

Prayers for June 6, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 10

*Come, Ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Messiah, Red Lodge; Joliet Lutheran, Joliet; Big Timber and Melville Lutheran Churches.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your spirit, we may know goodness and peace through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure:
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."*

*Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n' can remove.
ELW 607*

Prayers for June 13, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 11

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Grace, Worland, WY and Peace, Basin, WY.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.

*As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.
ELW 482*

Prayers for June 20, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 12

*When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;*

*When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Christ, Libby; Good Shepherd, Polson; Faith, Ronan, Eidsvold, and Somers.

God of all creation, we thank and praise you for the beauty of the places in which we live. Teach us to be good stewards of the land. By your Spirit's power, inspire us and energize us to share the love of Christ in ever expanding ways in communities filled with both struggles and dreams.

*When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
When our longing, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

ELW 725

Prayers for June 27, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 13

*O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy spirit, breathe in us as we pray.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Rivers of Faith Lutheran Parishes, Shields River and Wilsall.

Strengthen and empower our congregations as we engage in a process of transformation, that we may reach out with the good news to those in our communities and share the love of God.

*O living Breath of God, by whose power the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew:*

*Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.*

*O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, signing with creation for freedom's birth:
Come now and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.
ELW 407*

Prayers for July 4, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 14

*When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
When searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere,
When lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.*

*We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
Confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember St. James, Columbus, MT; American and Redeemer in Livingston.

We pray that you will empower us to see your face in the face of our neighbors at home and throughout the world. Give us grace to love and serve all as we would serve you.

*The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
To nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.*

*We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,
Your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.
ELW 703*

Prayers for July 11, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 15

*Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.*

*We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,*

By powers and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember the American Lutheran Parish in Harlem, Hogeland and Turner.

Sustain your people, O God, with the life-giving breath of your Holy Spirit, that we may be inspired and renewed in our service to you.

*Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.*

*Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
To work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.*

*Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.*
ELW 358

Prayers for July 18, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 16

*Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.*

*Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
Let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Unity Lutheran Parish, Malta and Whitewater; Dodson and Loring Lutheran Churches.

Creator God, we thank you for the wide-open spaces in which we live. May they remind us of the wideness of your mercy and the expansive nature of your love.

*Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.*

*Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
Let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.*

Prayers for July 25, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 17

*I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know that I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember American, Winifred; St. John's and First English, Great Falls.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Father in heaven, guide and empower our ministries as we seek to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ.

*I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*
ELW 581

Prayers for August 1, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 18

*How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
A single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath,
A drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
A flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.*

*And yet our speck of life is spanned by your infinity;
Our tick of time on earth is caught in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly through depths of cosmic space,
While aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Prairie Lutheran Parish (Saco, Hinsdale, Ft. Peck,); Our Redeemer, Nashua; and First, Glasgow.

We thank you, Lord, for gift of salvation which you have given to us. Help us to live in the joy of that promise, sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

*O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream,
To share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end*

And touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend.

*We thank you, God, for kindling faith that lights our transient years,
Illumining our pilgrimage through mists of doubt and fears;
For hope that sees a life beyond the swiftly passing days;
For love, both human and diving, that lifts our hearts to praise.
ELW 636*

Prayers for August 8, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 19

*Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Hope, Anaconda; Gloria Dei and Gold Hill, Butte.

Gracious Lord, grant us vision to carry the mission of Christ into our daily lives, the church, and to all whom we meet.

*Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.
ELW 642*

Prayers for August 15, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 20

*If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways,
You'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember First and Messiah, Havre; American, Chinook; Christ Lutheran, Big Sandy.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. You have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet table, strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace.

*The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.*

*Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's work; though undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.*

ELW 769

Prayers for August 22, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 21

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Lutheran Campus Ministries, Concordia College, Pacific Lutheran University, Luther Seminary, and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and all the seminaries of the ELCA.

God of all knowledge and wisdom, continue to bless these education ministry partners. Let their witness speak of your unconditional love to students and faculty. Let them be places where your grace and truth are revealed, and where leaders are prepared who will faithfully serve your church.

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

ELW 526

Prayers for August 29, 2010 Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 22

*O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore every human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.*

*As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
So may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,*

And help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.

From our synod prayer calendar, we remember Grace and St. Paul, Fairfield; Bethany, Dutton; St. Paul, Cut Bank; Sunburst and Valier Lutheran Churches.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear.

*O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
That joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
That through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.*

*O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
Come; make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!*

ELW 722