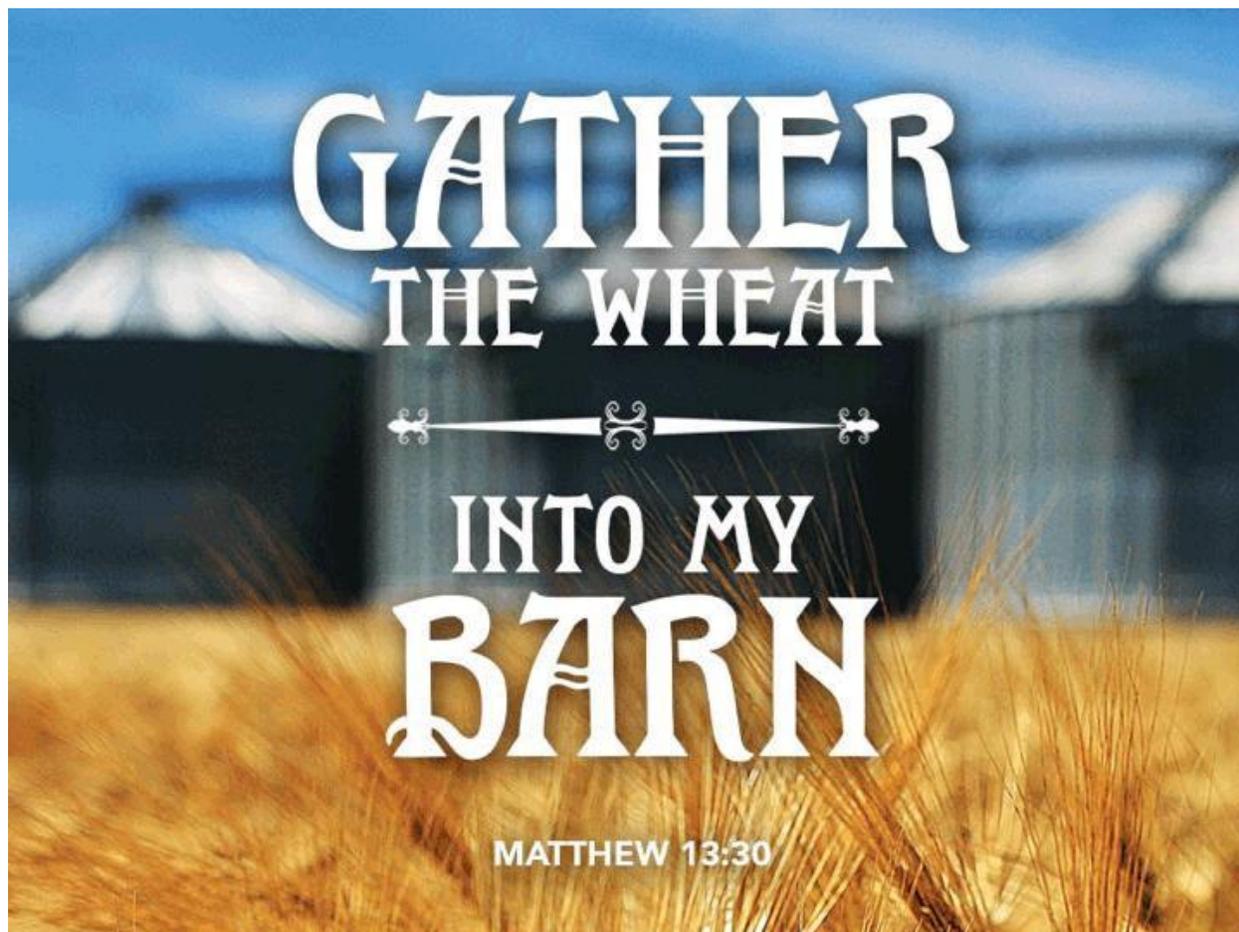


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, July 19, 2020



All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Introduction to the day

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

--GATHERING--

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

NARTHEX TIME

9:50-10:05am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

John Holdrich

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisette Branscomb
Congregational President

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM WITH
CANDLE LIGHTING AND WATER**

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

A candle is lit. Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

GREETING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

--WORD--

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Mary Kay Kates

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Joanne Swanson

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

A reading from Isaiah:

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
 and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
 I am the first and I am the last;
 besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
 let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

Pastor Ruth Hamilton



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¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
 and glorify your name for- | evermore. R

¹³For great is your | love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
 they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | fortified me. R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Joanne Swanson

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

A reading from Romans:

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATON

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that | which I purpose,* and succeed in the thing for | which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isa. 55:11)

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Ruth Hamilton****HYMN OF THE DAY****The Lord's Prayer****Kelly Kraus, Handbell Solo****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****John Yale**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways (*regions and nations in conflict may be named*). Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray especially for:

- Katie and Dan Kish, their new baby son Levi and grandparents Lisette and Jack Branscomb.
- Maija Miller; Hannah Rosselle; Sherry Lang; Janie and Gary Toebben.
- John Womack; Leisa Wiggley; Officer Max Brewer; Bronwyn Yale Blanco; Rosie Marks; Marta; Sheila Wagner; Margaret Robinson; Rick Robinson; Sondra Fowler; and Pinky Palm.
- Chris Holdrich, Stephanie, and all healthcare workers.
- Bob, Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip.
- Doni Saunders, Joanne Heckman, and Richard Kraus.
- The Szalkowski Family.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us especially Lee McCurry, Butch Morgan, Kathy Colunga-Rosales, and Shirley Fareed. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

--MEAL--

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

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OFFERING of Bread and Wine

Preparing your bread and wine

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OFFERING PRAYER

John Yale

Let us pray.

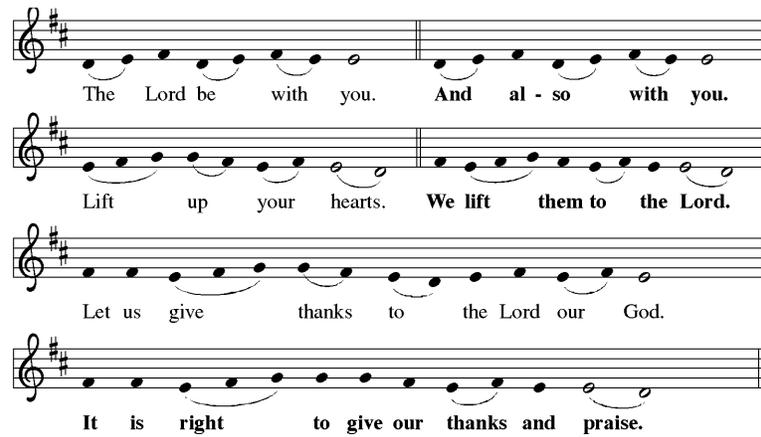
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

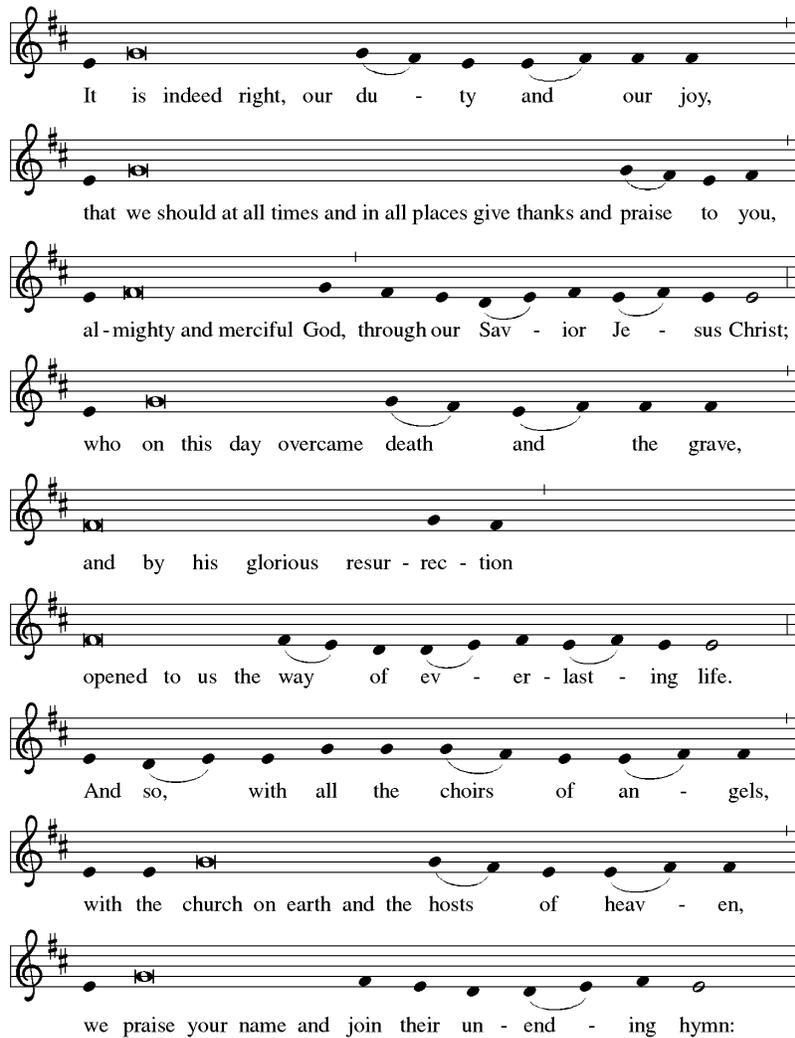
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+DIALOGUE



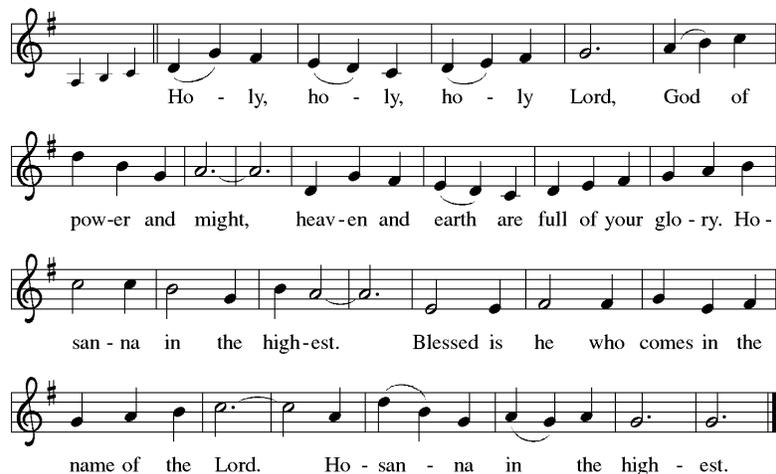
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG (Spoken)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Yale

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

--SENDING--

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Build Us Up, Lord
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DISMISSAL

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in
faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your
word to spread the news of your Son!

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Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna
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---PRAYER LIST---

- Katie & Dan Kish (daughter and son-in-law of Lisette & Jack Branscomb) for the blessing of their baby son Levi; for God's providence in being with Lisette as she unexpectedly was called on to deliver her grandson
- Maija Miller (Sue Martinson's niece), for healing from COVID-19
- Hannah Rosselle, exposed to COVID-19 and in quarantine
- Sherry Lang (sister of Sheila Wagner), for healing from hip replacement surgery
- Janie & Gary Toebben (relatives of Charlene Adams), healing for Gary with his cancer diagnosis and ongoing recovery for Janie's health issues
- John Womack, for healing from COVID-19
- Leisa Wiggley (friend of All Saints' quilters), for healing from cancer
- APD Officer Max Brewer, now home, for healing and successful rehab and therapy
- Bronwyn Yale Blanco
- Rosie Marks (Cherie Mason's sister-in-law), recovering from colon cancer surgery
- Marta (long-time friend of Rica Kelly), for healing from health issues
- Sheila Wagner
- Margaret Robinson (mother-in-law of Sandra Robinson), recovering from broken hip and falls
- Rick Robinson (Sandra Robinson's husband), for healing
- Sondra Fowler (friend of Sandra Robinson), for healing
- Pinky Palm (wife of Pastor Randy Palm, Rock of Ages Lutheran), healing from a broken femur
- Chris Holdrich (John & Joyce Holdrich's grandson), for guidance and protection in his work as a healthcare worker
- Stephanie (friend of Joann Rosselle), for guidance and protection in her work as a healthcare worker
- Bob (brother of Cherie Mason), unemployed due to COVID-19
- Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, Phillip – underemployed/unemployed
- Doni Saunders (friend of Cherie Mason) – for reassurance and safety living in a care center where COVID-19 is present
- Joanne Heckman – for reassurance and safety living in a retirement center where COVID-19 is present
- Richard Kraus (father of Bruce Kraus) – for reassurance and safety living in a retirement center where COVID-19 is present
- Jerry & Jackie Szalkowski – smooth closing of the sale of their home; finding a new home; health issues; Jerry's retirement
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators – guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all as schools prepare to re-open
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Lee McCurry (friend of the Yale family), young man who passed away unexpectedly this week
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Butch Morgan (cousin of Kelly Kraus), upon his death
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Kathy Colunga-Rosales, Lilburn Elementary 3rd grader, who passed away due to a brain tumor
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Shirley Fareed, upon her death, that justice be served