

# August 2020

*A Caring Community  
Empowered by God  
to be Disciples of Christ*



## A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a blessing it has been to worship together outdoors! The birds have added their joyful song to our hymns and prayers. The soft breezes, sunshine and fluffy clouds have shown us God's love in a way we do not experience indoors. We averaged about 35 people each Sunday, which I think is fantastic.

Thank you for being open to this new way of worship. We have enjoyed new things, like hearing our neighbor, Rev. Bob Degner give the message while I was on vacation. It has been so nice to have them worship with us. Also, there are many people who join us in worship online. We are reaching people outside of the area, and some close by who have not worshipped with us before.

For example, Kevin shared one service with my brother Kris. He called and said he and his wife Tracey watched the whole service and really enjoyed it. My brother has not been to church in years. God's word is getting out.

God's Peace Be With You,

Pastor Karla Brekke

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**WE are all in this together!**





# CONNECT

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

## A Message from Council President Ilene Axford

We now have a few outdoor worship Sundays under our belt and it feels good. We have had favorable weather, well planned worship services (great music, inspirational messages) exceptional volunteers who set things up and help things to run smoothly, smiling participants who have been hoping to reconnect with each other, and a little taste of normalcy in our community. I am personally hoping for two more months of good weather!

But, the pandemic is not over and really, we still aren't sure how to continue once the weather turns cold. My hope is that you will continue to be in touch about your feelings and comfort level with the worship services. Should we return to the virtual service? Do you need help to get access to that service? Are you getting enough news about each other? Are all of our members being reached? Are we offering enough support to each other? Do we need to try different ways to communicate?

And then, there's our cherished traditions. How can we plan for Confirmation, Sunday school, All Saints service, Christmas worship? Lefse? In person visits? Lots to pray about as we move into fall. Share your ideas with a council member (see page 26 for contact information).



Church council met (the week of July 20th). They discussed all of these things. They are committed to continue planning with your comfort level and safety in mind, based on the best facts available. Meanwhile, thanks again to those who are keeping in touch, those who faithfully continue their financial support, those who are keeping the building and grounds in top shape, and those who are working hard to keep our worship, music, quilting, prayer groups, and personal connections alive.

Until we meet again. Ilene

Join us for a special evening!!!  
**Wednesday, August 19, 7 pm**  
**Evening Firepit Prayer Gathering**

Singing Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen



“For everything there is a season,  
And a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

**We will gather near the North-East entrance, around the grassy circle.  
Please bring lawn chairs and wear masks.**

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During Lent, we were unable to gather for Holden Evening Prayer and we have travelled through a dark valley in many ways since then. But as Marty Haugen’s lyrics remind us:

“Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;  
The light no darkness can overcome;”

“Joyous light of heav’nly glory, loving glow of God’s own face,  
you who sing creation’s story, shine on every land and race.”

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**As the blessed and gentle season of summertime draws near to a close,  
we acknowledge and give thanks also for the unprecedented season of  
isolation and fear we have endured together since March.**

**As Paul wrote:**

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

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**Rain date: August 26**

Changes will be announced and posted, if Rock County Health Department’s requirements change.



# THANK YOU!

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thes. 5:18

While it continues to be difficult to find meaning and good news as we travel the uncertain path of our country and our world, as followers of Christ Jesus we already know the best news ever, that through Him we are redeemed! And out of all hard times come unexpected lessons and blessings. At CLC, our members, neighbors, and friends have blossomed forth with amazing support and aid and encouragement. We give thanks for all of their time, talents and gifts.



Recently, an ill and dying tree needed to be removed from the church grounds. Surely nothing good could come from such a loss of one of our beloved old pines....but Tom Severson made sure that the stump was left very tall and shortly thereafter Phil Hamilton came by and carved out the very same message that God himself sent to the world when He sent His son to die for us. Thank you Tom and Phil! God bless you!

## Reflections on Gratitude

- God is in control, and therefore in everything I can give thanks – not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it. —Kay Arthur
- It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It’s gratefulness that makes us happy. —David Steindl-Rast
- Gratitude is the least of the virtues, but ingratitude is the worst of vices. — Thomas Fuller



# MUSIC MINISTRY

"as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." Ephesians 5:19

Yes, we are so fortunate to have a singing congregation AND choir members who sing solos and help lead the singing of our hymns, songs and prayers, but...



## HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW VOICES?

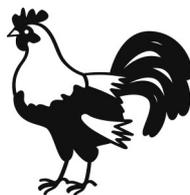
They sit in the trees, on the tops of your cars, on the grassy areas, in the fields and yards of our neighbors across the street, on the structure of the church and yes, even in the cemetery behind the church.

These birds are enjoying your company as we sit in their outside canvas of creation. So far, these Avian creatures have included: several operatic cardinals, a bold Rooster, chickadees, English sparrows and red-winged black birds, blue jays, mourning doves and I am positive I heard several squirrels join in from the big oak trees in the cemetery.

***Birds sing for hours and hours during a normal day, could it be possible they do so because they like to sing?***

Cooksville Lutheran Church sits on the highest point in the village where wonderful and abundant trees decorate the landscape. There is plenty of food and water and the church steeple must be a favorite spot for these Avian creatures to rest and SING. So, join the hundreds of singing voices that attend our Sunday Morning Outdoor Services.

*Jeanne – staff member*



# Outdoor Worship All Through August

Come and enjoy worshipping outdoors. Bring your own chairs and sit in the shade, or stay in your car.



Let's pray for sunny Sundays in August!

*We foresee worshipping outdoors through September, but the final decision will be made by the council and reported in the next newsletter.*



## If it Rains on Sunday Worship will be Cancelled

It will be posted on Facebook as soon as it is official. You may also call any council member to confirm.

## Our Bible Themes for August

As we continue our outdoor worship services, they remain as shortened versions of our previous format. In the interest of comfort due to the heat and outside conditions in general, we have omitted many of the readings. **But let this not affect your "inside" condition!**



Although we have been highlighting only the Gospel message, please remember that your **Celebrate insert** provides you with the additional readings for each Sunday! We hope you will continue to strengthen your faith and take time with God in His word as often as you can.

**So pick up a Celebrate Insert and see the next page for how the Bible readings assigned for each Sunday in August can apply to our lives.**

**Aug. 2:** In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

**Aug 9:** Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

**Aug. 16:** In 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.

**Aug. 23:** In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

**Aug. 30:** The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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# Worship for the Sundays in August

During this pandemic, we stay connected spiritually as a congregation as we **WORSHIP TOGETHER**. But how can we worship together when we can't gather in our sanctuary? There are **FOUR** ways:

1. **Sunday at 9 a.m. join our Outdoor Worship** at Cooksville Lutheran Church by sitting in the comfort of your car, or sitting on your lawn chair in the shade (at a safe physical distance from other family groups). Wear a mask.
2. **Sunday at 9 a.m. go to the church Facebook page** to watch the worship service LIVE and worship with us. The songs in the following pages will be sung.
3. **During the week go to the church YouTube channel** and worship along with the Sunday video (usually posted by Wednesday). Worship using the songs from the following pages.
4. No smartphone, no computer, no internet and unable to come to worship? **WORSHIP AT HOME** following the instructions on these two pages.

*“Worship the LORD with gladness,  
come into his presence with singing.”*

*Psalm 100.2*

*Gather a Bible, this newsletter, and light a candle as a sign of God's presence, if you wish.*

**Prelude:** Take several deep breaths. As you inhale pray “Thy kingdom come,” then let your breath out slowly as you pray, “Thy will be done.” (Or use another phrase, such as “Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.”)

**Gathering Hymn:** *see the following pages, sing/read out loud.*

**Prayer of the Day:** *see the following pages, read out loud.*

**Read the Gospel:** *see the following pages, find the passage in your Bible, read it out loud and & discuss together what the Spirit might be saying to you today and for this week.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *see the following pages, sing/read out loud.*

**Offering Prayer:**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



**Prayers of Intercession:** *follow the lector or use the prayer on page 20*



God of earth and all cre-a-tion, we im-plore you, hear our prayer.

**Pray the Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Sending Hymn:** *see the following pages, sing /read out loud.*

**Blessing:**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and raise us to newness of life, now and forever. **Amen.**



# August 2 - Feeding the Five Thousand- Matthew 14:13-21

**Prayer of the Day:** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## GATHERING SONG

## Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune  
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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Break Now the Bread of Life**



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

**SENDING SONG**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

# Aug. 9-Death of John the Baptist-Matthew 14:22-33

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

**HYMN OF THE DAY****When Peace, like a River**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

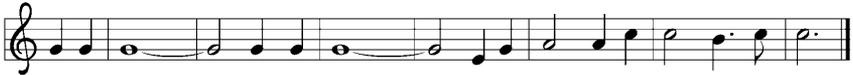
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

**SENDING SONG****My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
 above earth's lamentation,  
 I catch the sweet, though far-off  
 hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost  
 calm while to that Rock I'm cling-  
 ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-  
 en and earth, how can I keep  
 from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the  
 strife, I hear that music ringing.  
 It finds an echo in my soul.  
 How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh  
 my heart, a fountain ever  
 springing!  
 All things are mine since I am  
 his! How can I keep from sing-  
 ing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

# Aug. 16-Purity is a Matter of Heart-Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

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**Prayer of the Day:** God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## GATHERING SONG

### As the Deer

BOB #12

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

**You alone are my strength, my shield: to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.**

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than any thing.

**You alone are my strength, my shield: to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.**

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

**You alone are my strength, my shield: to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.**

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## SENDING SONG

### The River is Here

BOB #215

Down the mountain, the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes. Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing and the river is here.

**The river of God sets our feet to dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer; The river of God fills our mouths with laughter and we rejoice for the river is here.**

The river of God is teeming with life, and all who touch it can be revived. And all who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

The river of God sets our feet to dancing, the river of God fills our  
hears with cheer; The river of God fills our moths with laughter and we  
rejoice for the river is here.

Up to the mountain we love to go, to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run, we dance with laughter, giving  
praise to the Son.

The river of God sets our feet to dancing, the river of God fills our  
hears with cheer; The river of God fills our moths with laughter and we  
rejoice for the river is here.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*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.

# Aug. 23-Peter's Declaration about Jesus-Matthew 16:13-20

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

**HYMN OF THE DAY****Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God** WOV 783

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto to you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread a lone, but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

**SENDING SONG****Faith of Our Fathers**

- 1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
- 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
- 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

# Aug.30-Jesus Foretells His Resurrection-Matthew 16:21-28

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



- 1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
- 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
- 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
- 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
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**HYMN OF  
THE DAY**

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 *Tú* has ve - ni - do\_a la\_o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni\_a sa - bios ni\_a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



que - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do\_a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la\_a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to\_a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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**SENDING SONG****Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation (local needs may be named). Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the

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prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially (pray for those named on page 22). Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation, Cooksville Lutheran Church such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known (especially). Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Our mission**

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

### **Our vision**

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



# Time for Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

**The Prayer Group** is verry active! We have resumed meeting every Wednesday morning at 10 am. Our group is small, but our hearts have burdens for the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to come and pray, and request special prayer from our group.

The other prayer group members are Linda Sime, Art and Doris Olsen, Rich Thompson, Nancy Remley. They pray at home during the week. If you have a prayer request, email Kevin Brekke at [brekkekev3@aol.com](mailto:brekkekev3@aol.com) or call him at 608-669-1218.

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:** Pat Foltz, Jenn Williamson, Ericka Hanson, Evelyn Beyer, Basil Remley, Kristeen Farberg, Bridger Carrol, Louise Kluge, Jean Lademan, Rev. David Stratton. **CLC Special Friends:** Joyce Leopold, Anna Hanson, Ruth Erickson, Virginia Sime. **Military:** Andrew Newcomb.

*1 John 5:14-15, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."*

**We are blessed to have so many from our small congregation who work in the field of health care. Please keep those who work in the health care field in your prayers:**

**Mary Remley**, Surgery, Mercy Hospital, Janesville

**Anne Remley-Haines**, Nurse Manager, Critical care/Oncology Unit, Meriter Hospital, Madison.

**Dr. Christopher Cardona**, Pediatrician at Beloit Hospital.

**Jane Gomez**, Spanish-English Translator for Patients, working from home.

**Katie Haakenson**, Medical Laboratory Technician, Meriter Hospital, Madison.

**Curtis Brandt**, Professor of Infectious Diseases and Immunology at University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Kristi Graf**, Medical Technician and Resident Assistant at Skaalen, Stoughton.

**Abi Degner**, Nurse, working with Veterans. Madison.



# Children and Families

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

**Kudos to Lutherdale!** Even in the most challenging of times, with God all things are possible! Although the sessions were shorter this year, the children still got to enjoy all this! We hope Brady will tell us all about it in his own words when we see him again!

- **Bible Study and Team Building** – Drive deeper into God's word with small group discussions led by our faith-filled cabin leaders. Promoting new ways of getting groups to think together is the goal of the low challenge course.
  - **Challenge Course and Climbing Tower** – This is a heart-pounding, adrenaline-rushing, palm-sweating activity. No one leaves unchallenged. Everyone has fun.
  - **Waterfront (Swimming and Canoeing)** – The lily pad, pontoon boats, canoes, kayaks, and swimming await your enjoyment!
  - **Arts & Crafts and Canteen** – Use different media throughout the week to inspire imagination and create works of art and swing by the camp store for a tasty treat.
  - **Field Time** – Including Volleyball, Basketball, Lightening, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, GaGa Ball, and much more!
- Free Choice** – Includes Archery, Critter Races, Balloon Animals, Yoga, Human Foosball, or Ballroom Dancing...and that's just the start of the list!



Did you know?

Lutherdale accepts donations of vehicles, art, antiques, quilts, and other valuable pieces of property. They also gladly accept smaller items like craft supplies and sports equipment. Call the office at 262-742-2352 for specific details.



# Worship Matters

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. -Psalm 100:2

## Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 15, 2020

Little is known of the life of the Virgin Mary except insofar as it intersects with the life of her Son, and there is an appropriateness in this. The Scriptures record her words to the angel Gabriel, to her kinswoman Elizabeth, to her Son on two occasions. But the only recorded saying of hers to what may be called ordinary, run-of-the-mill hearers is her instruction to the servants at the wedding feast, to whom she says simply, indicating her Son, *'Whatever he says to you, do it.'*

This we may take to be the summation of her message to the world. If we listen to her, she will tell us, *'Listen to Him. Listen to my Son. Do what He tells you.'* When we see her, we see her pointing to her Son. If our regard for the Blessed Virgin does not have the immediate effect of turning our attention from her to the One whom she carried in her womb for nine months and suckled at her breast, to the Incarnate God, the Word made flesh, then we may be sure that it is not the kind of regard that she seeks. A right regard for her will always direct us to Him Who found in her His first earthly dwelling-place.

<https://wearestalbans.org/august-15-the-feast-of-saint-mary-the-virgin-mother-of-our-lord-jesus-christ/>



## August Birthdays

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. -1 John 3:1

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|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Gordon Starks  | 17 Johannes Haakenson | 23 Sue Parsons     |
| 6 Doris Olsen    | Brad Huse             | Gabriele Jass      |
| 7 Max Parsons    | 18 Andrea Wells       | 26 Jacob Conant    |
| 9 Gary Farberg   | 19 Michael La Mantia  | Dylan Brandt       |
| 10 Arthur Olsen  | 20 Jacob Gallagher    | Ashley Schwoerer   |
| 11 Amanda Quarne | 21 Donna Gunn         | 27 Mark Wethal     |
| 16 Landyn Gunn   | 21 Stacy Wagner       | 28 Eric Page       |
|                  | 22 Ryan Parsons       | 30 Delbert Harried |



# Synod & Churchwide News

There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

## The SYNOD ASSEMBLY was postponed

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As many of you know the City of Madison and Dane County Health Department issued a public health order (in late mid-July) which, among other things, limits meetings and mass gatherings to 10 or fewer people. The Synod Council gave the authority to the Executive Committee to determine how to proceed with the 2020 Synod Assembly as circumstances change.

The Executive Committee met and determined that the best way to protect the health and safety of the Assembly participants and assure that a legitimate Bishop Election can be held would be to hold a fully remote video conference, one in which each voting member is connected individually to the proceedings.

**In order to provide sufficient time to plan for this new format, the Assembly will be moved to the alternative date, August 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We want to thank you for your support and cooperation during these very unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,  
Bishop Peter Rogness & Jane Cahill Wolfram, VP

From Cooksville Lutheran Church, Pastor Karla and Kevin Brekke will 'attend' as well as Linda Sime. Thank you so much for representing our congregation in this important work!

*"Oh Lord, Your Word declares that You are our Good Shepherd. Just as shepherds provide guidance for their sheep, we pray for Your guidance for every leader. We pray that You help them to be more like You, to know the condition of their flock, and that every leader gives careful attention those they lead, that the relationship between them and those they lead will flourish. This is the prayer of our heart. Amen."*

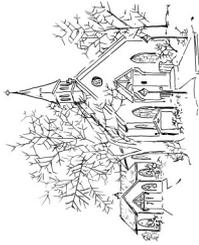


# Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for August 2020

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                | WED.   | THU.      | FRI.      | SAT.      |
|--|---|--|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <br><b>2 Pentecost 9</b><br>9:00 am<br>Parking Lot Worship<br><br><i>Online video available also.</i>   | <b>3</b><br>9 am Quilting<br>11 am Staff Meeting                      | <b>4</b><br>9 am Maintenance<br>Group  | <b>5</b><br>10 am Prayer Time  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <br><b>9 Pentecost 10</b><br>9:00 am<br>Parking Lot Worship<br><br><i>Online video available also.</i>  | <b>10</b><br>9 am Quilting<br>11 am Staff Meeting                     | <b>11</b><br>9 am Maintenance<br>Group | <b>12</b><br>10 am Prayer Time   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <br><b>16 Pentecost 11</b><br>9:00 am<br>Parking Lot Worship<br><br><i>Online video available also.</i> | <b>17</b><br>9 am Quilting<br>11 am Staff Meeting<br><br>7 pm Council | <b>18</b><br>9 am Maintenance<br>Group | <b>19</b> 10 am Prayer Time<br><b>7p Firepit Prayers</b><br>Gather near NW<br>entrance<br>BYO Lawn Chair  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| <br><b>23 Pentecost 12</b><br>9:00 am<br>Parking Lot Worship<br><br><i>Online video available also.</i> | <b>24</b><br>9 am Quilting<br>11 am Staff Meeting                     | <b>25</b><br>9 am Maintenance<br>Group | <b>26</b><br>10 am Prayer Time<br><br><i>Rain date for above<br/>                     Firepit Prayer</i>   | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |



Worship with videos of Sunday worship found on Facebook and YouTube.



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**LOOK**  
What's  
New!

A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY  
EVENING OUTDOOR  
PRAYER EVENT THIS  
MONTH!