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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18th, 2021 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Mark's Gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

HOLY COMMUNION *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

***GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE

***ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is observed for confession and self-examination.*

Gracious and merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
and in our hearts your work begin,
and make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
life from heaven
now is given
overflowing,
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.
- 2 Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
oh, lead us on the narrow way,
with wisest counsel guide us;
and give us steadfastness, that we
may follow you forever free,
no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
hearts now broken;
give some token
you are near us,
whom we trust to light and cheer us.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
let your good Word in doubt and strife
be strongly in us burning,
that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy
on us shower;
by your power
Christ confessing,
we will cherish all your blessing.

***GREETING**

Spoken responsively by the leader and congregation.

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**

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Prayed in unison by the congregation.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
 he makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters;
 he restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I fear no evil;
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff,
 they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil,
 my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 for ever.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer. *A brief silence is observed.*

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill, especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungry spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and silence.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints, especially... As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

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 him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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, 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 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.

Pour out upon us 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.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Prayed by the congregation.

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**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

DISTRIBUTION

***BLESSING**

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 OF GRADUATES

We are delighted to recognize graduates of Sts. Peter and Paul today. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations to another.

The graduates stand as their names are read.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that these young persons have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage. **Amen**

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.**
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.**
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.**

***DISMISSAL**

Spoken responsively by the congregation.

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Vicki Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Brandon Michaels

LECTOR

Tom Michaels

GREETER

Sandy Garvey

USHER

John Kostelny

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation: Larry Crachy, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Dot Myers, George Pagurko, Steve Podzamsky, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel and Olga Zavodny

Friends and Relatives of the Congregation: Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Marge Boike, Mary Costello, Ramona Daus, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Mary Kmet, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, John Racek, Dr. Craig Reckard, Sandy Rossella, Peter Spilotro, Rev. Dave Stefanson, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Ralph Thompson, Mark Van Scharrel, Anthony Valdez and Taz Zajac.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given by the Congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul **in honor of our 2021 graduates** for the blessings of dedication, hard work and accomplishments during their school years.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and loved ones of **+Dominick Carl Ritacco+**, especially his wife Diane and children Nickolas and Krystyna, who passed from this life on Sunday, July 11th. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. at Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home, 2447 Desplaines Avenue in North Riverside. Visitation will be held Tuesday afternoon and evening from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Kuratko-Nosek.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering July 11th, 2021

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2020:</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,147.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,353.00



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Our congratulations to the following individuals on their accomplishments, and Godspeed to them for their future endeavors.



Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. Amen.

Bryan Galdun graduated from Lyons Township High School on May 29th where he played string bass with the orchestra and jazz ensembles and received awards in geography. Bryan will be attending the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, this fall where he plans to study air traffic control, geography and music. He is the son of John Galdun and grandson of Helena and Emil Galdun.

Graduating from Illinois State University on May 4th was **Karen Helen Garvey**, daughter of Sandra Garvey, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. Karen is planning to relocate to Savannah, Georgia with her fiancé while seeking a position in sales.

Karin Kubova graduated on May 9th, 2020 from Western Illinois University with a major in Anthropology and a minor in Zoology. Her future plans include studies toward a Master of Science degree in Museum Studies and eventually working in a museum. Karin is the daughter of Branislav and Adriana Kubo.

Arden Marie Kurhayez graduated on May 9th from North Central College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communication, *summa cum laude*. Arden is a member of the National Academy of Television, Arts and Sciences—Chicago/Midwest Chapter Junior Board. She plans to continue releasing new music with her band, “Double Identity.” She is the daughter of Jeff and Laura Kurhayez, sister to Courtney, the granddaughter of Frank and Marilyn Veselak and Marge LeMere and Frank Kurhayez.

Also graduating on May 9th from North Central College was **Courtney Kurhayez** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communications and Interactive Media Studies, *summa cum laude*. Courtney also received the Outstanding Major in Organizational Communications: The Megan Sweeney Award. She will be starting a summer marketing internship and will continue working on her book blog and recording music with her band. Courtney is the daughter of Jeff and Laura Kurhayez, sister to Arden, the granddaughter of Frank and Marilyn Veselak and Marge LeMere and Frank Kurhayez.

Isaac George Lauritsen, son of Jane and Dennis Lauritsen, received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from the University of New Orleans in May where he also worked as a graduate research and teaching assistant. Isaac is currently employed as an associate copywriter with SmartBug Media.

Kevin Sherwood, grandson of Mildred and the late Emil Mendel, graduated on May 23rd from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree, *magna cum laude*. His future plans include continuing his studies at Marquette to obtain a Master of Science degree in Accounting in May, 2022.

Benjamin Andrew Smith V, son of Ben and Jennifer Smith, and grandson of John and Shirley Kostelny, graduated on June 6th from Naperville Central High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and received the 2021 Senior Spirit Scholarship. This fall Ben will be attending Pepperdine University, Seaver College of Letters, Arts and Sciences in Malibu, California, pursuing a degree in Political Science with a minor in Pre-Law. He is a member of DECA. During his years in high school, he ran cross country and track, played soccer, and volunteered in a number of community projects.

Graduating from Alcott College Prep on June 14th was **Abby Tarbox**, daughter of Beverly and J.T. Tarbox. This fall Abby will be attending Columbia College in Chicago to study screen writing.

George Joseph Valek graduated in May from Lyons Township High School. He is the son of Gregg Valek and the nephew of Milton Podzamsky both of our congregation.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Thursday, July 22nd

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Friday, July 23rd

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

