# The Season of Easter April 30, 2023 8:30 am

God raised Jesus from the dead. Repent and be baptized.



THE APOSTLE PRISCILLA PREACHES TO THE GENTILES.

(ROM 16:3)



# 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 NOTES**

- + Please sign the card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before 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 narrhex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
- + Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

# Easter Explained

When Mary came to the tomb and discovered it empty, she became the first to proclaim Christ risen to her sibling disciples. This proclamation, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!" is an echo of her words down through the centuries. It is this moment of victory over death that we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday or Easter Day.

The term "Easter" dates back to the time of Bede. He identified the root of this word came from the goddess Eostre, for whom the month of April was called at that time. Bede translated it as "Paschal" which originally comes from the Greek via Hebrew to denote the Jewish festival of Passover. We, here in the USA, use the word "Easter" while most of the rest of the world uses the word "Pascha." Regardless of what we call this important day and season—it is all about the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah.

From the earliest church this festival became the most central expression or our faith. Luther stressed it in this way:

In Christ, suffering and triumphant, he has decisively asserted his Godhead in the midst of a hostile world; and in the Incarnate and Crucified Savior we behold the supreme majesty of that 'uncreated love, that is God.'

Jesus, who was arrested, abused, tried, convicted, and hung on a cross until he died, did not acquiesce to the powers of this world. The powers of earth only know violence and death. The power of God that is revealed in Jesus, is about peace and life! This is what we celebrate. This is why we sing Alleluias!

Though we celebrate an Easter Day, we also make it a full season. The season is marked by seven Sundays—to remind us that we have a new creation in Jesus. It begins with Easter Day and then Ends on Pentecost Sunday. "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek meaning "fiftieth."

Here at First Lutheran Church in Bothell, we adorn our space with flowers and white banners to signify this special season. You may have put a flower in our cross. This symbol is a way for us to take what was meant as a sign of oppression and death and to turn it into a witness to resurrection and victory. We give thanks for the work that is done for us through Jesus. It is truly a gift of Grace that we do not deserve or earn. Jesus says to us, you are mine and I am yours. Nothing can take that from us.

Peace be to you this Easter Season.

# EASTER 2023 Setting by Ray Makeever

#### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE: St. Columba (W. Held)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Come, Let Us Worship God (DATH 2)



#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

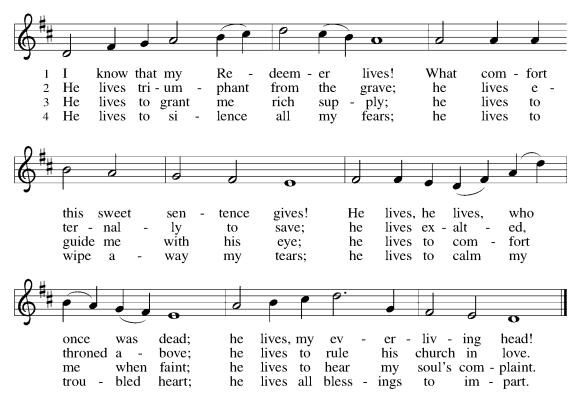
OPENING HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (ELW 619)

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#### **GREETING**

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.** 

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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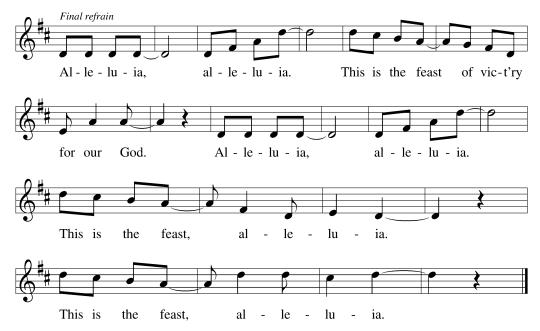
#### **KYRIE**



#### CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM: Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us (Robertson)

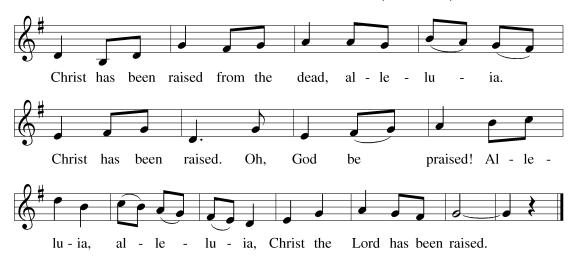
#### WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 23 (from The Message by Eugene Peterson)

GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

#### WELCOMING THE WORD: Christ Has Been Raised (DATH 66)



#### THE WORD: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

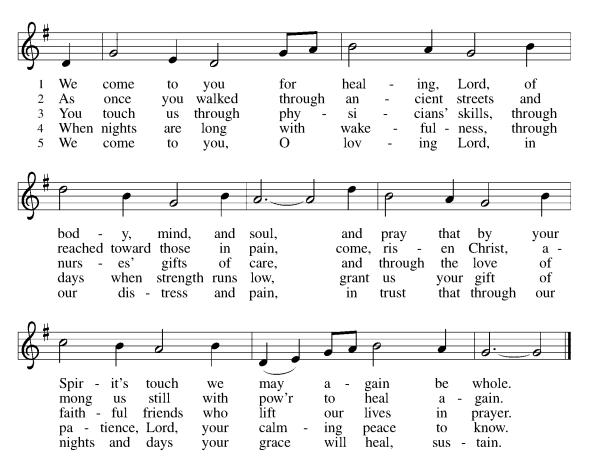
<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

**SERMON** 

# HYMN OF THE DAY: We Come To You For Healing, Lord (ELW 617)



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

#### **PEACE**

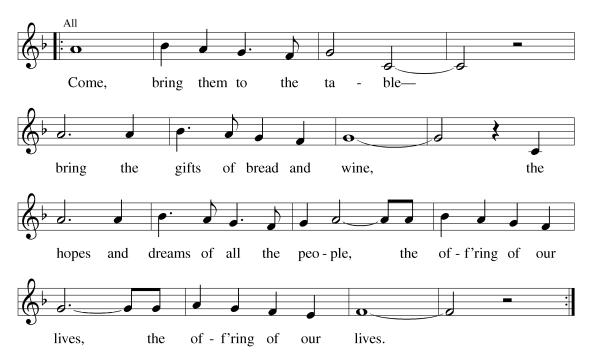
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Reflections on St. Columba, T. Keesecker

OFFERING: Come, Bring Them to the Table (DATH 19)



#### OFFERING PRAYER

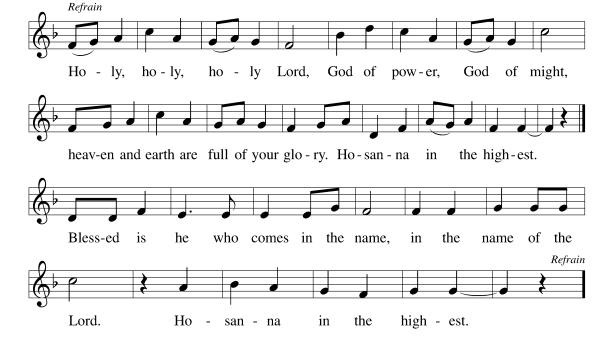
Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (DATH 21)



Text: "Sanctus," tr. International Consultation on English Texts Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

Amen

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

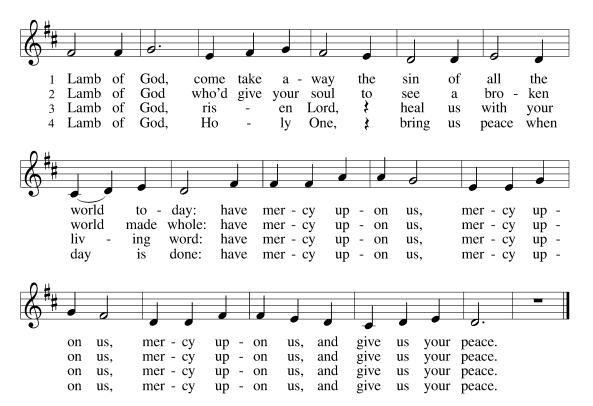
Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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

# LAMB OF GOD (DATH 25)



# COMMUNION HYMNS: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)







- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
   Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

# POST COMMUNION SONG: Now the Body Broken (DATH 31)



#### SENDING

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of all, who raised Desus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: O Living Bread from Heaven (ELW 524) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Duke Street, D. Cherwien

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# O Living Bread from Heaven



- how well you feed your guest! liv - ing Bread from heav en,
- with in your ho liest place, My Sav - ior, you have led me have led me I want - ed;
- this food can death de stroy. You gave me all
- Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have here your-self have and you have free - ly And course on earth is

have giv en me with fed grant - ed the length - ened, to

filled my heart with rest. trea - sures of your grace; cup of end - less joy. serve you, free from fear:



O won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes! giv - en what for you have free - ly earth could nev - er Lord. I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown, My bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy, and



now I the bread of life from heav - en, that shall not die. bow and all my soul and spir - it down be - fore your throne. where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

# Serving in Worship Today

Preaching/ Presiding	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Music Director	Lucy Kay Osborne		
Acolyte	Noah Berg	Lector	Marlis Pehling
Ushers	Tom Agnew Allen Glenn	Communion Assistants	David Berg Tamara McIntyre
Camera Tech	David Osborne	Sound Tech	Roger Wolter
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges	Greeter	

# May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1Peter 2:2-10 Chosen to Proclaim God's Mighty Acts

#### **Weekly Financial Report**

April 23, 2023 Attendance in Person: 111 Zoom: 26

April 23, 2023 General Offerings: \$6,920 Capital Improvement: \$1613.19 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

#### INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am LWR School Kits Packing

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9;45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

3:00 pm Movie Review—*Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace* 

All are Welcome

Monday, May 1

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool 9:15 am Preschool Chapel

9:30 am Lectionary

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

12:30 pm Preschool Chapel

3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline

4:15 pm Library Committee

6:00 Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm IT/Communications Committee
Social Ministries Committee

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool 12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Thursday, May 4

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

**FLC Quilters** 

9:15 am Preschool Chapel

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 5

Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

Saturday, May 6

9:00 pm Altar Guild

Garden Guild Boy Scout Work Party

11:00 am Worship & Music Committee
1:00 pm Darlene Robare Memorial Service

Sunday, May 7

10:00 am

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9;45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

#### In Our Prayers

#### **Our Ministry Partners:**

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

#### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Sonja (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Mark (Dick Boyce's son), Marianne (Emily Curcio's friend), Jocelyn Carberry (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), Lisa (Steve Coble's sister), Dan (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), Edith Holbrook (member), Tracee (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), Jessica Hockstedler (member), Dana (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), Michael (Jeff Kosman's friend), Jana (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Linda (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Diane Mackey (Del Benson's friend), Chris & family (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), Karen (Nora Strothman's cousin).

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

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), Rene Baker (member), Carolyn Becker (member), Doug (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), Susan (Bob Berg's cousin), Randy (Chris Martin's friend), Geri Crawford (member), Leanne (Krista Daniels' sister), Elizabeth (Jane King's friend), Nancy Davis (member), Carol Jo (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), Cathy (Paul Desilet's mother), Jess Faubion (member), Justin (Rob & Rene Baker's nephew), Ruby (Christy Freriks' grandmother), Tracy (Rob & Rene Baker's friend), Rachael (Stephanie Almeida's friend), Steve (Del Benson's friend), Loa (Karen Thomas' friend), Marlo (Leona Keltner's friend), Amy (Nancy McGee'ss friend), Axton (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), Richard Keltner (member), Karl Kloster (member), Richard Konieczka (Kathy Konieczka's husband), Albert (Chris Martin's friend), David (Nancy McGee's cousin), Jeanne (Justin LaFord's mother), Andy (Vickie Shanks' friend), Donnabel (Derrick StaRosa's sister), Hildur O'Connor (member), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Ron (Beth Phelps' brother), Sandy Sailand (member), David Shogren (member), Verne (Johannes Skjonsby's father), Walt Stoll (member, Christopher (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), Sue (Aileen Miller's daughter).

# Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), Larry Baker (member), Mavis Carlson (member), Trudy Eichelsdoerfer (member), Marge Gonyea (member), Marlys Helgeland (member), Jane King (member), Greta & Larry Nelson (member), Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's father), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother).

#### Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

# NAVY: Christopher Whipple (Carolyn Whipple's son)

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