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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 7, 2024



Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

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Welcome to worship!

Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.

PRELUDE

O Christ, Our Light. Our Radiance True

Paul Manz Benjamin Culli

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand and face the baptismal font near the entrance of the church.

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

- C. Amen.
- P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. God, our provider,
- C. help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways

of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P. Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

There is always more than enough.

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

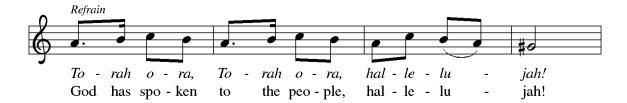
C. Amen.



- O pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o pen your ears and hear God's word. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.









Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

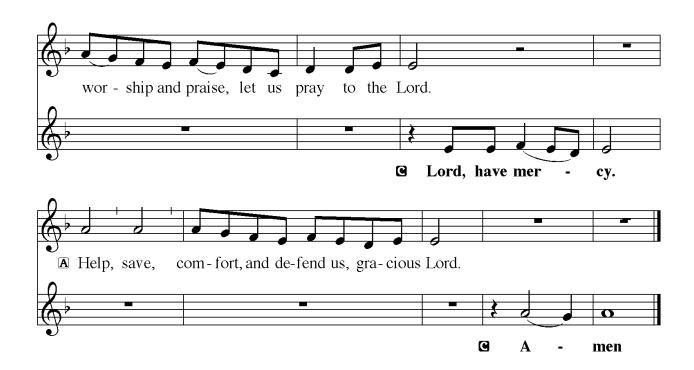
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GREETING

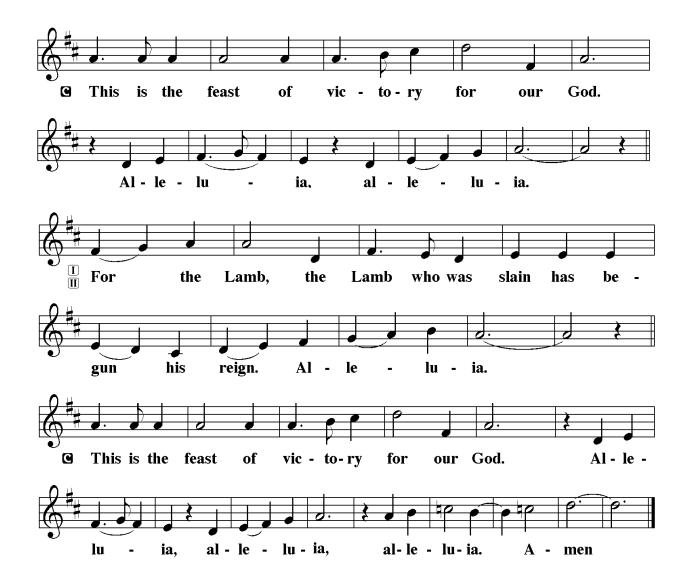
- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.











PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

A. A reading from Ezekiel, the 2nd chapter.

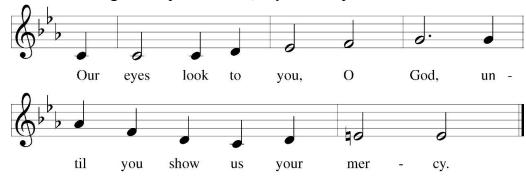
¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123 David Christiansen

REFRAIN: Sung first by the Choir, repeated by ALL thereafter.



The Psalm Verses are sung responsively to the following tone.



- ¹ To you I lift ^I up my eyes, to you enthroned ^I in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.

 REFRAIN

³ Have mercy upon us, O I LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough I of contempt,

⁴ too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich, and of the derision | of the proud. *REFRAIN*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

A. A reading from 2nd Corinthians, the 12th chapter.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

ALL SING:



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Verse:

I will boast gladly ^I of my weaknesses,*
so that the power of Christ may ^I dwell in me. (2 Cor. 12:9)

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

P. The Holy Gospel According to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- P. The Gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True **ELW 675** 0 Christ, our light, O Ra diance true, shine forth on 1 Fill with the - diance of wan - d'rers ra your the grace 3 Lord, 0 pen all luc tant and take a re ears Lord. let shine down your mer cy's gen tle ray on up - lift - ed, Make theirs with ours a sin gle voice es-tranged from you, and bring them home those to your a free lost in er - ror's maze. Set all those whose hearts and way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed re - joice with wond-'ring tude er to grat i and gain, where their de light shall nev er end. deep minds some de lu sion haunts and binds. the faith their fess. press in most hearts con sore show heav - en's wait ing, door. 0 pen O Lord, for less praise bound grace. to you,

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. composite

Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

- A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Apostles' Creed.
- C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Janet Thalmann

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your Holy Spirit brings empowerment and guidance for the church as we pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, especially the people in Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza, and those fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal, including those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed especially those we name before you (*pause*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P. Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus. the Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

PEACE Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.

- P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.

OFFERTORY HYMN We Are All One in Mission **ELW 576** 1 We all are one sion; we all are one in call, in mis all are called for ser vice, to wit-ness in God's name. 3 Now let us let our song be heard. be nit ed, and u var-ied gifts u nit ed by Christ, the Lord of all. dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is Our min - is - tries are same: Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word. A gle great com - mis sion com - pels us from a - bove sin -ers with God's sur-pris-ing grace, to touch the lives of oth mis -We all in sion; we all are one in are one plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love. ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace. to var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

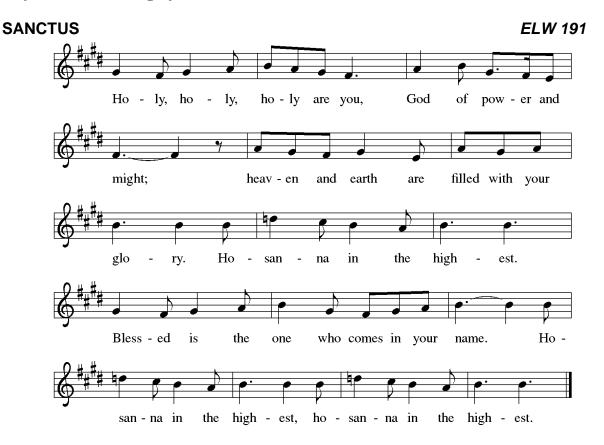
C. And also with you.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

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

THE PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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Please kneel or be seated.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, Blessed and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P. Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:
- C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

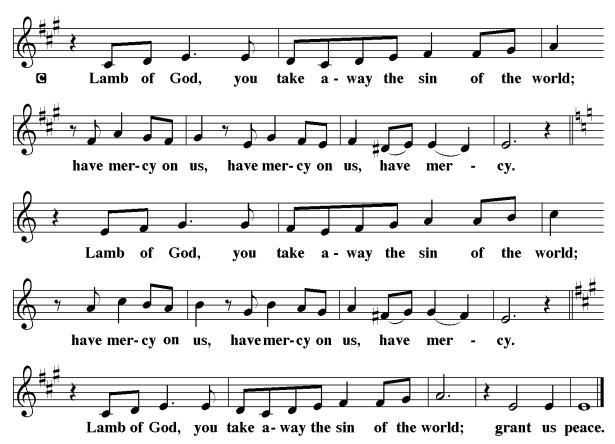
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come to the table where all are welcome!



AGNUS DEI





CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.

The center contains purple grape juice.

White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

- P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C. Amen.

BLESSING

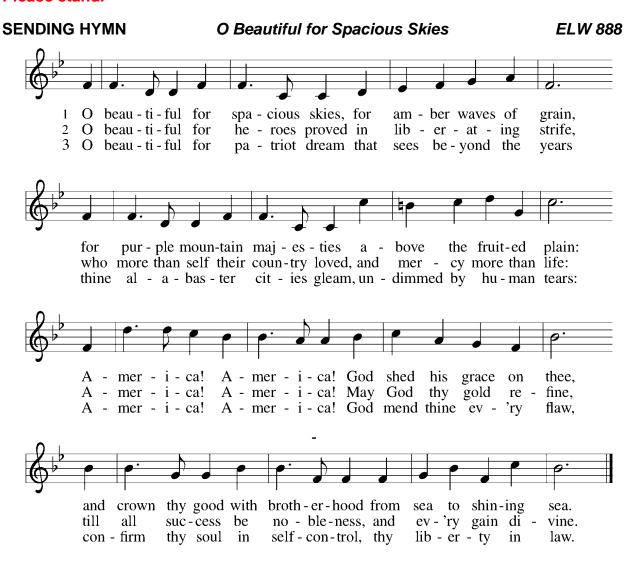
P. Now may the blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C. AMEN.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

DISMISSAL

- A. Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

John S. Dixon

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO

Fred Lewis, Greeter
Jack Martinez, Crucifer
July Buckingham, Liturgical Cantor
Lynn Buckingham, Liturgist & Reader
Janet Thalmann, Prayers of Intercession
Janet Thalmann & Julie Buckingham, Altar Guild



After Mass Today

Refreshments available in the Memorial Room



Via Zoom Thursday, July 11th, at Noon

The Early Missionaries
Readings & Connection link will be emailed



"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and replentish it..."

Genesis 1:28

As we care for God's creation

Please return bulletins to the table at the back of the church or place them in the large plastic bin on the floor near the mailboxes after Mass.

All cardboard and paper are recycled from those locations.

A recycle receptacle for plastic and glass is in the Memorial / Coffee Room.

Additional information regarding the Bishop's Challenge can be found at www.njsynod.org

Additional information regarding care of God's creation can be found on your borough's website under "recycle".

PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); Carol Weber; Doris Baumann (Carol's mom); Katie Wolfe (Carol's cousin with vision issues); Darla Lambson (Carol's sister's sister-in-law, suffering from an aggressive form of leukemia); Brad Gohmann and his family (Carol's niece's uncle with cancer); Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom); Rose Davis (Surella's friend with cancer); Marc & Bella Yaffe (children of Leslyn and Michael); Leslyn Cooke; Melanie M. (Julie's friend); The cousin-in-law of Julie's coworker, undergoing rehab for injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Marion Soohoo (Will's Mother-in-law); Arlene Rizzo (Sue's friend undergoing cancer treatments) and Arlene's family; Chris Palmer (Sue Papera's friend who has health concerns); Caleb (Sue's friend with health issues); Jenny L. (Sue's friend with health issues); Carol Mulvaney (Sue's friend with breast cancer); Edward Foley (back surgery, father of Nancy who does the payroll for Grace); Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Beverly Philip (a friend of Janet's sister-in-law with severe dementia); Kathy O'Brien (a co-worker of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Bert Maltz (a friend of Janet's sister-in-law. Several health concerns); Michele Rusciano (a friend of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Al Crovatto (health concerns); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Dominick Capalba (Mary Ellen's 6 year old friend with brain cancer); Patty Fitzgerald (Mary Ellen's sister with terminal lung cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department: John Steffen (Lorli's brother with health concerns); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Peter Schelbli (Erika's nephew with cancer); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); Doris Feirer (a friend of the congregation); Dennis Keohane (Catherine's uncle); Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly (health concerns); James Mingo (grandson to Donna Maxwell: health concerns); Arouss Darpinian (friend of the congregation with health concerns); Hana Kim (health concerns); Anita and Harold Bontekoe (health concerns); Mary Sue (health concerns): Marcia & Chuck Hendron (Kay's parents); (baby) Hannah Muñiz (a hospice patient where Jack works); Chris & Sara (parents-to-be) and Dominick (unborn great-nephew to Donna Gentile): Michael Sofia (Friends of Gisela with health concerns) and his wife. Barbara; citizens imprisoned in Russia: Paul Whelan (in prison for over six years) and Evan Gershkovich (a Wall Street Journalist detained since March 29, 2023); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine; Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan; Sudan; organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers, national and regional relief officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed on the prayer list.



COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540 Thursday, July 11, 2024

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931 Friday, July 12, 2024

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

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