## **ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



## NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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#### HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Instrumental Prelude

#### **Opening prayer**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, we pray that you would look graciously upon the Diocese of Florida, and so guide the minds and hearts of the Nominating Committee as they prayerfully select candidates for the election of the next bishop of this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries: Guide also the minds and hearts of the candidates who will come before the Nominating Committee, that this process will be a time of discernment and growth in their lives and ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

#### Processional Hymn A108, This Is The Day

Garrett

This is the day, This is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, This is the day that the Lord has made.

## THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only

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Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.* 

#### The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

#### *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **Collect for the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass-through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### The Lessons

#### The people sit

#### A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (11:1-15)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah,

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"You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord

## People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14 (Read responsively by whole verse)
1. The fool has said in his heart, "there is no God."\* all are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

 the Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,\* to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

## 3. Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;\* there is none who does good; no, not one.

**4**. Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers\* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

## 5. See how they tremble with fear,\* because God is in the company of the righteous.

**6.** Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,\* but the Lord is their refuge.

7. Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!\* when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Glory be to the Father And to the Son And to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, Is now, And ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.* 

## A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (3:14-21)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn A431v1, What A Friend We Have In Jesus Converse

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

#### The Holy Gospel

#### Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:1-21)

#### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of the disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to

those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

After the Gospel the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sequence Hymn A431 v3, What A Friend We Have In Jesus Converse

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee

Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Sermon The Reverend Hugh Chapman

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.* 

## Prayers of the People Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Samuel* our Bishop, *Hugh* our Rector, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, *Joseph, Kamala* our Vice President, *Rocky* our District Superintendent of Schools, for the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy

For this city, *Tallahassee*, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our sick and homebound list as well as those who are in need of prayers and healing:

## For those at home:

Fr. Laughton Thomas, Rosalyn Greene, Ella Woodbury, Sam Oliver Sr., James Manning, Toni Jarmon, Rev. Leslie R. White, Rev. Ralph Griffith, Leonel Jones, Charles Walton, Joan Jackson Taylor, Howard Vincent Lewis, Franklyn Bramble, Christine Seymour, Mary Ann Nottage, Kove Lawson, Cynthia Holland, Genevie Vaughn, Margaret Edwards, Genevieve Chapman, Harriet Bowen, Livy Hitchcock and Sheila Gonzales.

## For those in the care of the Doctor:

Joycelyn Stephens, Jo Ann Robinson, Williemae Jackson, Lauren Sapp, Dr. Derek Spencer, Marva Davis, Delores Brown, Hattie Olivia Scott, Alexis Shermise Brown, Jasmine Hartin, Shevette Newkirk, Rudolph & Marva Griffith, Delois Abraham, Stella Harris, Pamelia Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Renrick Alleyne, Jeffery Adams, Mayleen Rosheuvel, Ena Mason, Darlene Sheppard, Merrick Winston Edwards, Devonia Sears, Landon Dyre, Brittany Lee, Fr. William Guthrie, Herma Watson Taylor, Fred Hickman, Barbara Gruden, Carolyn Allen, Lamar Nottage, Cn. Nelson Pinder, Pennela Chapman, Camilla Stapleton, Elijah Malone, Carl Maxwell and Fr. Ranfurly Brown.

## For those on the front lines in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Especially all doctors, nurses, scientists, and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Grayson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Zuri A. White and Cheston Williams.

## For those in the Military:

Linzie Bogan II, Clark Bogan, Brianne Edwards, Vashti Thompson, Thandi Williams and you ay add your own petitions, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of *St. Michael* and with all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

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## **Confession of Sin**

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and people

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

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## The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace	May the Peace of the Lord	Nolar
The Peace	May the Peace of the Lord	Nola

May the peace of the Lord bring: Joy, Love, Comfort, Hope, Rest, Life May the peace of the Lord surround you. May the peace of the Lord go with you. Amen.

# Offertory Organ Interlude Doxology A650, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Hatton

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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## The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## Celebrant and People

## Sanctus

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.

(The people stand or kneel)

## Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

The Celebrant continues

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by Faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn 1 A317 v1-4, Breathe on me, Breath of God Trentham

1. Breathe on me breath of God, Fill me with life a new,

That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

**3**. Breathe on me breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,

Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me breath of God, So shall I never die,

But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

#### Communion Hymn 2 A307, His Name Is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord; His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord; He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

#### Meditation Hymn Musical Interlude

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### Announcements

#### A Farewell Blessing for Henry & Porche'

 The Blessing
 A303, In The Name of Jesus
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 In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
 we have the victory. In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
 Satan, you have to flee.

Tell me, who can, stand before us

when we call on that great name?

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, we have the victory!

#### Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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## WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.

**OUR VISION** is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

**OUR MISSION** is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Sam & Sharral Jugger (7/27), Dourest & Jo Ann Robinson (7/30).

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

God our Father, who made men and women to live together in families: we pray that marriage may be held in honor; that husbands and wives may live together faithfully, according to their vows; and that members of every family may grow in mutual love and understanding. In courtesy and kindness, so that they may bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; for His name's sake. *Amen.* 

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If you want to be rich – give! If you want to be poor – grasp! If you want to be needy – hoard! If you want abundance – -scatter!

## From the Rector's Desk

## How's Your Humility Going?

## Humble Yourself through Discipline

## Six GROWTH practices: Go, Read, Obey, Witness, Trust, Humble Yourself

Jesus never exalted himself in his ministry. It was not within him to brag. He came to serve others, to lower himself, to be humble. Lowering himself was his basic Spirit-given motivation. In comparison to the bragging Pharisee, Jesus commended the tax collector who humbly asked for mercy.

The Amish describe themselves as being simple or plain. They are a community that stresses humility and resists drawing attention to individuals. That's why they all dress in the same simple clothing that has stayed the same for two centuries. Anyone who visits an Amish community quickly learns that they don't want anyone to photograph them. Tourists are drawn to the novelty of their reliance on horse and carriage and resistance to electrical power. Those who see them as a tourist attraction, however, miss the main point for their unusual lifestyle. They choose to live "simple" in a community committed to the spiritual discipline of humility.

Theirs is but one option to humble yourself with discipline. In his widely read *Celebration of Discipline* Richard Foster describes the discipline of simplicity in the way believers use our money. To follow Christ means to receive material provision gratefully, and to use money without abusing it. We are called to live with modesty and temperance in all things. This discipline means giving joyfully and generously to meet the needs of others.

My first congregation was named Brauer Lutheran Church. A hardware wholesaler, Mr. Brauer donated the dollars to establish this church in downtown St. Louis, apparently in exchange for naming rights. There is something fundamentally wrong with that. In my present church, a donor gave a million dollars and insisted on remaining anonymous. That's the right way to live out simplicity and humility in the use of the blessing of wealth.

Of course, the fundamental way to walk humbly before God is to repent daily. To repent is to renounce what we have accomplished on our own. It means to resist bragging about what we have like the Pharisee did when reminded God of how well he fasted and contributed. It was the tax collector who repented and knew he needed mercy. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## Would others consider you to be a humble person? What is it that humbles you?

Pastor David Luecke

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#### SPECIAL PRAYERS

#### Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right us of thy bountiful goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### **Capital Campaign Prayer**

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen*.

#### **Collect for the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but at opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Suggested daily Readings for Season after Pentecost: July 26 to July 31.

Mon.	Joshua 24:16-33	Psalm 56, 57	Matt. 27:24-31
Tue.	Judges 2:1-5, 11-23	Psalm. 61, 62	Matt. 27:32-44
Wed.	Judges 3:12-30	Psalm 72	Matt. 27:45-54
Thurs.	Judges 4:4-23	Psalm [70], 71	Matt. 27:55-66
Fri.	Judges 5:1-18	Psalm 69:1-23(24-30)	Matt. 28:1-10
Sat.	Judges 5:19-31	Psalm 75, 76	Matt. 28:11-20

#### THE REWARD OF CARRYING THE CROSS

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission, and in the end it will carry you.

– Thomas a Kempis