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Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
²I will open my mouth to share a lesson.
I will speak about puzzling problems from long ago,
³things we have heard and known,
things our fathers have told us.
⁴We will not hide them from their descendants.
We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders that he has done.
⁵He set up testimony for Jacob.
In Israel he established the law.
He commanded our fathers to make it known to their children.
⁶Then the next generation would know it,
even the children not yet born.
They would rise up and tell their children.
⁷Then they would put their confidence in God,
and they would not forget the deeds of God,
but they would keep his commands.
⁸Then they would not be like their fathers,
a stubborn, rebellious generation,
a generation that did not keep their hearts steadfast,
whose spirits were not faithful to God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**For several weeks, the Prayer of the Church is a collective prayer written by 8th grade students of Emanuel Lutheran School and focused on a different petition of the Lord's Prayer. This week's Prayer of the Church reflects the final and Seventh Petition: "Deliver us from evil."*

M: Lord, we are well aware of the evil that threatens both body and soul. We pray that you would protect us, our neighbors, the Church, our soul, property, and reputation.

C: **As we encounter evil we put our trust in you, knowing we cannot deliver ourselves.**

M: Through your gracious and loving name, deliver us from evil: Where there is darkness, let there be light. Let war turn into peace. Let hate turn into friendship.

C: **As is it according to your will, spare us from every evil encounter.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions, especially thanking you for your protection.

Silent prayer.

M: May we see the evil that does come into our lives as opportunity to turn to your word and sacraments and so be strengthened in faith. May we encourage our Christian brothers and sisters to do the same.

C: **When our times comes, take us graciously out of this world up to your loving arms in heaven. May we always look forward to our eternal home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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