

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



August 16, 2026
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Ordinary Time
Year A Lectionary

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit.

We also have restrooms downstairs nearby.

CHILD CARE - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today’s lesson from Isaiah, we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for ALL people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

✝ THE WELCOME

Courtney Christensen, Council Member of the Day

✝ THE PRELUDE

Israel in Egypt, HWV 54

George Frideric Handel

Thou Shalt Bring Them In

Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✝ THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Hendricks Bowen and Graham Bowen

✚ THE OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW # 641

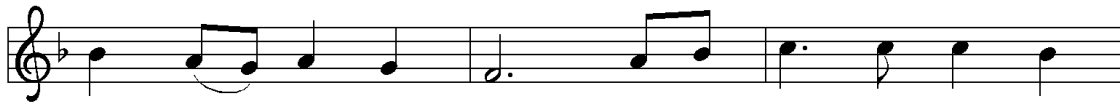
Please stand, as you are able.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor God of ALL peoples,
ALL your arms reach out to embrace everyone who calls upon you. Teach us
as disciples of Jesus to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your
name may be known throughout the Earth, through Christ, our Savior and Lord.
AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✝ THE LESSON Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Summary

Lector *Today's lesson reveals that the prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's
imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite
community—not race, nationality, or any other category. Now the lesson from the book of
Isaiah in the Old Testament.*

Lector ¹ Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation
will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves
to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I
will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their
burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall
be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the
outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,
ALL Thanks be to God.

✠ THE PSALM 85:8-13

Congregational Refrain



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Cantor How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.

ALL How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.

Cantor ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

² It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

³ Upon the beard of Aaron and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

ALL How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.

Cantor ⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

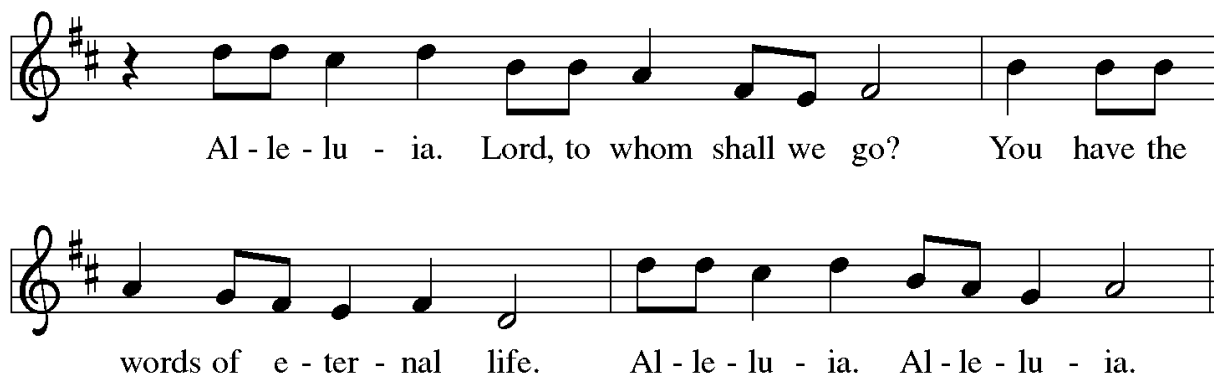
⁵ For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

ALL How good and pleasant it is to live in unity.

✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting #3

Please stand, as you are able.



✝ THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15: 21-28

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 15th chapter.
ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW # 612

Please stand, as you are able.

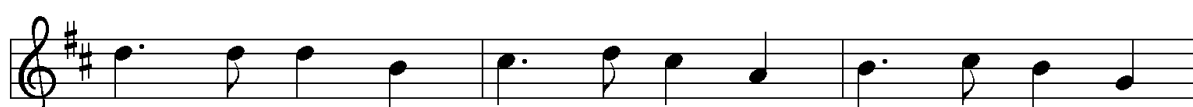
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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✝ THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor I present to you Michelle Gaskins, Walter Miller, and Alice Miller for inclusion and membership in the Immanuel Lutheran Church family.

Pastor Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these people whom you have made Your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to Yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of Your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold Your servants in the gifts and promises of Baptism and unite the hearts of ALL whom You have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

ALL AMEN.

✝ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

ALL I renounce them.

Pastor Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL 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.

Pastor You have made public affirmation of your faith. Do you intend to continue to live in the covenant God made with you in Baptism: to live among God's faithful people; to hear the word of God and participate in the holy supper; to nurture your faith through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and worship, so that you may learn to trust God more and more, will proclaim Christ through word and deed, will care for others and the world God made, and will work for justice and peace in all the Earth?

ALL I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life together in Christ, living among God's faithful people, hearing God's Word and participating in God's holy supper, nurturing your faith through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and participating in worship, so that we may be one in love and mission?

ALL We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor Let your light so shine before others that they will see your good works and give glory to God in Heaven. We welcome you into the family, and ministry of Jesus Christ here at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood SC.

ALL Welcome Michelle, Walter, and Alice to our family. Thanks be to God.

**New members may return to their seats.*

✙ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel.

AM With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and ALL of God's creation.

Silence for preparation

AM For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Comfort any who are fighting addiction, physical or mental illness. Be with all in our community and the world who are oppressed. Merciful God,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. Merciful God,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL **AMEN.**

✙ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

Please be seated.



*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✙ THE OFFERTORY

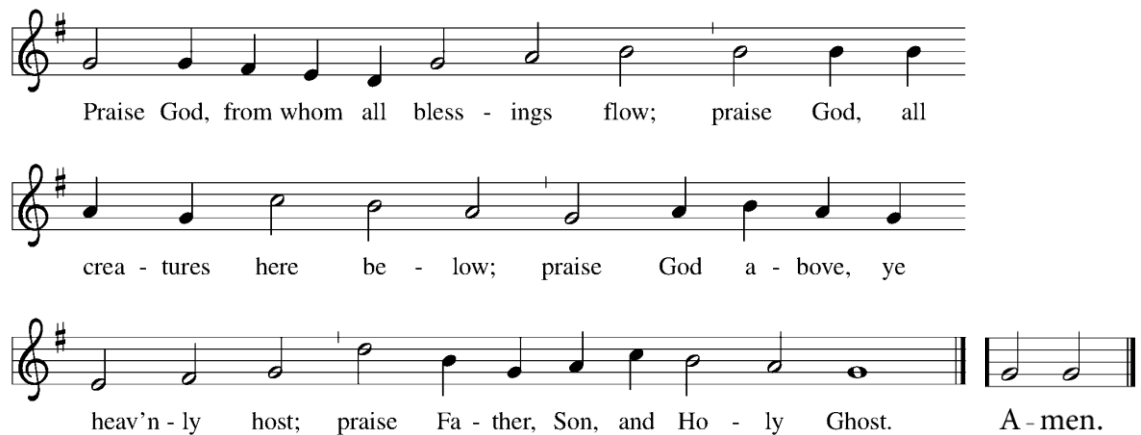
A Prayer from the Hills

James Southbridge

✙ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

✙ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Loving God,
ALL we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. AMEN.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
ALL 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.

✠ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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✝ THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *Jesus Christ Bread of Life* Steve Schaubel

**Based on the second movement form Antonín Dvořák's Symphony No. 9
(New World Symphony)*

*Jesus Christ Bread of Life, fill us with your love,
Jesus Christ, Lamb of God fill us with your peace.
Thankfully, here we bring simple bread and wine,
for the life of the world, once and for all time.
Faithfully, we recall gathered here as one,
Bread of life, cup of peace, which we now become.
When we drink of this cup, when we eat this bread?
Are not all one in Christ by this blood he shed? Joyfully we partake in this holy food.
Offering all we have, praise and gratitude.*

✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
 God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Compassionate God,
ALL through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of
 your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love
 freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the
 Spirit nourishing us now and forever. AMEN.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.

ALL AMEN.

✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW # 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de-fends you;
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

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 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665
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✚ THE DISMISSAL

CM = Council Member of the Day

CM Let us proclaim together:

ALL Walk in God's grace and give it freely to others. Thanks be to God.

✚ THE POSTLUDE

Water Music: *Suite in F Major*, HWV 348 - VIII. Hornpipe

George Frideric Handel

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	Courtney Christensen
Lector / Assisting Minister	Sue Frantz
Cantor	Tara Johnson
Acolytes	Hendricks Bowen and Graham Bowen
Crucifer	Parker Kinard
Communion Assistants	Lynne Presley, Sue Frantz, and Carl Monson
Sound and Video Technician(s)	George Beveridge and Larry Hammond
Altar Guild	Sue Frantz
Ushers	Jim Wolfer and Irene Price
Counter	John Kinard
Officer on Duty	Kevin Reeder

Altar flowers today are given by Elaine and David Rosenbaum in honor of the birthdays of David and Derek Rosenbaums.

THIS WEEK AT ILC

Sunday, August 16

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)

10 a.m. Coffee time and Adult Christian Education (Old Fellowship Hall)

4:30 p.m. Worship (Nave)

Monday, August 17

Pickleball is on break until after Labor Day.

Tuesday, August 18

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

Wednesday, August 19

9 a.m. God's Gardeners

For questions or interest in joining, please contact Sue Frantz. (sfrantz1551@gmail.com)

Thursday, August 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code.

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 8/16/2026)

- **Congregational Brunch** - There will be a congregational brunch on Sunday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Center. The meal will be catered by Howard's on Main. This will be our opening celebration as we begin our 125th year of ministry in Greenwood. **We ask that you please make a reservation for the meal by e-mailing Dr. Will by Tuesday, September 8.**

✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, the family of Spencer Franks, Cheryl Gagné, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Chelsea Hall, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Anna Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, Susan Smitty Stahley, Earl Womack, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Grayson Brock, Bob Brock, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Helen Harrell, Latrosha Fuller, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Juan Luna, Nancy Nash, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and Deanna Whitt.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: George Lee Natvig.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND UNITY

Almighty God, in a world torn apart by division and conflict, we humbly come before You, pleading for Your peace and unity to reign. Heal the wounds of hatred and bigotry that divide us, and unite us in the bonds of love and understanding. Help us to see one another through Your eyes, as beloved children created in Your image, worthy of dignity and respect.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and compassion to all, that they may work together for the common good and pursue justice and reconciliation. May

Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and may we be instruments of Your peace in the world.

Amen.



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