
The InnerNet

Early August 2021

The Lord's Prayer Worship Series

I learned a long time ago, while still a student in seminary, the power of the Lord's prayer. I watched an 18-month-old child follow along with the prayer, inserting the words she knew and humming along when she didn't, catching the cadence of the prayer even at that young age. I shared Holy Communion with those whose memory of my name had faded, but who still could recite that ancient prayer. This prayer is one that has much meaning to us, and it is good to stop and explore a bit more about what and why Jesus taught it to his followers when they asked, "teach us to pray."

Each Sunday, and many other days, this prayer we call the "Lord's" is prayed around the world, in a multitude of languages, in a wide variety of places, some safe, many dangerous, invoked in gratitude, in anguish, in hope and as a plea for help. It has been prayed since the days of Jesus, and in the Didache, a 1st century document written to guide the earliest followers of Jesus as they created an orderly gathering of church, it is twice included, and the ending about the "power and the glory, forever and ever..." is added. This prayer moves from being Jesus' teaching, to being our prayer, to our Father, as it becomes imbedded in our very beings.

"The Lord's Prayer may be the most dangerous prayer in Christianity's prayer books, one that hundreds of millions of Christians recite weekly—and weakly. Inattentively, says Rev. Gary Peluso-Verdend. "The prayer is dangerous because we have no idea what we are saying when, I would argue, we are asking that our world be turned upside down. And it is dangerous when we do know what we are saying, because there will always be rulers who don't want their rule replaced." When we pray for the kingdom, the reign of God to come here as it is in heaven, we mean right now, not later. We mean that the kingdom of justice, peace, mercy, love come here and now, so that all are fed, all are forgiven, all are liberated from every form of evil. As Rev. Peluso-Verdend says, "what if reciting the Lord's Prayer, which begins with the communal "our" and not the singular "my," was a prayer for a world which is arranged in a way that does not keep some people hungry and burdened with debt as means of social control, which is very much still the way of empires and authoritarians today?" Our world would indeed be changed, as would we ourselves.

This prayer helps us remember what Jesus' life was about, what he did—feed, forgive, have compassion for, and do God's will. It is about nurturing our relationship with God, and having done that, setting our lives in right relationship, we are then able to pray for and care for our neighbor, those we know well, and those we do not. As we pray, we refocus from ourselves to God, and begin to see God at work, understand God's love and care, become more connected.

For the Sundays of August, we will explore and learn more about how this simple, dangerous, life changing prayer is at work now. Remember the sermon is recorded and is available on the website as an audio file, you can listen when it works for your schedule.

In God's love,
Pastor Angela

THE ALLELUIA RINGERS, LIVING SAVIOUR'S HANDBELL CHOIR, is in need of 2

substitute ringers. Initially, ringers would rehearse with the handbell choir weekly. Ringers find joy in participating in the group and in presenting music to inspire our congregation and glorify God.

WE MEET: Tuesdays 6:45—7:30 PM

AGE: High school and older

EXPERIENCE: None ! We'll teach you !



Praying for Possibilities!

Prayer for our congregation, preschool, and staff are important as we pray for renewal

- 07/26-08/02 Ann Chriske & Janet Mayer
- 08/02-08-09 Mackenzie & Steve Miller
- 08/09-08/16 Indra Persaud & Pat Snodgrass
- 08/16-08/23 Ray & Ken Kilminster
- 08/23-08/30 Dawn Schaeffer, Sara Gist & Glenda Kilminster
- 08/30-09/06 Linda Honeycutt & Brandon Ward



First Communion Class

Are your children/grandchildren curious about Holy Communion? Are they asking questions? It's been so very long since they have been in the worship space, they may have even forgotten what it is and how we celebrate Christ each Sunday. In August, Pastor Angla is offering a time of discovery around Holy Communion for any children--already communing or not, who would like to come and learn, explore, have fun. Saturday August 14 and 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Holy Communion learning. Email pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org or call 704-542-2636 and let me know you plan to attend. Other arrangements are possible if these Saturdays do not work for you.

**Financial Results for June 2021
Month End**

You can contribute directly to the church through the on-line button on the website, or by mail to
Living Saviour
6817 Carmel Road
Charlotte NC 28226

Thank you for your generosity.

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, etc.	192,734
Expenses and Transfers	151,645
Net Contributions less Expenses/T ransfers	41,089
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	4,167
Contributions	3,180
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(24,692)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
Ending Balance	62,280

Opportunities for Worship at Living Saviour!



9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in-person

LIVE-STREAM 10:30 a.m. each Sunday on our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com>

Caring & Sharing Group

Friendship, support, and caregiving don't take a summer break and neither will our Caring & Sharing Group! We continue meeting at church throughout the summer on the second Friday of every month at 10a.m.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, August 13**. All are welcome – church members, friends and neighbors - who seek friendship, support, and resource information to help care for others or themselves during illness, loss or the challenges of aging. For more information, please contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724 or CoachBettyR@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers Sign Up made easy! Call the church office, or use signupgenious option. Click on "Submit & Sign Up" at the bottom of the page; enter your dedication. Fill in your name and email address The cost is \$50.00; checks payable to LSLC with "Altar Flowers" on the memo line; mail or drop off.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/o/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-2021>

August Birthdays

08/03 Julianna Frixen
08/05 Carol Cochran; Patricia Maisel; Caden Noonkester
08/06 Claire Biggs; Lauren Campbell
08/07 Timothy Goldbach; Shallen Gordon
08/09 Helen Archbold; Riley Skidmore; Lillian Stephens
08/10 Janet Axtman
08/11 Wayne Thom
08/13 Benjamin Malin, Fr.
08/14 Mackenzie Miller
08/17 Nate Forster
08/18 Ann Reichert; Pamela Williams
08/20 Mark Ferriss
08/23 Michael Golly
08/27 Eddie Sipe



August Anniversaries

08/01 Jerry and Tissie Littlejohn (56)
08/05 Frank and Kathy DeLoache (43); CD and Moss Hathcock (49); Russell Hinson and Steve Vick (13)
08/07 Dawn and Malcolm Schaeffer (11)
08/08 Tony and Mary Ann Eller (57)
08/13 Ron and Shallen Gordon (44)
08/16 Tom and Ann Chriske (58); Dan and Trudy Haseley (52)
08/24 Dan and Jan Sundberg (58)
08/26 John and Marge Sahr (54)



AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	2	3 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	4 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	9	10 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	11 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	12	13 10:00 a.m. Caring & Sharing	14
15 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	16	17 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	18 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	23	24 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	25 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	30	31 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice				

On **Sunday, Sept. 12**, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**.

Our church — and our world — continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. But the good news is that we are beginning to experience a slow return to physical community as more people become vaccinated. We look forward to gathering with family and friends once again to share God’s love in person.

Amid this ongoing situation, we continue to be **church together**. Across the ELCA we are witnessing the love and concern God’s people have for one another. During this time, our congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service take place from our homes or from a safe distance. Sharing the love of Christ through service to our neighbors is work you do every day.



We look forward to **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday** and doing this work together again this year.