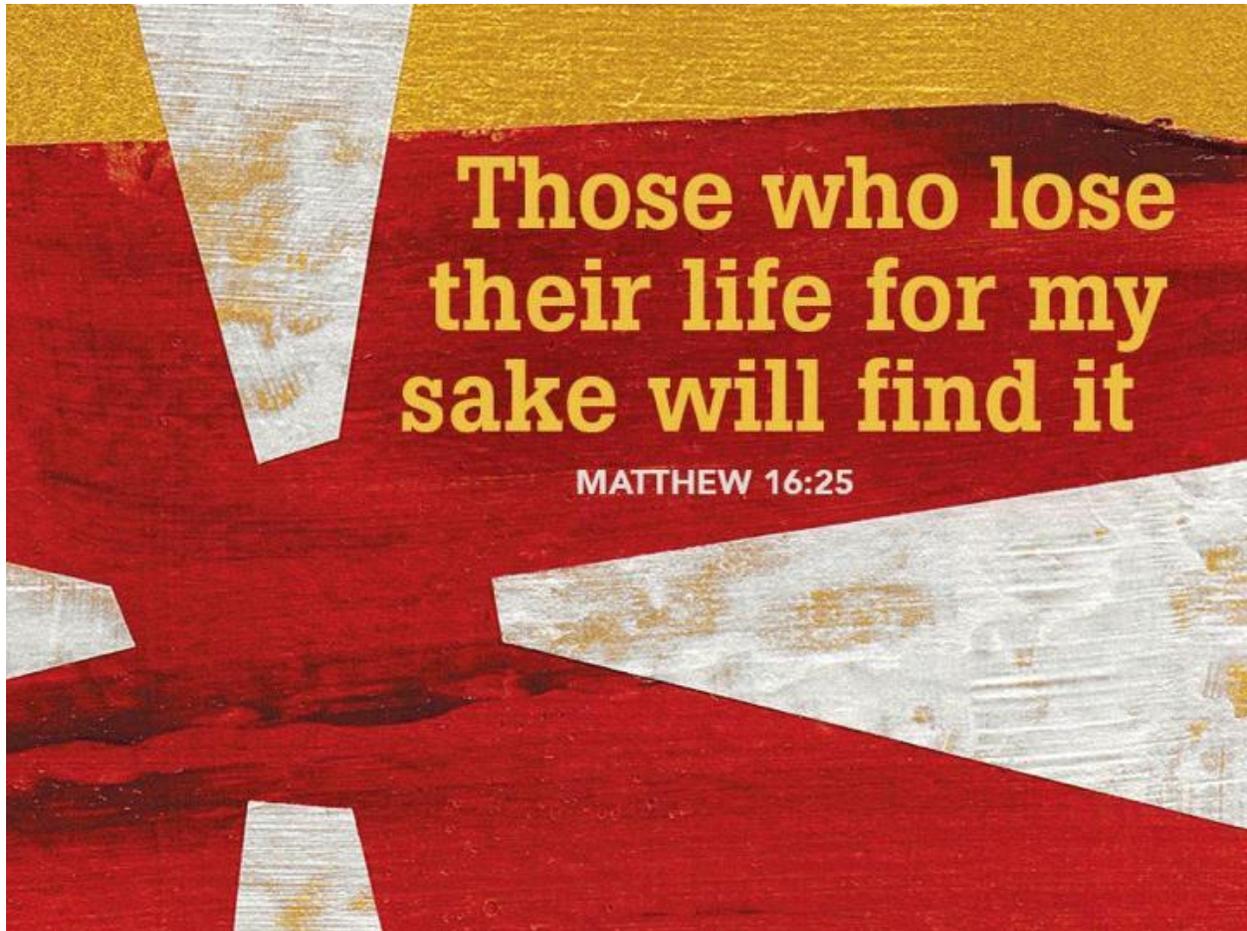


**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
ELW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, August 30, 2020



**All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA**

*722 Rockbridge Road SW*

*Lilburn, GA 30047*

*Rev. Dr. Ruth E. Hamilton, Interim Pastor*

*John Womack, Director of Music and Organist*

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**Introduction to the day**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

**---GATHERING---**

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

**NARTHEX TIME**

**9:50-10:05 am**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP/GREETING**

**Bruce Kraus**

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lisette Branscomb**  
*Congregational President*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM WITH  
CANDLE LIGHTING AND WATER (ELW p. 97)**

**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

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.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**ELW 710**

## Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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### 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

Lisette Branscomb

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through 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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Mary Kay Kates

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8****John Womack**

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (*Ps. 26:3*)

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21****Mary Kay Kates**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflinching standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Alleluia.* May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes | of our hearts,\* so that we may know the hope to which | God has called us. *Alleluia.* (Eph. 1:17, 18)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## God of Justice

## Celebration Band

God of Justice, Saviour to all  
Came to rescue the weak and the poor  
Came to serve and not be served  
And Jesus, You have called us  
Freely we've received now freely we will  
give

We must go, live to feed the hungry  
Stand beside the broken, we must go  
Stepping forward keep us from just singing  
Move us into action, we must go  
Fill us up, send us out

To act justly everyday  
Loving mercy in every way  
Walking humbly before You God  
You have shown us what You require  
Freely we've received now freely we will  
give

We must go, live to feed the hungry  
Stand beside the broken, we must go  
Stepping forward keep us from just singing  
Move us into action, we must go

Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out Lord

Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out Lord

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Fill us up, send us out Lord

Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out  
Fill us up, send us out Lord

To act justly, loving mercy  
We must go, we must go  
To the broken and the hurting  
We must go, we must go  
We must go, live to feed the hungry  
Stand beside the broken, we must go  
Stepping forward keep us from just singing  
Move us into action, we must go  
Fill us up, send us out

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Lisette Branscomb**

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 faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray especially for:

- Marjorie O'Brien; Jerry Barnes; Sue Silver; Dixie Wigbels.
- Cherrie Scharnberg; Jim Scobee; Amy Cauble; Lisa Mitchell; Ian Mitchell; Charlie Kuni.
- Cathy; Ted Haag; Sherry Lang.
- 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.
- Rob and Maija Miller.
- Bob, Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip.
- Doni Saunders, Joanne Heckman, and Richard Kraus.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.
- All those impacted by or in the path of disasters and disaster response workers

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light, especially Jan Davidson, Scott Crain, and Lee McCurry. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. 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**

**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**---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

All

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Lisette Branscomb**

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

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

## +DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

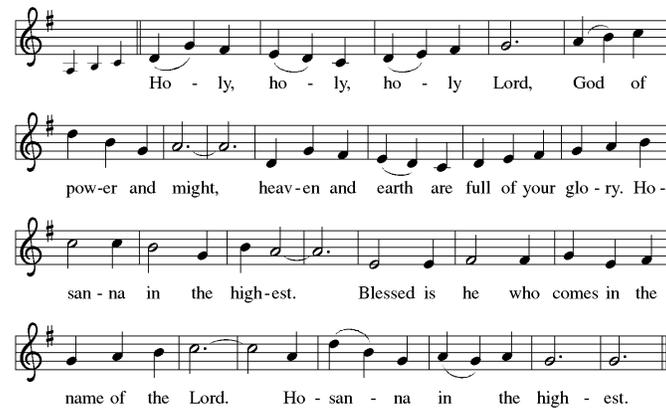
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## +PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

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 (ELW p. 108)**

**John Womack**



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 (ELW p. 108)**

**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.  
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 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.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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.**

### 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.

### COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)

**John Womack**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lisette Branscomb**

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.

**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**

**ELW 783**

**Praise and Thanks and Adoration**



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

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### ---PRAYER LIST---

- Marjorie O'Brien, health issues
- Jerry Barnes, recovering after being hospitalized for pneumonia
- Sue Silver, recovering from laser surgery August 18
- Dixie Wigbels, for a diagnosis of her pain and numbness
- Cherrie Scharnberg (friend of Cherie Mason), healing from brain surgery August 13
- Jim Scobee, recovering from heart surgery on August 26
- Amy Cauble, Lisa Mitchell, & Ian Mitchell, recovering from COVID-19
- Charlie Kuni, for a diagnosis of arterial issues
- Cathy H. (friend of Joann Rosselle), hospitalized with COVID-19 and on a ventilator
- Ted Haag (friend of Joyce & John Holdrich for 60 yrs), for healing from ongoing lung cancer, undergoing chemo, prognosis is not favorable
- Sherry Lang (sister of Sheila Wagner), for healing from hip replacement surgery
- 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), struggling with recovery 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 (cousin of Sandra Robinson), for healing after the death of her husband
- Pinky Palm (wife of Pastor Randy Palm, Rock of Ages), healing from a broken femur
- Chris Holdrich (John & Joyce Holdrich's grandson) and Stephanie (friend of Joann Rosselle), for guidance and protection in their work as healthcare workers
- Bob (brother of Cherie Mason), unemployed due to COVID-19
- Rob & Maija Miller (Sue Martinson's niece) – financial issues with disability status & move to Wisconsin
- Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, Phillip – underemployed/unemployed
- Doni Saunders (friend of Cherie Mason); Joanne Heckman; Richard Kraus (father of Bruce Kraus) – for reassurance and safety living in facilities where COVID-19 is present
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators – guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all as schools re-open
- All those impacted by or in the path of disasters, especially in Iowa, California, and the Gulf Coast and disaster response workers
- Peace and reassurance for Steve and Nikki Davidson, husband and daughter of Jan Davidson, who passed away last week after being in hospice (friends of Maija Miller)
- Comfort and peace for Stacey, the wife of Scott Crain, his children, and all his friends and family. Scott, who passed away from COVID-19, was a friend and coworker of Sheila Wagner and a Parent Mentor with Hall Co. schools
- Comfort and peace for the family & friends of Lee McCurry (friend of the Yale family), young man who passed away unexpectedly