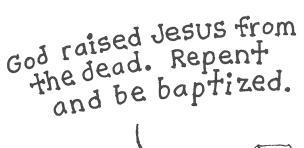
The Season of Easter May 7, 2023 8:30 am





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.



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 narthex 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: Lament for the Wild Geese (Phil Coulter)

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.

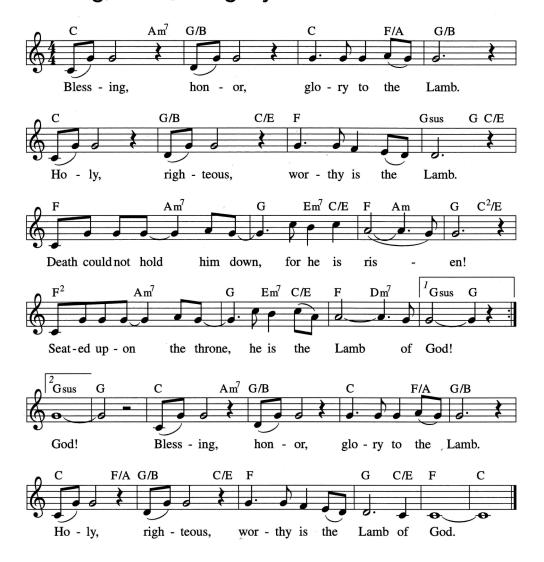
Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Blessing, Honor, and Glory (ELW 433) Next page

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.



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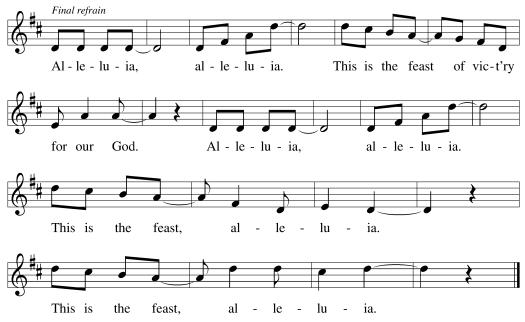


CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast









PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM: To Go to Heaven (N. Ndelwa tr. H. Olson) Music: Kule Mbinguni Nataka Kwenda, Tanzanian

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5;31:15-16

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

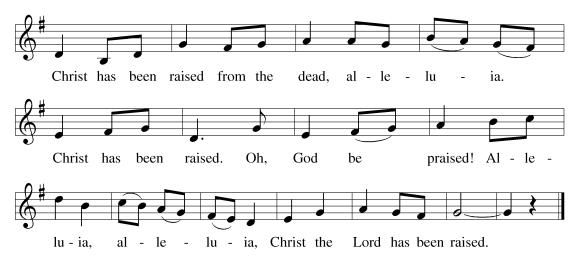
³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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



THE WORD: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

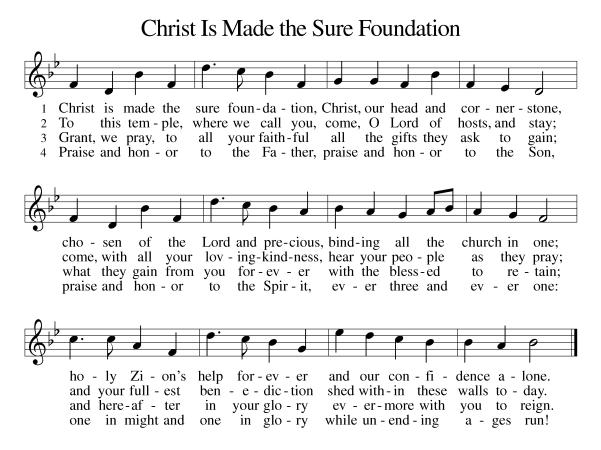
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (HFW 172)



Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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

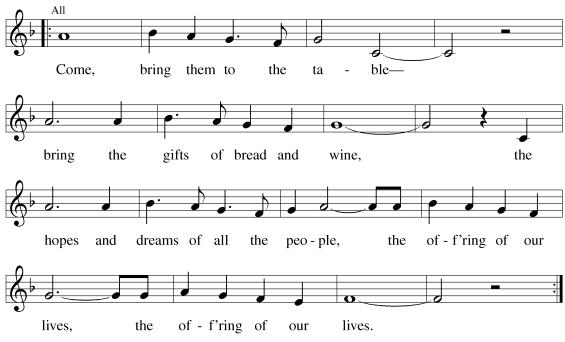
Hear us, O God.

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: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Charles C. Converse) OFFERING: Come, Bring Them to the Table (DATH 19)



OFFERING PRAYER

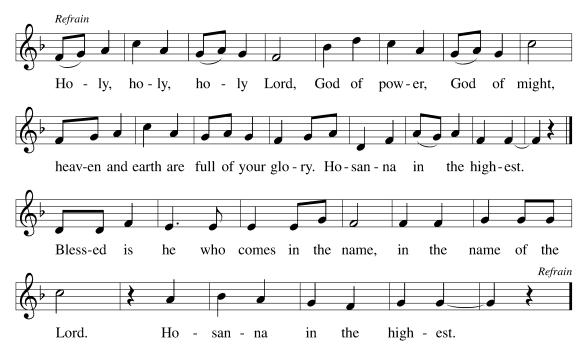
Let us pray.

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 Music © 1983 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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.

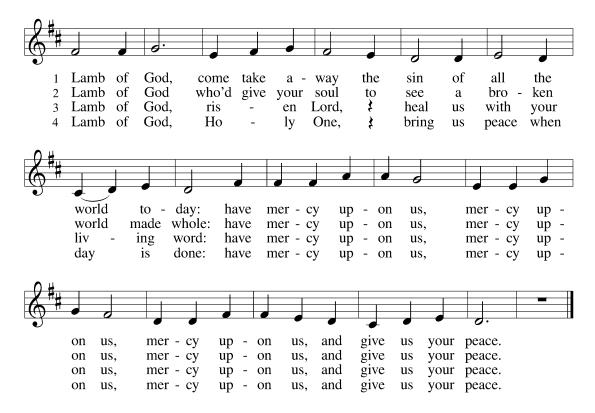
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 HYMN: Come to the Table (ELW 481)

Come to the Table Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread. All who are hun-gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion: drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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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 ^a Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

SENDING SONG: To Be Your Presence (ELW 546) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (E. Pepping)

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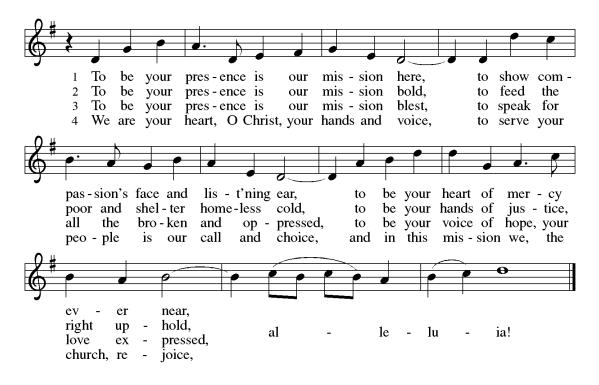
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To Be Your Presence



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| Ushers | Tom Agnew | Communion Assistants | David Berg |
| 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 3 | 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter | | |
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| 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 | 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, Ma | <u>ay 3</u> | | |
| 9:00 am | 4 Year old Preschool | | |
| 12:15 pm | 4 & 5 Year old Preschool | | |
| Thursday, May | <u>4</u> | | |
| 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 | | |
| <u>Friday, May 5</u> | | | |
| Church Office C | losed | | |
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| 9:00 am | 3 Year old Preschool | | |
| Saturday, May | 3 Year old Preschool | | |
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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.