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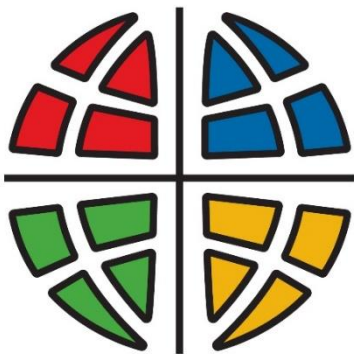
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
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 Hoş geldiniz **Welcome** Hoan nghênh
 Tere tulõmast Välkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!
 Soo dhowow قارشى نالمنز Ласкаво просимо 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

You belong, here!

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip
in the pew rack and pass to the side aisles*

Guidance for using this bulletin and the hymnal:

- ✘ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ✘ ELW refers to material from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.
- ✘ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal
- ✘ Numbers preceded by the word “pg” refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal.
- ✘ “OT pg.” or “NT” pg. are in the old and new testament of the pew Bible.

*We live stream our worship services on YouTube
 Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.
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PRELUDE

- Croft/Setting, Ashdown

"Trumpet Processional on 'Hanover'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 731

“Earth and All Stars!”

GREETINGS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have become alienated from Earth and viewed this planet as disposable, a source of endless resources,

a mere stopping place en route to heaven. We have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

OT pg. 513

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in

the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 NT pg. 179

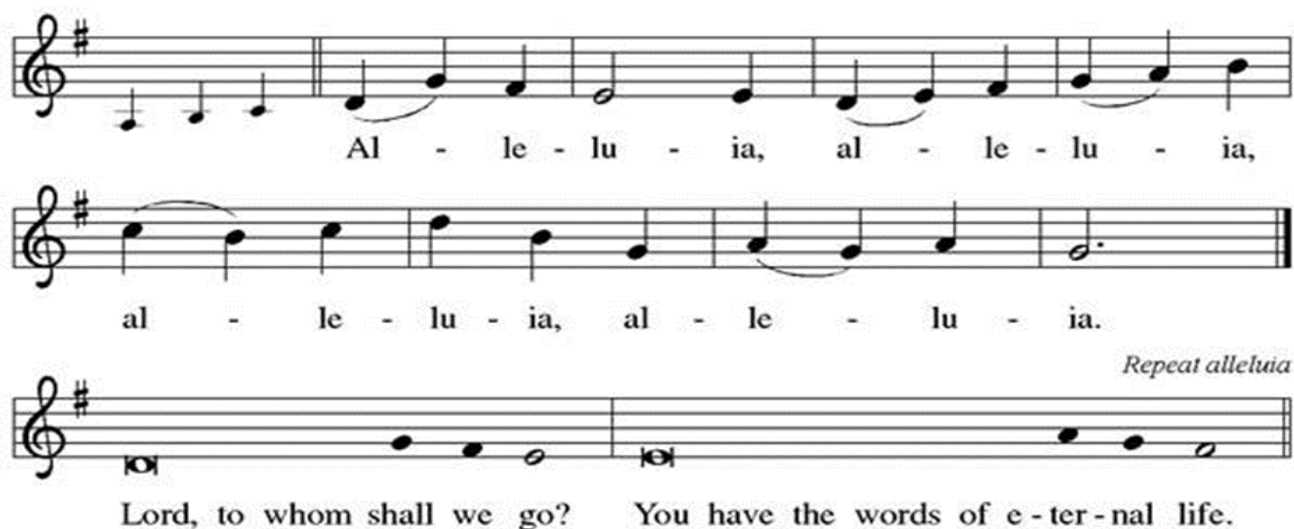
A reading from James. ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my

brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-37

NT pg. 33

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of

Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Karen Mahron

Please rise as you are able

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

BLESSING OF THE PONCHOS

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

.....Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY "Arioso" - J.S. Bach
(Sinfonia To Cantata No. 156)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and
all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

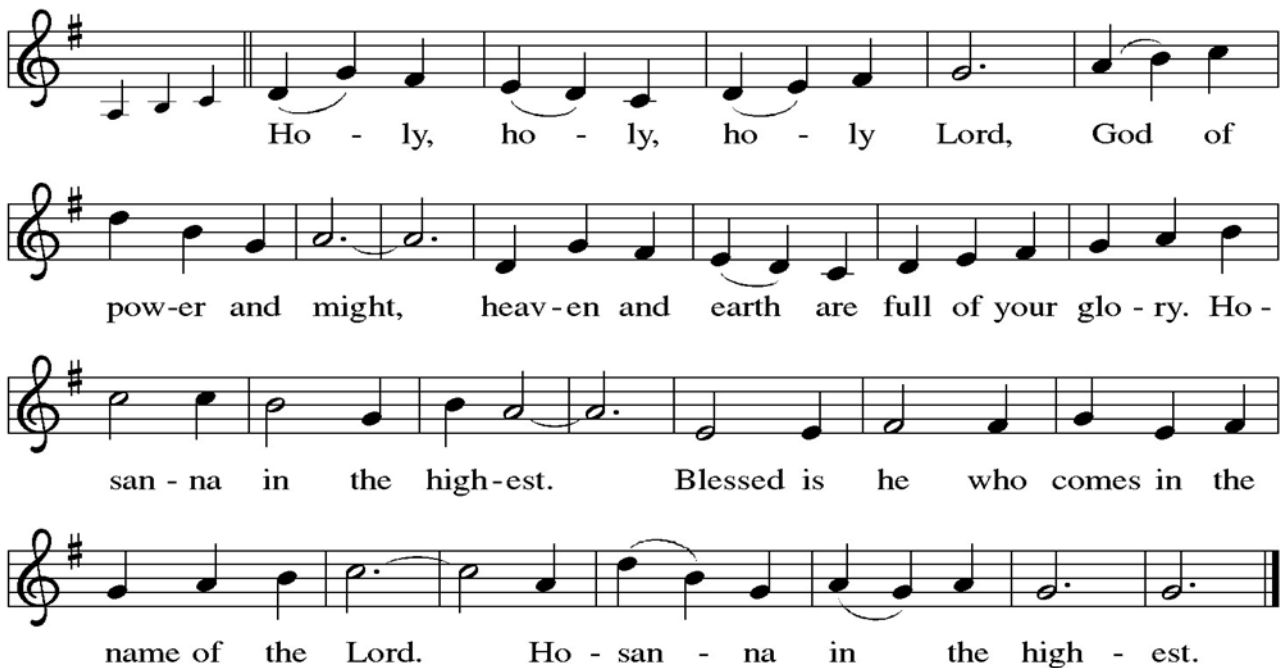
The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your heart. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us
the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with
the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Come, taste and see, that the lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the wastebasket at the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 785

“When Peace Like a River”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Please rise as you are able

SENDING HYMN

ELW 886 (vs 1-4)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

- Parry / Arr. Wagner

"Recessional On 'Aberystwyth'"

Rachel Reeder, Pastor

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Sept 15

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Usher (2)

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Sound/IT

Sound/IT Assistant

Altar Guild

Security

Theron Pace

Allan Griesemer

Tom Olsen

Jack Caballero

Claudia & Mitch

Abreham Dree

Theron Pace

Tom Olsen

Jack Caballero

Marilyn and Diane

Abreham Dree

Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.
- **Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our back altar. The cost is \$50. Please call or email your dedication to office@firstlutheranredlands.org by the Tuesday prior to your dedication. Available Dates: Sep 22, 29, Oct 13.
- **Bible Study** - Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.
- **Redland Family Services** – no donations requested at this time.

For new bulletin and/or e-news announcement(s), please send requests to the office by **Tuesday** prior to your desired publishing date(s).

This Week at First

Wednesday	09/11	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
Thursday	09/12	11:00 AM	Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturdays	09/14	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
		6:00 PM	AA Care and Share – PH
Sunday	09/15	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary

Upcoming Dates

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

- September 15 – Humanity Sunday
- September 22 – Sky Sunday/
Fall Potluck Dinner after worship
- September 29 – Mountain Sunday
- October 06 – Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 09/22/24 10:30 am Fall Potluck – Parish Hall

Tuesday 10/8/24 6:30pm Book Club “Love Without Limits”

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL -- The Chancel Choir has started rehearsing at 7 p.m. every Thursday, in the sanctuary. Current choir members and those interested in joining the choir are encouraged to attend rehearsals.

The Altar Guild is looking for new members to join a great group of women AND men who prepare for Sunday services and special holidays. Each team serves 1-2 Sundays every 4-6 weeks. And yes, you can miss a scheduled Sunday as we all help each other as needed. If you have any questions, call Mitch at 909-798-3320 for more information.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION IN SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation we join our siblings in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Theme for 2024 Romans 8:19-25 – To Hope and Act with Creation

September 8, Planet Earth Sunday – We worship this Sunday with planet Earth. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth. We sing with Earth, our planet home spinning through space. We celebrate Earth as a sacred place, a sanctuary filled with God's presence.

September 15, Humanity Sunday - We worship this Sunday with all humanity, peoples of all ethnic origins. We celebrate the kinship between humanity and the rest of creation. We rejoice that humans who bear the image of God now understand their role as servants who follow Christ, the true image of God.

September 22, Sky Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the skies. We celebrate with the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn. We listen to the sounds of sky proclaiming God's presence. We stand in

awe before the vast reaches of space above us and thank God for the fragile piece of stardust we call Earth.

September 29, Mountain Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the mountains. We sing with the rocks and hills. We enjoy the wonders of the wild. We connect with the mystery of the mountains through majestic rocks that surround our community. We celebrate in the mountain of God.

October 6 – Blessing Of The Animals. The Season of Creation will culminate on this Sunday. Bring an animal or a picture of an animal to be blessed. Join us for outdoor worship!

We worship this Sunday with all the creatures we love. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with all living things. We sing with the all the birds and animals that make our lives richer because of their presence

Pacifica Women’s Synodical Convention - October 18-19 - Will take place at Spirit of Our Savior-5050 Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA. Theme is “Nothing is more beautiful than a woman who is brave, strong, and emboldened because of who Christ is in her,” from Proverbs 31:10. More information will be in the E-Newsletter.

PRAYER VENTURES

September

8 *“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday* On this annual day of service, give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. Give thanks for our partnerships of compassion, service and advocacy with other congregations and ecumenical partners, Lutheran health and human service agencies, and community organizations.

9 “I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long” (Psalm 146:2). Thank God for all we have and for God’s loving and merciful presence in our lives.

10 Remember those who deliver food, goods and other resources by truck, merchant ship or train, across the country and around the world. Pray for their safety and well-being, especially when they are separated from family, friends and community. Pray that their loneliness might be eased by the knowledge that we are always connected, as children of God and siblings in Christ, through a faith that has no bounds.

11 Pray for ELCA missionaries and International Women Leaders serving alongside our global companions in the Middle East and North Africa to share the good news of Jesus Christ, advocate for justice and peace, support communities and leaders, and invite all to journey together as children of God.

12 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in God’s immeasurable power to heal, renew and create hope where there is tragedy, suffering and despair. Pray that God will equip us to respond to our neighbors in need and to bear hope, healing and love into the world.

13 Remember in prayer young adults using their faith, gifts and passion in the church, the workplace, the military, volunteer organizations and community service agencies.

14 Racism and bias are persistent and perplexing problems that infect our society, church, institutions and systems. Ask God to forgive us when we disparage and separate ourselves from children of God whom we perceive to be different and less valued. Pray for the courage, wisdom and humility to confront our biases and to strive for love, respect, equity and unity.

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"

Healing and strength: Chris, Alice, Molly & Phil, Erin, requested by Larry & Kathy Davenport;
Scott; (husband to niece of Jim & Janet Fink) prayers for healing;
Nancy Priesz (Sister in Law to Larry Anderson) prayers for strength;
Youth of our church as they start school;
Pastor Ray Wade, Richard & J'nene, requested from Jeanne Fortier;
Allan, requested by the Griesemers family;
BB, lift her up in health, strength and healing;
Jeanne, please lift her up in prayer, requested by Joe Koenig;
Sandy and Sharon, requested by Jeanne Fortier;
Jim, Daniel and Andrew, requested by Sue Lehner;
Granddaughter Katie; Sean for cancer diagnosis, requested by Karen Fredricksen;
Bill, Nancy, Tammy and Nikki requested by Marilyn and Theron Pace;
Kathy for healing from eye surgery;
Family of Gloria Cipres Gonzalez upon her death;
Bill and Claudia Havard as they travel;
Linda Marie, Matthew Ramos and Javier Hernandez;
Gerri and Gilbert Logg for cancer diagnosis requested by his brother Mando Quinones;
Rhonda, who passed away Monday morning. Please keep husband, Rocky and their son in your prayers, requested by BB Quinones;
Continuing prayers for: Bill, Nancy, and Tammy family of Paces; Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close;
Pastor Rachel for healing.

Our homebound: Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn;

** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

** The people of Israel and Palestine.

** Peace.

"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The prayer list is updated each week using the "Welcome to Worship" slips. If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips or contact the Pastor or church office.