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Tebbe, Mary Yurian, all those who are suffering during the  
pandemic and those we name aloud or in our hearts: (*brief  
silence*).

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.**

God of education, you have blessed us with the ability to learn and  
people and institutions to make learning possible. As school  
begins this fall, we ask you to keep safe all who are involved in  
education, especially students, teachers, staff, and families. Give  
us compassion, patience, wisdom, and courage to support each  
other in the many needs and decisions of this time. Lord, in your  
mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your  
holy ones who now live in your undying light. 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.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Sunday Worship - Pentecost 13A  
Sunday, August 30, 2020

### **Lessons and Prayers**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

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.

#### **Jeremiah 15:15-21 (NRSV)**

<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.

### **Psalms 26:1-8 (ELW)**

<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**

### **Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)**

<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.”

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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, *especially*: