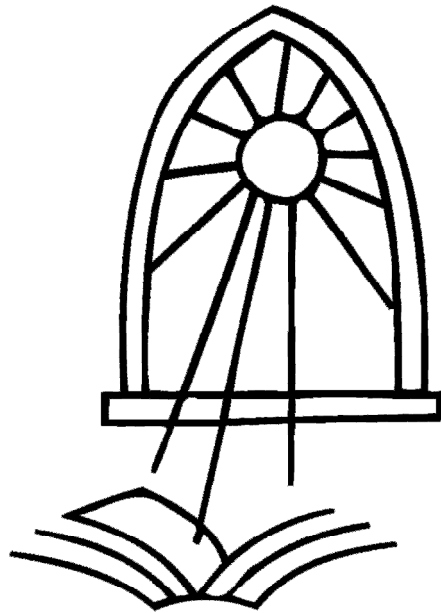




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2015

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.

Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.

Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.

To our Visitors: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A special welcome to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

First Lutheran is easily accessible via major city routes - 41st Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42nd Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42nd Avenue.

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

The present building, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied people and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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**REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2015**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Irina Lennikova
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	Kathryn Roller
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod
	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann John Morley Ingrid Tymme Dennis Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Michael Ray Cheri Ditsche
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley Betty Wong

If you'd like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Iris Kong, our office administrator, at 604.435.6020. If you'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

REFORMATION SUNDAY
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A LITURGY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

PRELUDE

*Toccata in F Major
Ein Feste Burg*

Dietrich Buxtehude
Don Hustad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 453 *Baptized and Set Free vv. 1-2*

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(All rise)*

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.**

Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME TO BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidate for Welcoming to Baptism, his sponsors and family gather in front of the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Dear friends, we gather today with *Miguel Angel Beltran Garces* who has been called by God's Spirit to be welcomed into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome him to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

Miguel Angel Beltran Garces is presented by name.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors and the assembly.

People of God, will you help *Miguel Angel* hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

The assisting minister addresses Miguel Angel.

Miguel Angel, gather with this community of faith and hear the word of God with us.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

A sponsor for Miguel Angel traces a cross on his forehead as the presiding minister says:

Receive the + sign of the cross, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

Praise to you, O Christ, the wisdom and power of God.

The assisting minister addresses Miguel Angel.

God bring you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and call you to the waters of baptism.

May the God of all grace, who has called you to glory, support you and make you strong.

Those who have come forward return to their places. The service continues with the following liturgy.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidate for baptism, parents, sponsors, gather around the font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The sponsors present the candidate

We present *Alexandra Joy Marie Filippelli* for holy baptism.

The minister addresses the parents

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **We do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are invited:
to live among God's faithful people,
to receive the word of God and the holy supper,
to offer your hearts to God in prayer,
to nurture others in faith and prayer,
so that we may all learn to trust God,
to proclaim Christ through word and deed,
to live in the spirit of the gospel, of love, peace, and forgiveness,
to care for others and the world God made,
and to work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

The minister addresses the assembly

People of God, do you promise to support and nurture *Alexandra Joy Marie* in the Christian faith, to pray for her as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the gathered community

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

The minister addresses the assembly

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Parents, do you promise to remain faithful to your child whatever the future may bring, to respect her wherever she may go, and to remember always that your child is born of God?
We do.

THE GIVING OF THE NAME

By what name do you wish your child to be called now and in eternal life?

The Christian name of the candidate is spoken aloud
Alexandra Joy Marie Filippelli

May this name be written forever in the Book of Life, in the palm of God's hand.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the words of the prayer over the water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth.
You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.
You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into us all.

By your Spirit proclaim us all as your children, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY WASHING

The presider baptizes by pouring water over the candidate three times while saying

Alexandra Joy Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The newly-baptized is welcomed by the gathered community. During this time, the assembly may be “aspurged” or sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptism.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain *Alexandra Joy Marie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

CHRISMATION

Using oil prepared for this purpose, the presiding minister anoints the newly-baptized and marks the forehead with the sign of the cross.

Alexandra Joy Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Following this expression of faith and life, all gathered at the front face the assembly while a representative of the congregation speaks

Let us welcome our newly baptized today.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God who has drawn us by the love of Christ Jesus.
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

All face the presider for the following blessing.

Beloved ones, we entrust you all to the mercy and help of God.
May the Holy One watch over your lives; may we all walk by the light of faith;
and may we receive all the good things God has promised us. **Amen.**

The baptismal party return to their seats.

BAPTISMAL HYMN # 453 *Baptized and Set Free* vv. 3-4

BLESSING FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

For the marvels of your creation,

We praise you, O God.

For the opportunity to explore and study,

We praise you, O God.

For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

We praise you, O God.

Teach us your ways and guide us in your path,

For you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen. Amen.

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge.

Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight.

Grant students the gift of joy and openness,

That all may grow in what is good and honest and true.

May we all hear your Word with us, learn to tell its stories,
discover its mysteries, and rejoice in the good news.

May God's life-giving word inspire us anew.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Psalm and Alleluia

arr. John Purifoy

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung twice before and after reading*) # 212 **“You Belong to Christ”**

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 581 *“You Are Mine”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace: **Renew us.**”*

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ

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

All may greet one another saying, “Peace be with you”.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Etude in E Major

Frederic Chopin

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward.

After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(Prayer over the gifts)*

In the night of his offering, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it,

and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take, and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new covenant in my blood.

It is poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

We thank You, God of Abundant Love, for these gifts given in love for us.

Accept us, forgive us, heal us, and free us to live abundant lives.

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION *(as the bread is broken)*

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*It is Christ who invites all to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. **All are welcome to the table of grace!** Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

HYMNS DURING THE MEAL

487 “What Feast of Love”

512 “Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (sung twice)

Ave Verum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.

God the Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 504 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thy Strong Word

Paul Manz

This Week

Today

Evening service, 5:30 pm
"Welcoming Peace"

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Mutual Ministry, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm
BC Synod AGM, 7:30 pm
(at Spirit of Life Lutheran)

Saturday

Youth Bowling, 2:45 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

Book study on Ephesians, 9:30 am
All Saints, 10:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Evening service, 5:30 pm

Next Sunday is All Saints and we will have the liturgy of remembrance. Please send any names to the office that you would like to include in the bulletin.

**Halloween Fun at First Lutheran on
October 31 is cancelled.**

Youth Bowling Day!

When: this Saturday, October 31
Time: 3-5 pm, meeting at FLC at 2:45 pm
Address: 10576 King George Blvd, Surrey

This morning we welcome *Miguel Angel Beltran Garces* into our community as he awaits his baptism with his family in Mexico. We welcome *Alexandra Joy Marie Filippelli* into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Miguel is the son of Juan Miguel Barajas and Aida Villafuerte. His sponsors are Jean Paul Granada and Marisol Ortega Canseco. Alexandra is the daughter of Michael Filippelli and Melissa Filippelli. Her sponsors are Frank and Janet Filippelli. Her godparents are Chris Roberts and Jen Bushby. We look forward to sharing our worship, life and service with all of them.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
125TH ANNIVERSARY

First Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 15th, 2015**, only 5 weeks away. Formed by Scandinavian immigrants on November 15th 1890 the church has now transformed into a multicultural feast of people.

To celebrate the occasion a special service followed by a pot luck lunch of ethnically diverse foods has been suggested with historical displays, photographs, entertainment etc.

Many volunteers will be required to make this a memorable event, so if you are interested in joining the team, please contact June Heywood, Debbie Powell and John Morley.

TABLE IN NARTHEX

We are looking for somebody to remove the large table in the narthex. Thank you.

“Welcoming Peace” evening service 5:30 pm on Sundays

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
December 6, 13, 20
No service on Dec 27 and January 3, 2016.

Confirmation class 2015

November 1, 22
December 13

Students and families are enthusiastically invited to stay for the evening service as part of formation.

There will be a Craft Drop In time on Saturday November 7 from 10:00 am to noon. If you would like to enjoy some time to work on your craft projects and socialize with other crafters, we would love to have you join us. Please meet in the lower level and bring your knitting, quilting, beading, stitchery or whatever project you want to work on. For more information, contact Linda Collins.

There will be 2 new programs this year at FLC - **Youth Study** starting **Nov 8** and **Adult Study** starting **Nov 29**. Meeting monthly on a different date, both groups explore a series called “Animate Faith”. See bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

Sunday School 2015

November 8, 22

Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are calling on Canadian Lutherans to make a donation to support Syrian refugees suffering and displaced by brutal violence in their country. **Donations made between September 12, 2015 and December 31, 2015 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government through their Syria Emergency Relief Fund.**

How to donate:

- Online at <http://clwr.donorshops.com/product/685132A/syrianrefugeerelief.php>
- By phone at 1.800.661.2597
- By mail (cheques should be made out to CLWR and mailed to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0W5)
- By free-will offering at any ELCIC congregation in Canada

MVA leadership institute

Friday, November 6, 6:30-9 pm
Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am - 3:30pm

BCGEU Office
2920 Virtual Way, Vancouver

Free for participant with FLC membership.

Registration: to register online and for further info, visit metvanalliance.org or email info@metvanalliance.org with your name, organization, and contact.

To: All members of BC Synod Council, all Rostered Ministers, all Congregations

Official Notice of BC Synod Annual General Meeting 2015

As required by the Bylaws, the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2015. It will be held this Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 375 West 10th Ave, Vancouver; phone: 604-874-2212.

Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote.

Agenda: (first draft)

- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2014 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2015

Please note that no on-site parking will be available at Spirit of Life.

SILENT AUCTION at FLC 125th Anniversary Celebration November 15, 2015

Items are needed for our Silent Auction Fundraiser. Hand knitted, quilted, or sewn items or new Christmas decorations are welcome! Also think about making gift baskets with assorted cheeses, wines, chocolates, or bath products. Anything that can be given as Christmas gifts would be appreciated. Please place your donations in the box in the Fireside Room no later than Sunday, Nov. 8, or give them to Janet Schreiber.

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**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace: **Renew us.**”*

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. *A brief silence.*

Uniting God, join together the many and varied voices of your church into one great voice, so that all the world may hear the good news of your salvation. God of Grace: **Renew us.**

Uphold the expansive network of your creation as birds migrate and animals prepare for hibernation. God of Grace: **Renew us.**

Bend our ears to hear the cries of those who long for justice and inclusion. Teach us to listen and respond, especially in the work of our Friends InDeed, MVA and within our local community. God of Grace: **Renew us.**

Breathe your reforming Spirit into the church today, especially upon Miguel and Alexandra. Open us to receive the newness ever-present in your ancient gifts, and call us to action by your gracious and freeing word. God of Grace: **Renew us.**

Send your Spirit to stir up healing and wholeness where there is illness, conflict between neighbors, war, or any kind of suffering. Give relief to all who are in need *especially...* God of Grace: **Renew us.**

You have done great things in the lives of the saints, *especially...* Reveal to us the glorious works you do every day, that we recognize your kingdom when it comes. God of Grace: **Renew us.**

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**