

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially:

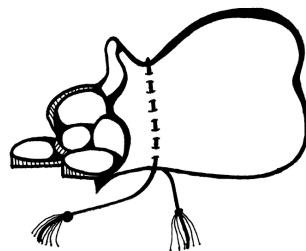
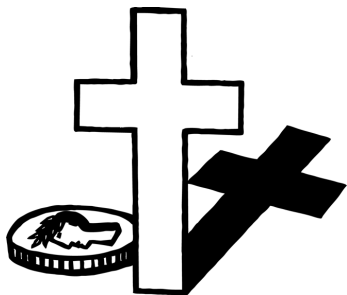
Kimberly Armino, Juliette Bedes, Bertie Black, Jeanette Burgess, Robin Coon, Alana Daley & family, Stephanie Fiore, Jack Gade, Charlotte Gardinier, Charlie Gardinier, Terri Herteux, Richard Kibwassali, Debbie LeHerissier, Rit Marrero, Cindy McCarthy, Ann Phipps, Bill Preuss, David Ray, Doug Schultz & family, Annette Sprude, AT, RT, Lisa Tebbe, Mary Yurian, those who are suffering during the pandemic, those suffering from natural disasters, and those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship - Pentecost 20A
Sunday, October 18, 2020

Lessons and Prayers

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Isaiah 45:1-7 (NRSV)

^{45:1}Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (ELW)

^{96:1}Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. R**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

[¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful
and all that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at
your com- | ing, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **R]**

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.