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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 3, 2022 10 AM



God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

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Welcome to worship! While indoors, please continue to mask and social distance.

PRELUDE Partita on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Robert Hobby

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand to face the baptismal font.

All may make the sign of the cross as Pastor begins:

- P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C. Amen.
- P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Merciful God,
- C. we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
 Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
 When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.
 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
- P. Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven LBW 549

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav en; to his feet your trib ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Tend er ly he shields and spares us; well our fee ble frame he knows.
- 4 An gels help us to a dore him, who be hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his prais-es sing. Praise him, still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless. In his hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes. Sun and moon bow down be-fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo-rious in faith - ful - ness! his Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - lv mer - cy flows. as his Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with God of grace. us the

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

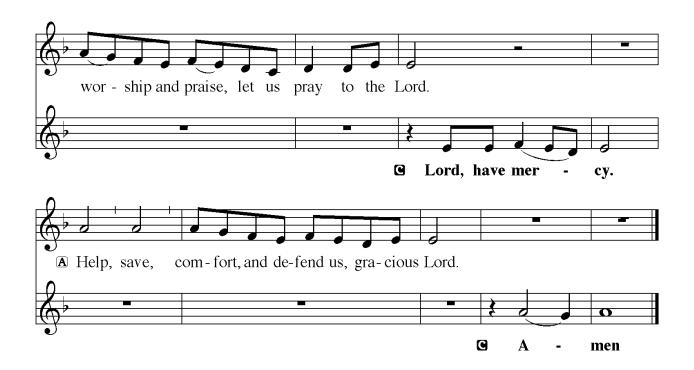
Music: PRAISE, My SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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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.







HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P. Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

A. A reading from Isaiah, the 66th Chapter beginning with the 10th verse.

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9 READ RESPONSIVELY

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

²Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

⁵Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A. A reading from Galatians, the 6th Chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

[1My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174



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

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Verse:

Let the peace of Christ rule I in your hearts,* and let the word of Christ dwell I in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near..

- P. The Holy Gospel According to Luke, the 10th Chapter beginning with the 1st verse.
- C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹0But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹¹Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- 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

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, You Give the Great Commission **WOV 756** Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5 the "Heal sick Lord, you give com - mis-sion: the and great "In Lord, you call ser - vice: bap us to your my name you 3 Lord, make the ho - ly: "This bod com mon my y, Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa ther, what they "I bless with Lord, words with you as sur - ing: am you preach the word." Lest the church ne glect its mis - sion, That tize and teach." the world may trust prom-ise, your this blood." Let all. for earth's glo - ry, my us true do, for give." Yet we hoard as pri vate trea - sure the end." Faith hope to and and love re stor - ing, and the pel un - heard, help wit gos go us ness life bun dant meant for each, give all new a us dai life lift heav en - ward, ask that the ly ing all that free ly give. May care and you SO your in mid the may we serve as you tend and, a with to your pur - pose re newed in teg ri ty: draw clos fer vor, us in com - mu er ni ty: round us share chil - dren's lib world a your ty: er mer cy lead us to a just so ci e ty: that claim us, hold in mind cares ter Refrain With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us work of for the min - is - try. - 10 -

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come 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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of community, 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. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people (especially). God of grace, hear our prayer.

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving especially for those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you (especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today). Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace, hear our prayer.

P. God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C. Amen.

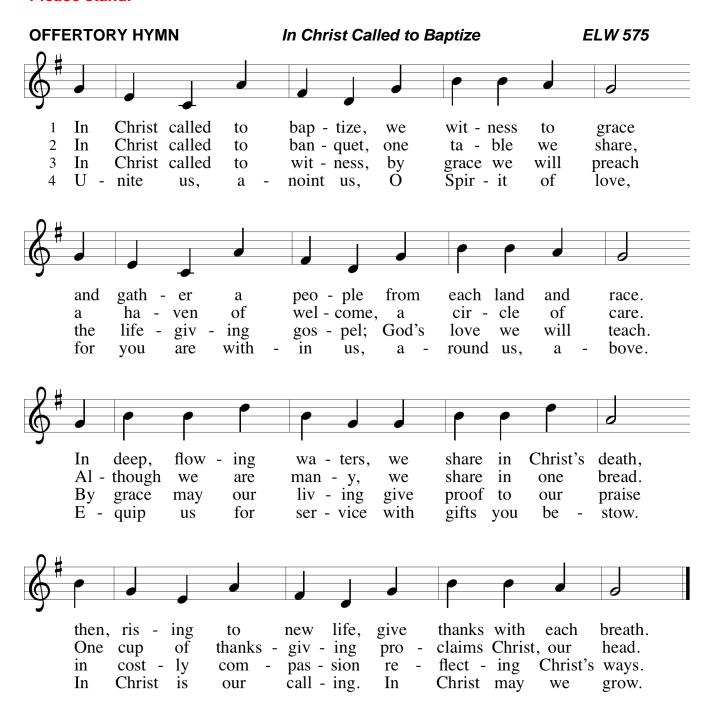
PEACE Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.

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

OFFERING

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

Please stand.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: St. Denio, Welsh traditional Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C. Amen.

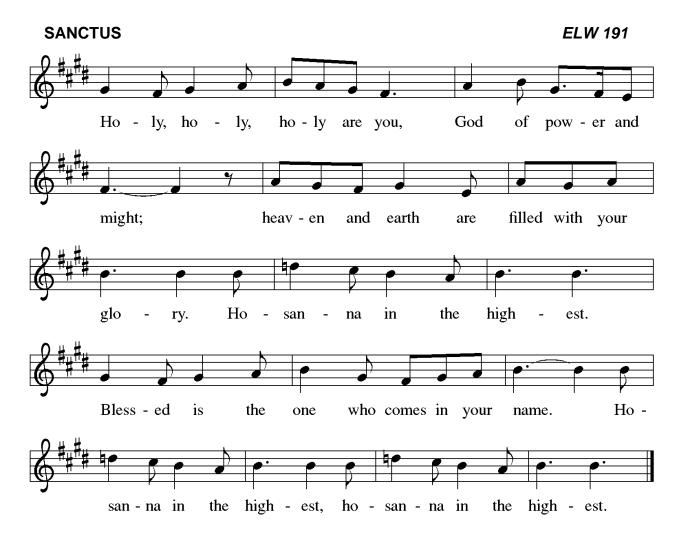
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

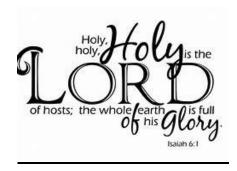
THE PREFACE

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.

LORDS 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.

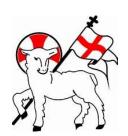
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

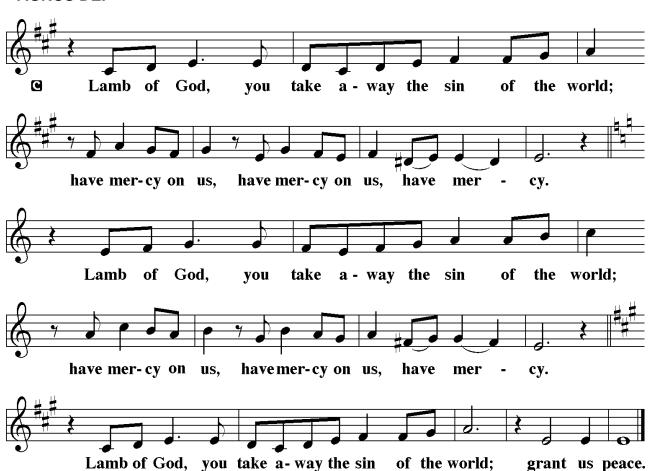
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet where all are welcome.



AGNUS DEI





CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

Please stay seated until the person in front of you has received the wafer.

Continue to mask until after you have received the wafer & cup

and have stepped 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.

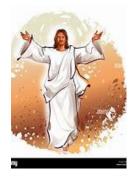
After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

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 that 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:

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

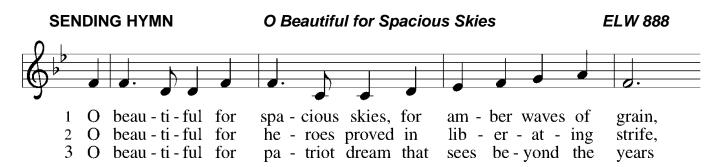
BLESSING

P. The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. C. AMEN.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

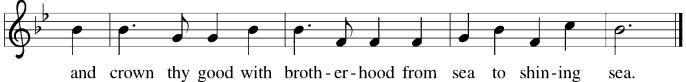
Please stand.





for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain: who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life: thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:





and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea. till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di - vine. con - firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

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

DISMISSAL

- A. Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE America the Beautiful John Dixon

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO

Janet Thalmann, Greeter
Julie Buckingham, Liturgist & Reader
Janet Thalmann, Prayers of Intercession
Lynn Buckingham, Altar Guild



Elizabeth (Liz) Lewis and Willie Harper
Are happy to announce they will be united in Holy Matrimony
At Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Teaneck NJ
On Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 11 AM.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND!



Via Zoom Thursday, July 7th at Noon

Biblical Understanding of the Lutheran Faith
Within the Context of a Diverse Interfaith Community

Connection link will be emailed

PRAYERS

Carol Weber; Doris Baumann (Carol's mom); Katie Wolfe with health issues and her husband, Bob (Carol's cousin); Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom), and Frank Borowski (Katie's dad), and aunt; Enrique Perez (Jack's father-in-law); Marc Yaffe (Leslyn's and Michael's son); Melanie M. (Julie's friend); Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Nancy McCabe (Lynn's sister-in-law who has COPD); Nancy Galya (Lynn's former coworker); Arlene Rizzo (Sue's friend undergoing cancer treatments) and Arlene's family; Chris Palmer (Sue Papera's friend who has health concerns); Ron Barlotta (Sue's sister's brother-in-law being treated for cancer); Caleb (Sue's friend with mental health issues); Jenny L. (Sue's friend with heath issues); Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Kathy Obtain (a co-worker of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Arline A. (Mary Ellen's friend with metastatic cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department; Dan and John Steffen (Lorli's brothers with health concerns); Susan (Lorli's sister-in-law); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Caridad (Rosa's aunt); Jael (Rosa's cousin); Gerry Schlask (health concerns); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Tom (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (health concerns); Erika Ilgenfritz (preparing for surgery); Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (cancer); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); Dennis Keohane (Catherine's uncle); Rev. Sarah & Joan (friends of Anita & Harold who are facing difficult health problems including cancer); Mary Lewis (Fred's sister-in-law following back surgery); the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Afghanistan and those who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health experts, national and regional officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Please let Pastor or Lynn Buckingham know of needed changes to prayer list.



COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415 Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

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