

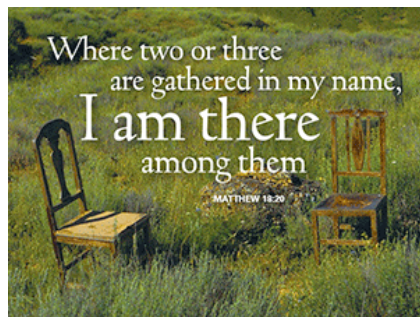
all those who are suffering during the pandemic and  
those we name aloud or in our hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who  
need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who  
labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our  
work. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of education, you have blessed us with the ability to  
learn and people and institutions to make learning  
possible. As school begins this fall, we ask you to keep safe  
all who are involved in education, especially students,  
teachers, staff, and families. Give us compassion, patience,  
wisdom, and courage to support each other in the many  
needs and decisions of this time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in  
faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection  
and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in  
your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need,  
we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Sunday Worship - Pentecost 14A  
Sunday, September 6, 2020

## **Lessons and Prayers**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your  
perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail;  
remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us  
toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### **Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the  
one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The  
commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You  
shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet";  
and any other commandment, are summed up in this  
word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no  
wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the  
law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the  
moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is  
nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the  
night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the  
works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us  
live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and  
drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in  
quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus  
Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its  
desires.

## Psalm 119:33-40 (ELW)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your  
teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain. R**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

## Matthew 18.15-20 (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go  
and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If  
the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others  
along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by  
the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member  
refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the  
offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one  
be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you,  
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and  
whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about  
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in  
heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my  
name, I am there among them."

## Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the  
church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance  
and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches  
in this community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships;  
guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the  
World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not  
harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and  
enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or  
pollution. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death.  
Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching  
us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide  
legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws  
that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of  
those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness.  
Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the  
outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or  
spirit, especially:

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