



# Mount Calvary Connected

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*Mount Calvary Connected is a weekly newsletter sent out at the end of each week. Our goal is to keep you connected to your church and your faith with messages from our pastors, information about upcoming activities at Mt. Calvary and more!*

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## LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

Mt. Calvary hosts live broadcasts of the liturgy at 8:45 AM Sunday mornings. The broadcast can be heard by tuning your radio to 88.3 FM if you are near the church. We also stream these services live over the internet. Simply visit [www.mt-calvarylutheran.org](http://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org) and click "Live Radio Broadcast" from the home page on Sunday mornings.

Weekly worship bulletins can be found at: [www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/bulletins/](http://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/bulletins/)

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### A Message from Pastor Scott Klimke

I was at PNC Park on Friday for another concert. As I mentioned in a sermon not so long ago, in August I was at PNC Park to see Billy Joel. On Friday, I was there to see Elton John with my very, very close friend Pastor Steve Lynn along for the experience. Both performers know how to connect with an audience. Bearing down and easing off the pedal of performance, they unleashed the special, irresistible, connective power of music like old masters. At both concerts, the crowd appreciated it immensely. Not only was there in-person connection with thousands and thousands of people after the social distancing of the pandemic, there was also the connection that music makes with parts of our soul and being we find difficult to put into words.

At our council meeting this week, we talked a lot about connecting. Though too early to tell for certain, connecting may be the passion that unites us on the other side of the pandemic's worst period. On the part of your elected leaders, and perhaps on your part as well, there's a deep desire and emerging passion to reconnect with one another, remain connected with Christ and his Church, and to connect even more with the people of our community and with our community's needs. It's certainly quite a Christ-like passion. When the disciples wanted to keep Jesus in one place and with one group of people, our Savior flatly refused, (Mark 1:35-39). Our Lord had other places to be and other people to meet. Jesus was very much about establishing the widest web of connection possible. To help accomplish this, he would eventually send seventy disciples out to help with the work of connection, (Luke 10:1-11). Still later, Jesus would send his Church out to the entire world to exhaust every possible opportunity for connection, (Matthew 28:16-20). When we seek to connect in the deepest, broadest way possible, we definitely follow after Jesus.

With the aim or mission of connecting in mind, I'll share one opportunity we have at connecting with the human needs that cry out for a response. After a recent sermon, a member approached me with a fundraising idea. The member in question is a talented woodsmith. Using a chainsaw and other woodworking tools, they have fashioned large, heavy, painted pumpkins. Twelve of these works of art are currently available. As of this weekend, a couple of them will be on display in the narthex and a photo should soon be available by way of our congregation's social media. The hope is to exchange each pumpkin for a minimum of \$50 and then give the proceeds away in an effort to connect with the needs of our community and world. Please be in contact with Pastor Jonathan, our church secretary Terrie Crisi, or me if you like to connect with human need in a way that will also enable you to adorn your home with an artwork custom made for October and November. And by the way, please feel free to contribute more than \$50 if you choose. A quick, online search reveals our member's artwork would yield a pretty penny on the open market.

To more connecting,

Pastor Scott

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### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Walk Thru Basket Party & Bake Sale: September 24th (10-2) and September 25th (9-2)

Bible Study on Psalms: September 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Property Committee: October 11th at 6:00 p.m.

WELCA: October 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

The Property Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the old lounge.

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### **Help Wanted**

The Property Committee is looking to recruit a number of small job volunteers. Tasks might include replacing light bulbs, changing hardware on a commode, getting a lawnmower or snowblower ready for use, etc. The Committee believes we have a lot of talent in the congregation and wants to make greater use of it. Every small job handled by a member equals one less call that needs to be made to a vendor who may have a minimum visit charge or an hourly rate of \$50 or more.

Volunteers who can be available on short notice are needed to help with set-up, serving, and tear-down after funeral luncheons.

Interested parties should contact Mark Rychak or one of the pastors. A message could also be left with the church office at 814-266-4859. Thank you!

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### **Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree collected \$337 for the months of July and August. WELCA generously donated \$115 of that amount. This allowed us to pack 75 bags for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. The bags were donated to children at Conemaugh Hospital.

The donations for September and October will be going toward the Hozanna House Project. This is a mission who works on local projects, such as cleaning up areas of town, painting or repairing houses, etc. Monetary donations, as well as volunteer opportunities will be available. Thank you for your continued support!

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### **Backyard Ministries Hat/Glove Collection**

Once again, Mt. Calvary will be collecting hats and gloves for the children of Coopersdale. Please take a labeled bag, fill it, and return it to the bin in the narthex. This year, there will also be the opportunity to provide a monetary donation, instead of purchasing the items. A basket will be in the narthex for this option as well. Thank you for your continued support!

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### **Choir Reorganization**

Several people have been asking about starting up a new choir! Between time lost over COVID and losing a couple of longtime choir members, we will be needing to start fresh!

Over the years at Mount Calvary, we have sometimes worked with small numbers and sometimes included large groups of over twenty singers. Some have been strong musicians and others of modest ability. We have sung in unison and in parts. We have occasionally included ambitious music such as that of Mozart and Handel, and even sung significant portions of the Messiah! The one constant is that we have worked with people who are available and are willing to give freely of their time. This is an opportunity where anyone can participate.

By singing in the choir, you yourself become a stronger musician. Singing is a form of prayer. Singing touches our souls. Singing in a group connects us in a spiritual way.

For this September, it might be nice to tiptoe gently into a new season. I am thinking of beginning with some rounds and two-part singing. If this takes off, we certainly can be more ambitious!

Peoples' schedules are busy. In recent years, we have done Wednesday evening rehearsals for those who can make it. Sometimes I meet people individually. Sometimes people join in last minute at the choir warmup before the service. I often record parts and, these days, can send an audio text to help people be better prepared.

Since I do not know everyone in the congregation and may not have invited you to sing, let me know if you would like to give it a try! Thanks so much!

Talk to Dan Gresh after any church service or text or call at 814-659-5109

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### **Computer & Internet Connection Now Available**

Members may use the computer in the library during office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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### **Usher Teams**

We are looking to recruit teams of ushers staffed with at least four people. Each group will be assigned to Saturdays or Sundays and a month which works for them. Once the day and month have been arranged, it will be up to the people on the team to determine who will be taking the various weeks in

the assigned month. Please be in contact with Pastor Scott should you wish to become a part of a team or have already recruited a time of four.

### **Scheduled Worship Help**

#### **Usher Team for Saturdays (September):**

Linda Barnhart, Pat Bittner, Joan Bunnell, Janis Daily

#### **Usher Team for Sundays (September):**

Ray Leverknight, Jeff Penrod, Cathy Prisk, Jim Prisk

#### **Readers/Communion Assistants (September):**

**Saturday, September 24:** Cindy Buday and Claudia Plows

**Sunday, September 25:** Mike Kozak

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for Greeters/Ushers and Readers/Communion Assistants. Please sign up for the dates that would suit you best. We appreciate you volunteering. If you have questions about these roles, please contact Christine Koshute at 814-421-4921 or Chris Oleksa at 814-244-9851.

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## *Youth News*

**Children's Sunday School** for youth in preschool, elementary, and middle school started September 11th. See Pastor Jonathan for more information.

**IGNITE - Elementary Youth Retreat (Grades 2 - 6):** September 24-25 @ Camp Sequanota

**PLUNGE - Jr. High Retreat (Grades 6 -9):** October 1-2 @ Camp Sequanota

**Pastor Jonathan LOVES to get out and see our Mount Calvary youth in action doing the things they enjoy!** Be sure to share your schedules for sports, concerts, recitals, etc. You never know where he might show up!

Pastor Jonathan's office hours at Mount Calvary are Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am-3pm. He is available outside of those hours via email ([RevJonoAdams@gmail.com](mailto:RevJonoAdams@gmail.com)), cellphone (412-817-6704), or Facebook.

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### **T-shirt and Sweatshirt Sale**

WELCA will be sponsoring a Mt. Calvary spirit wear t-shirt and sweatshirt sale soon. It will be through F/X on-line store. Sizes, colors, and items will be announced soon, along with instructions on purchasing! Great for Fall and early Christmas gift shopping!! Watch for more details to be announced.

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### **Walk Thru Basket Party**

We are having a Walk Thru Basket Party on September 24th (10-2pm) and September 25th (9-2pm). Tickets are \$5 for 26 chances. Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live at 2:30pm on September 25th and contacted via phone/email.

We are asking for your support of the event with the following: purchase tickets, filled baskets, gift certificates, or cash. Tickets will be on sale before and after church services.

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### **Bake Sale**

Calling all Bakers! WELCA is hosting another one of our famous bake sales during the walk-through Basket Party on September 24th and 25th.

Please contribute your favorite baked goods. Especially popular and requested are fudge, gobs, gob cake, no-bakes, scones, nut rolls, assorted muffins, assorted mini-breads, sugar free items, and believe it or not, dog treats!!

Baked goods can be dropped off either morning of the basket party, or by making other arrangements with any WELCA member.

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### **Pet Blessing Service**

Pastor Jonathan will be holding a pet blessing event in the pre-school yard on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Watch for details and have your special family members visit our church that day.

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### **Annual Clothing Sale**

The Social Ministry Team will be having their annual clothing sale on Saturday, October 8th from 9-1 p.m. We now have a storage area downstairs at the church that allows us to start collecting items earlier. If you have any clothes you would like to donate, please bag them by size and gender. This makes it easier during the sorting process. You can drop the clothes off at any time. If the church is locked, and no one is available in the office, please leave them by the blue bin outside. It will be checked daily. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Kozak at 244-6880. Thank you!

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### **World Food Day Celebration**

Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day, hosted by Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This special event will be streamed online so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are!

When: Sunday, Oct. 16th at 4 p.m. (Central time)

Where: ELCA Facebook page and ELCA YouTube channel

RSVP not required; simply visit our Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Facebook and YouTube accounts are not required. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.

Questions? Contact [hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org).

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### **Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Passes**

WELCA is selling Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" discount shopping passes again this year. Your \$5.00 donation entitles you to a shopping pass to Boscov's on October 19th, giving you a 25% discount on most purchases. Proceeds benefit WELCA's many activities throughout the year. Let any WELCA member know you'd like to purchase a pass or watch for someone selling them in the Narthex after services.

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### **Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Flooding**

Beginning on July 27th, a line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on eastern Kentucky, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The death toll in Kentucky is expected to rise as search and rescue efforts continue. The number of people missing is still unknown. Rising waters are damaging infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts.

The flooding has destroyed hundreds of homes and other buildings and left families with nothing. These severe floods are not limited to Kentucky; there has been flooding in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and other states in the region.

As the waters recede and the full scope of the damage is assessed, Lutheran Disaster Response will work with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and local communities to focus on long-term needs. We anticipate that the response will include rebuilding homes, replacing lost household items, and providing emotional and spiritual care to survivors.

Please consider donating to this cause. Gifts to "U.S. flooding" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by floods.

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### **Give now for Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

On February 24th, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea, and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary. Millions of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, and Moldova, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

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### **Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Week: September 25 – October 1, 2022**

**Sept. 26** - Brook Brehm

**Sept. 29** - James Miller

**Sept. 30** - Joyce Hite & Kara Morningstar

**Oct. 1 -**

**Sept. 27 -** Michael & Ashley Kozak

**Sept. 30 -** Gary & Dawn Morningstar

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**Remember those that prayer has been requested for:**

Linda & Dick, Claudia Plows, Maddie Pierce, Gladys Haupt, Bill & Linda, Jose & Family, Dave, Tom, Lt. Hunter Bergman, and Lt. Dylan Merchant, Harold, Rick, Shirley, Debbie, David, Lauren, Billy, Barb, Sara Solarczyk, Jackie Janak, Jack, Corinne, Joan, Dan, Natalie Zerby, Pastor Scott Custead, Luella Koontz, Al Lindner & Family, Bob, Dawn, Stacy & Josh, Bob Trotter, Bill Layton, Deb Zilch, Bennett, Cassy Sojak, Paul Miller, Keith Mayket, Ruth, Pete, Teplitza Family, Ken, John Nerone, Dane Wisner, Jeff, Irene, Karen, Erin, Susan Dyers, Bob McMullen, Wyatt George, Larry Hockensmith, Jean Pellon, Mike, Corey, Pastor Jonathan & Family, Roxanne Horner, Miriam Horner, Becky Lilja, Kathy P., Al Johnson, Chris, Donna & Danny, Cheryl, Jennifer & Family, Jaime, Matt & Ashley, Landon, Max Lawn, Linda Haberkorn, Lorraine, Joe, Donna, Danny & Family, Becky Jo, Bill, Linda & Family, Mary, Mary Jane, Janice, Dennis, Rick, Don, Mabel Ann, Betty, Cathy, Cindy, Jill, Theresa & Family, Dean, Madi & Family, Patty & Family, Sydney & Family, Paulette, Ron, Andrea, Mary Ann, Midge, Rayford, Lois A., Nicole, Trent, Kyle, Anna, Beverly, Sondra, El Warshel, Audrey Rubis, Carol, Katey, Janice, Trina & Family, Jake Wissinger, Candi Walker, Dave Brehm, Chrissy-Baby Emma, Wyatt, Gerald Barrick, the Shreffler Family, Louise, Kim, Devin, Laura & family, Dorothy, Jo Ann, John Alt, Jan Mertz, Denny, Jill Lisson, Jaci, Dominic Megia, Jackie Hauger, Sharon, Barbara, Louise & Family, Dennis, Sue, Scott, & Brenda.

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**Financial Update**

When your elected leaders reviewed financial reports through the end of July at this week's council meeting, there was once again stability. Even with great decline in the markets, the overall holdings of the congregation are up from where they were a year ago. Receipts are ahead of last year and ahead of budget. Just as positively, expenses are down from where they were a year ago and running under budget. This is all incredibly positive. We just need to avoid complacency. People come and go and it happens more often than usual in Johnstown. We need to be inviting and welcoming to overcome their absence. We also need to be increasing our giving when possible to offset the losses not covered by the addition of new faces and families. Thanks a bundle for your support!

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**Condensed Worship for Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

P: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 113**

P: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**A: Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

**A: The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

P: Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

**A: but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

P: The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**A: enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

P: The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

P: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give

you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ!

### **Sermon by Pastor Jonathan Adams**

Grace and peace to you from our God whom we are called to serve. Amen.

From a very early age, I had an entrepreneurial spirit.

But my imagination was simply too big to settle on something as simple as a common lemonade stand. I was the kid who was constantly coming up with new and different ways to try and make money.

I remember one summer coming up with a very detailed plan for a snow-cone business. I had designed signs that showed the name of the business, and all of the different flavors and prices, I knew exactly where I would set up my table, and which of my parent’s coolers I would use to bring ice from the house to my snow-cone stand.

The only problem, that turned out to be a fatal flaw in my business plan, was that I didn’t own a snow-cone machine. I had no clue where to get one, and undoubtedly would not have been able to afford one, even if I did.

Growing up, I had all sorts of ideas like that, some that actually came to reality, and some that were even marginally successful.

And when I wanted something: like a new bike, or a game, or a book, I could be incredibly creative. I would bend over backwards finding new ways to make a little extra cash, inventing new chores to offer to my parents, or coming up with business ideas that might allow me to make money off of friends and neighbors.

Today’s Gospel lesson is another tricky one. It’s tricky in that it talks about money, which can be a touchy subject for so many of us. But it’s also tricky because it’s not entirely clear what Jesus is trying to tell his disciples. Often parables have very clear comparisons, and end with the question of “which one do you think is better?” But is Jesus saying that God is like the owner of the property? Or the manager? Or maybe we’re the manager. Or are we the people who are being forgiven debts?

And even when you think you have it all sorted out, the first part doesn’t entirely line up with the second. Jesus tells us to make friends by means of dishonest wealth, and then in the next breath says that those who are dishonest in a little are dishonest in everything.

There are a lot of moving parts in this Gospel lesson. And I’ve spent a lot of time studying it, and discussing it, and reading about it. And what I’ve found are that even some of the best of the best are stumped when it comes to distilling it down into one idea of what it means.

And so, today I offer one idea, that is one of many about what this passage might mean for us today. In the story of the shrewd manager, I think that maybe Jesus is trying to point out how crafty and creative we can be sometimes when it comes to money. We do all sorts of figuring, and moving around, and skimping and saving, just to be able to put ourselves in a better position financially.

We can imagine the shrewd manager had done some of that not with his own money, but with his boss', which is why his boss was so upset with him. And knowing that he was going to get booted, the manager saw an opportunity to do some more creative moving around by forgiving people's debts, to again put himself in a better financial position, hoping that these people would take care of him when he was fired.

And I think the question we need to ask ourselves is, if we are willing to do all sorts of creative thinking when it comes to our money to put ourselves in a better position, are we also willing to do that same sort of creative thinking in our relationship with God? If we're willing to bend over backwards to afford putting a little bit extra in our retirement fund, are we willing to bend over backwards to give a little extra to our church, or another charity that needs our support?

And the thing is, God has given us so much more than money. We have our entire lives to use as paints on a canvas, to think and act creatively about the best ways to use our time and talents, not just to benefit ourselves, but to benefit all those around us.

We are called to serve God, and we are called to do so creatively. Called to try new and different things each and every day. It's not about wanting something, it's about being thankful for all that we have already have.

May the Holy Spirit awaken us to our individual gifts and inspire us to new forms of creativity each new day. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

P: God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (especially Dag Hammarskjöld) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (and our church's social and outreach ministries). God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (especially) and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.

God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**A: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**