

December 17, 2017
Third Sunday in Advent
8:30 & 11:00 AM

FOR YOU SHALL
GO OUT IN
joy
AND BE SENT
FORTH IN
PEACE
ISAIAH FIFTY FIVE
VERSE TWELVE



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a “Pray Space” under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

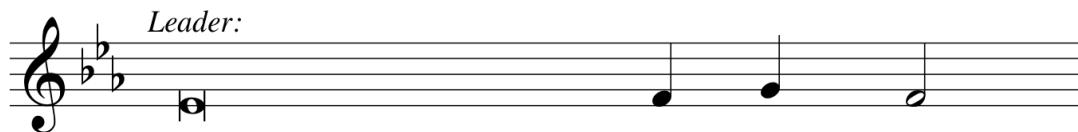
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

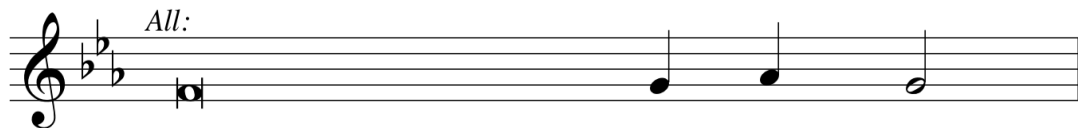
PRELUDE: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (arr. D. Marlatt)

WELCOME

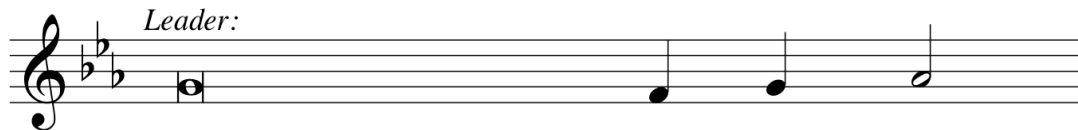
GATHERING RITE



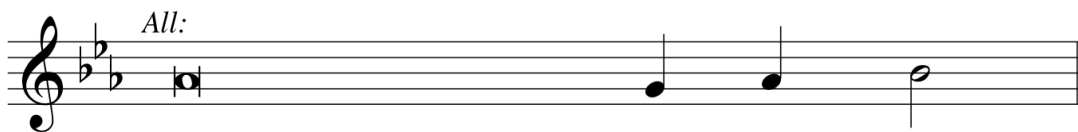
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



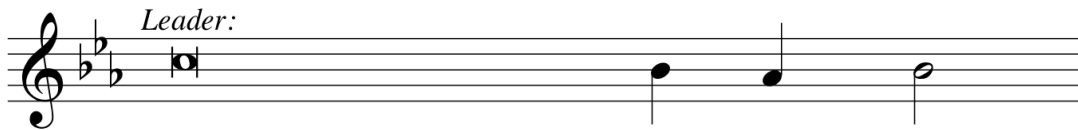
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is morning



and the day is just be - ginning



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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GATHERING SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257) v. 1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

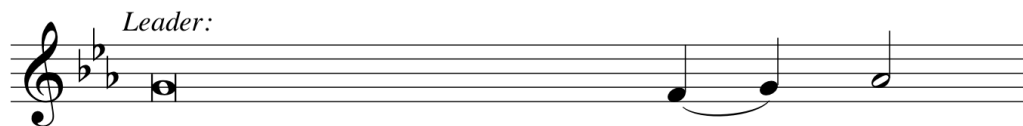


Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

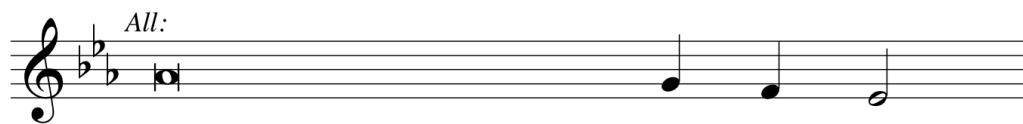
GREETING:



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of restoration, save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.

Please be seated.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: *We are Waiting*

First time: Cantor—Second Time: Congregation



Sung by Cantor

Free your people from the grave
Come, Lord Jesus, come and save. We are waiting
Oh, come, oh, come Emmanuel, we are waiting
And ransom captive Israel, we are waiting for the Lord
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. We are waiting. (refrain)



Let us pray.

We praise you, O God for the victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's Advent. As we light the third candle on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE WORD: Isaiah 55:1-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God,

word of life.

ANTHEM: (8:30): *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (T. Shaw)

(11:00): *Bright and Morning Star* (R. Makeever)

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming (ELW 272)*



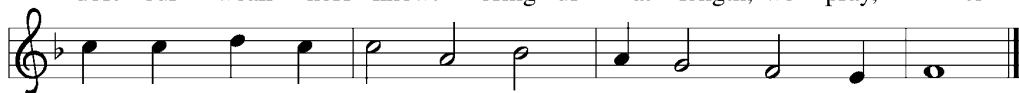
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light-ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
 crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for self-reflection.

God of all time,
we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ✝ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

Guiding Lord, bless church leaders, volunteers, teachers, musicians, acolytes, deacons, pastors, seminarians, and those discerning a call to ministry. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, protect Earth's wilderness, especially where the lands are isolated and unexplored. Watch over all living creatures who remain free from human exploitation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, send us your Spirit of unity, so that justice may spring up among the nations. Give us the will to repair the broken systems that perpetuate injustice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, comfort your children who are mourning, bind up the brokenhearted, and heal our wounds. We pray for those who are homeless or imprisoned, refugees, those who struggle with addiction or mental illness, and all in need, especially Cam, Sarah, Ryan & Dan. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of justice, strengthen and increase the ministry of food pantries, meal service deliveries, employment training programs, and advocacy for equity among all classes and races. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

Eternal God, clothe us in your garments of salvation, so that together we may rejoice in your presence with the saints who have died and with those unable to be with us today, especially Randy Fischer and Carol Nelson. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE


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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense

All:



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One:



— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O
cry to you. Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.
up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the
 burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
 you. All praise to the God of all - Cre -
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
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you.
of - fer - ing to you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

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.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed ... Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. And bless our Eucharistic Ministers who take this meal to the faithful.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

WHO MAY COMMUNE? *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)

Savior of the Nations, Come (ELW 263)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

THE ANNUNCIATION:

Cantor: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child,, and his name will be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will." (immediately to "The Magnificat")

December 24, 2017, 10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent

John 1:1-18

Word Made Flesh

December 24, 2017 5, 7 & 10:30 pm Christmas Eve

Luke 2:1-20

Birth of Jesus

December 10, 2017

Attendance: 236

General Offerings: \$10,914

Mortgage Fund: \$900

Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

THE MAGNIFICAT

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
 2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
 down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
 heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: *Holden Blessing*

Leader: *All:*

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days. _____

All:

A - men.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please wait for acolyte and pastor to recess.

POSTLUDE: *Pat-A-Pan* (arr. D. Marlatt)

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Sunday School Special Worship
	Living Truth Bible Study
11:00 am	Worship
	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Lunch
4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 18

Pastor's Sabbath

6:30 pm	Hannah Circle
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Tuesday, December 19

9:30 am	Lectionary — <i>Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!</i>
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Personnel Committee
7:00 pm	Church Council

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 am	Rebecca Circle
	Peace by Piece Sewing
10:00 am	Living Truth Fellowship
11:30 am	Worship Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Longest Night Healing Service

Thursday, December 21

9:00 am	Quilters
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 22

10:00 am	Living Truth Basic Beliefs
7:00 pm	Living Truth Bible Study

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Lunch
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS.

*Prayers of sympathy for Audrey Fisher and family in the death of her son, Randy,
and for the family of Carol Nelson in her death.*

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief

Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), **Bill Beasley** (Russel's brother-in-law); **Debbie Bell** (Renee Markert's cousin), **Michele Berger** (Karey Coble's friend), **Terry Chausee** (Cathy Edwards' son-in-law), **Neal Beachinor** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Larry & Marcie Clure** (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friend), **Kim Coleman** (Kris Lindereth's friend), **Joyce Daily** (David Osborne's aunt), **Janice Davidson** (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), **Patricia Dwonch** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **Mikee Epply** (Elodie Ragan's friend), **Paul Gabrielsen** (member), **Mason Gordon** (Curcio Family friend), **Cami Grillo** (member), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tao Hong** (Joy Fu's husband), **Bernie Jenkins** (Jane King's friend), **Darryl Lageson** (member), **Marcella** (Benson family friend), **Tom McMaster** (Dawn Bastin's father), **Mark Nesse** (Darci Desilet's stepfather), **Bruce Niermeyer** (Cook family friend), **Pam** (Melanie Veazey's cousin), **Kenneth Rapp** (Loretta Rapp's son), **Marvin Richter** (Renee Markert's father), **Richard Robilard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Robin** (Sherrill and Larry Baker's acquaintance), **Audrey Sheffler** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Jen Shirley** (Curcio family friend), **Heather Smith** (Cami Grillo's niece), **Sylvia Stevens** (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), **Sue** (Paula Glandon's friend), **Dan Thomson** (Jane King's friend), **Mary Beth Torgerson** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Roger Tuck** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Kip Van Alstine** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Joanne Wejak** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) **Danna White** (Cathy Tanner's friend), and **Michael Wilson** (Vicki Kastning's friend).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Cathy Edwards (member), **Steven Glenn** (Sandra & Allen Glenn's son), **Sherri Gordon** (regular visitor), **Gloria Groff** (Cathy Edwards' friend), **Dee Onn Hodges** (Bob Berg's friend), **Swede Johnson** (Sherrill & Larry Baker's friend), **Moriah Landry** (Marly Helgeland's friend), **Dawn Moses** (Roger Steinke's friend), **Steve Polkinghorn** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Elodie Ragan** (member), **Sharel Sheldrake** (member) , **Cam Toyoda** (Sue Toyoda's son) & **Connie Wolter** (member).

Special Prayers: **Sarah & Ryan** (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), **Dan Kennedy** (Ian Anderson's friend)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Margie Bannister (member), **Perdy Carlson** (member), **Phyllis Enger** (member), **Ardyce Johnson** (member), **Arlene O'Neall** (Ruth & Mark Neitzel's friend), **Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Eleanor Simonsen** (Lisa Graumlich's mother-in-law), **Joyce Sullivan** (member), **Fran Tazuma** (member) & **Phyllis Watters** (member) .

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Tyler Ripley** (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)
ARMY: **Shaun Cunningham** (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), **Lucas Peters** (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), **Asis Montalvo** (Adjorlolo family friend)
MARINES: **James Bacon** (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)
NAVY: **Karl Krueger** (Karin Ulvin's husband), **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & **Kyle Warner** (Karen and Paul Gabrielsen's grandson)

***We are honored to be able to pray for your family members and close friends in need.
Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.***

Assisting With Today's Service:

8:30 am

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ushers	Chris Cardwell & Brian Midtbo
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Communion Assistants	Dawn Bastin, Mary Cardwell & Paul Desilet
Lector	Paul Anderson	Sound Tech	Roger Wolter
Acolyte	Audrey Busch & Alexa Midtbo	Greeter	Clint Bastin
Cantor	Gordy Phelps	Cantors	Susan Berg & Bob Berg
Brass Ensemble 8:30 & 11:00 am	Trumpet: Cris Sherman & Trent Deverter French Horn: Karen Mildes Trombone: Nathan Light Tuba: Dale Light		

11:00 am

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ushers	Rob McCaw & Randall Wampler
Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne	Lector	Tom Larsen
Flute	Cheryl Miller	Greeter	Kathy Konieczka
Guitar	Connie Wolter		
Percussion	Eric Daane	Communion Assistants	Emily Curcio & Tom Payne
Ensemble	June Condra, Scott Eiler, Rachel Jackman, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps & Johannes Skjonsby	Acolyte	Sarah Holmes
Cantor	Gordy Phelps	Cantors	June Condra & Richard Edmonds