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Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

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Bible Study in person and on Zoom will resume in September

Dear People of Amazing Grace,

We have so much to be grateful for. We are worshipping in person, we held a very successful rummage sale, volunteers are working hard on our building and grounds, and we are gearing up for my Installation on September 26th.

But at the same time, we are worried. The Delta variant is spreading, cases among the unvaccinated are spiking, and hospitals are beginning to fill up again. Case numbers are rising in Macomb and Oakland Counties after they had fallen so dramatically in May. We are all so very tired of this; we just want to get back to normal.

Psalm 13 speaks to me right now:
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain* in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Again and again, the people of God have faced tribulation: war, famine, slavery, exile, disease, conquest. Again and again, they have cried out to God, "how long?" We are not alone in our lament. While it encourages our lament, the psalm also reminds us that God is faithful:

But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

God will never abandon us and God will see us through this next stage of the pandemic. So let us sing to the Lord for all he has done and continues to do for us, now and forever. Amen!

Susanna Muzzin, Pastor