



## NEW BUILDING PRAYER WALK

**P - WELCOME** (P = Pastor, L = Leader)

### **P - FRONT DOOR**

We gather in gratitude to seek God's blessing on these buildings and to consecrate and set them apart to His service. Let this be a place of hospitality to all who enter these doors. As St. Paul reminds us: *"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* (Rom 15:7) May this be a place for sharing the love of Jesus within our congregation and community.

**Prayer:** O God, refresh and give life to all who come here, that we may offer them friendship and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let the doors be opened in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **L - CDC OFFICE**

With the words of Jesus we seek God's blessing on those who will work in these offices: *"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* (John 15:9-12)

**Prayer:** Loving Father, we pray for your blessing upon our Director, \_\_\_\_\_, and her staff as they minister to the children and families in their care. May they always be filled with compassion and your love. Help them to live their faith in you with patience and kind understanding. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **P - PARENT LOUNGE**

From ancient times God commanded parents to instruct their children in these words: *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.* (Dt. 6:4-9)

**Prayer:** God, our loving Father, come and dwell in this place according to your promise. Drive far from it the evil one. Let your holy angels encamp around it day and night. Defend it from all danger, from fire and every evil. Hold your protecting hand over the parents who will come to this place. May this always be a place where your love is shared and your name is praised. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



## **L - COMMUNITY ROOM**

As we consecrate this place of gathering we hear the words of the Psalmist:

*"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise*

*.... to silence the foe and the avenger."* (Psalm 8:1-2)

**Prayer:** Be with us now and bless us as we consecrate this community room to your praise and honor. Give us joy in your works, and grant that this gathering place may welcome and give fellowship all who enter. In Jesus name we offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

## **P - PLAYGROUND**

As we bless the play grounds we hear the story of the boy Samuel and God's call to him. *"One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. .... Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD... Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ...The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (I Samuel 3:1-10)*

**Prayer:** Almighty God, bless the children who will use this playground. Keep them safe from all harm and grant them the joy of healthy bodies. Help them to grow each day in their love of you and one another. Like Samuel, may they hear and respond to your call. In Jesus' precious name we come. Amen.

**Song:** Jesus Loves The Little Children

## **L - PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS**

Even as parents brought their children to Jesus, so will parents bring their children to Jesus in these classrooms. Listen to what happened: *"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."* (Mark 10:13-16)

**Song:** I am Jesus Little Lamb (740 LSB) Use if known

*I am Jesus little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.*



**Prayer:** Gracious Father, let your holy angels protect the children who will be entrusted to our care. May we use this time with them to prepare them for school and for life with you now and into eternity. We offer ourselves up to you in Jesus name. Amen.

### **P - NURSERY ROOM**

As we consecrate this nursery, we hear of Jesus being brought to the Temple by his parents. *“ When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast...in Jerusalem. ... while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart”.*

(Lk 2:40-52)

**Prayer:** Loving Father, even as the child Jesus longed for the chance to be with You in the Temple, so also create such a longing in the hearts of the children and families that will enter this room. May they know and experience your abiding love for them. In Jesus’ name we come to You. Amen.

**Song:** Jesus Loves Me This I know

### **L - TODDLER ROOM**

The writer of Proverbs reminds us of the beautiful “treasures” that will fill this room: *By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*”

(Prov. 24:3-4)

**Prayer:** Loving God and Father, you invited the little children to come to you and set them as an example to all of us. May we so treasure those who come here and treat them even as you would treat them. In your most precious name we pray. Amen.

### **P - CHURCH LOBBY**

In this very light and welcoming space we are reminded of the words of Jesus to us: *“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* (Matt. 5:14-16)

**Prayer:** Almighty God, you have granted us grace to construct this building to your praise and glory. We give you what is your own that it may be consecrated to your name. Come, Lord, take possession of this entrance that it may be a workshop of your



spirit so that, being instructed in your Word, we may be faithful disciples and a light to our world; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **L - CHURCH OFFICE**

We bless these offices and all who will work in them each day. As they greet those who enter, may they be reminded that they are chosen by God to be a blessing. Peter wrote: *“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by others but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ...You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

(1 Peter 2:4 – 9)

**Prayer:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Help us to be grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others. Grant wisdom, protection, and a spirit of hospitality to those who will work and minister in these offices, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **P - KITCHEN/SERVING AREA**

In this place we celebrate the gift of food and all who will prepare it. The Prophet Joel reminds us of God’s provision: *“I will send you corn, and new wine, and oil, and you shall have your fill. Rejoice and be glad in the Lord, your God.”* (Joel 2:19a, 23a) Likewise, the Psalmist writes: *“The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.”* (Ps. 145: 16)

**Prayer:** O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing upon those who work in this kitchen, and make us all thankful each day for our daily bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **L - FELLOWSHIP HALL/WORSHIP CENTER**

This is a wonderful place of fellowship and worship. The Psalmist sings of this in these beautiful words: *“How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ...Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked”.* (Psalm 84:1-5; 10-12)

**Prayer:** Lord, we know that you cannot be contained in a building. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your church. Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others the covenant you make with us in Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Lord, touch us with your blessing as we



consecrate this house to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

OR Open Circle Prayer

**Songs:** Sanctuary and Doxology

P – *“The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore”.* (Psalm 121:8)

