

**Emphasize: Jesus loved his Father and wanted others to love his father too. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray to his father.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God.  Thank you for our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, for our sister and brother and our cousins.  Help us to love and honor those who care for us each day.  Amen