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Week 2

In Community with all the saints

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OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

C: And the place where your glory abides

P: I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving,

C: and recount all your wonderful deeds.

P: Test me, O Lord and try me;

C: examine my heart and my mind.

P: For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

C: I have walked faithfully with you.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Timeless One, you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

First Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans

13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will

be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our
justification.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson: Mark 9:2-8

A reading from Mark

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a
high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his
clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And
there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter
said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one
for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6He did not know what to say, for they
were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a
voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" 8Suddenly when they looked
around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ON BEING MADE HOLY: LUTHER'S COMMENTS, COMMUNITY OF SAINTS

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ
my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the
Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in true faith,
just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on
earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this
Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of
all believers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A brief silence.

R: Your mercy is great.

R: Amen

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift-up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Next Wednesday's theme: "In community with our neighbor"