The Season of Easter May 14, 2023 11:00 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: For the Beauty of the Earth (Conrad Kocher)

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: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879) 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.**

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de light,
- 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
- 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round lies: vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars hill and of light: link-ing sense to sound for the mys - tic har - mo - ny and sight: earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: friends on to our world so for thy - self, best gift di - vine, free - lv giv'n:



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

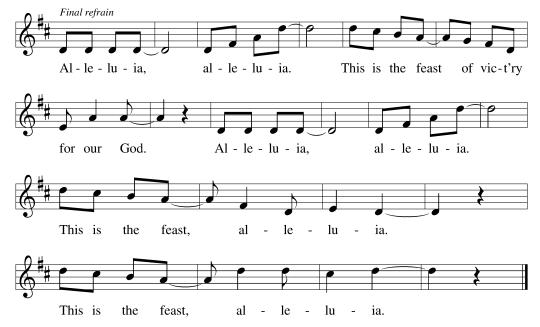
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM: From Loving Hands (Text: S.P. Cherwien; Music: D. Cherwien)

Words for the anthem are printed on page 22.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

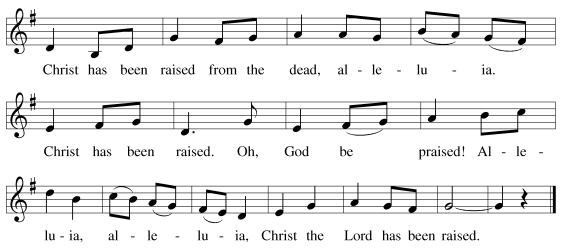
I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

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



THE WORD: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep vour conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

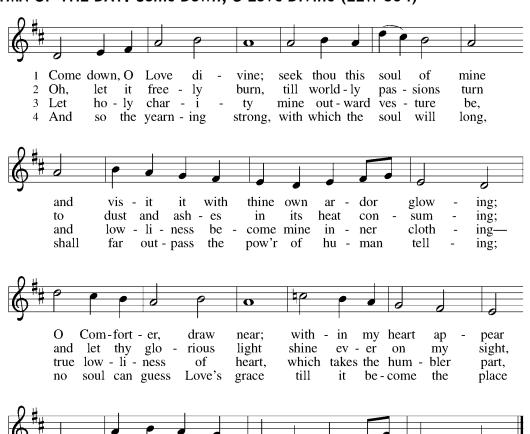
²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)



Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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

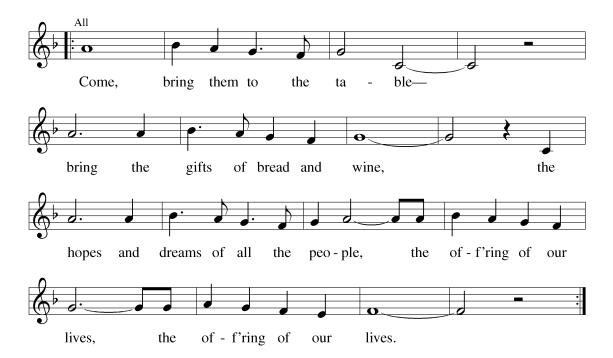
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: It Is Well With My Soul (Philip P. Bliss)

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



OFFERING PRAYER

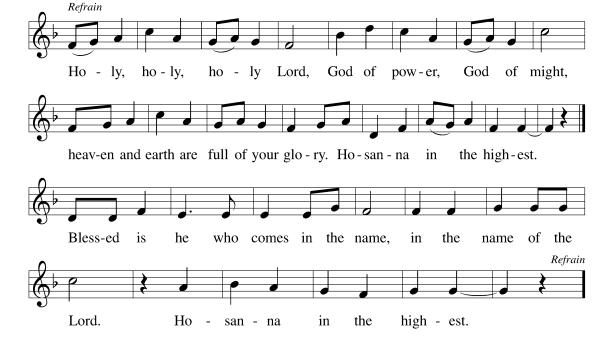
Let us pray.

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 hym#A:

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

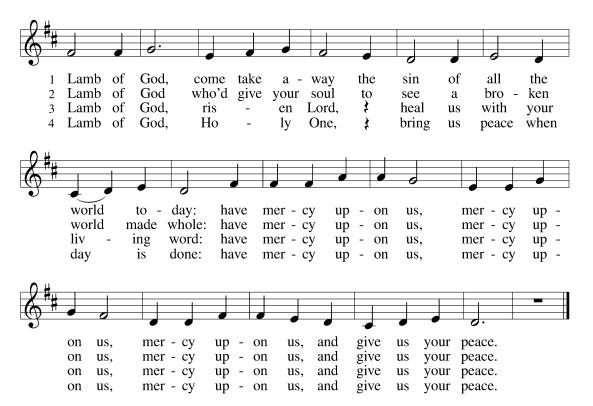
Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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 HYMN: Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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: Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840) next page

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

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Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Words for today's anthem, From Loving Hands

1 From loving hands your grace has poured and blessed and formed the living world: from sound and fir to farm and hill your earthen works reveal you still. All glory be to God.

2 From mount to shore, O Christ, you bless the home of welcome, haven, rest, where door and hearth and cup and board receive all in your name, O Lord. All glory be to God.

3 Within each home, O Spirit, tend the parent hands that soothe and mend, whose holding, feeding, guiding heal and to the child your truth reveal.
All glory be to God.
4 From sun to sun, from stone to green, your gracious presence may be seen, not housed in past or distant lands, but in the work of loving hands.

All glory be to God.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding/ Preaching	Rev. Tor Kristian Berg	Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds
Pianist	June Condra	Children's Message	Roger Steinke
Acolyte	Beorn Skjonsby	Greeter	Stephanie Almeida
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May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter Psalm 68:1-10,32-35 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 God Will Sustain Us

Weekly Financial Report

May 7, 2023 Attendance in Person: 109 Zoom: 13

May 7, 2023 General Offerings: \$12,358 Capital Improvement: \$1,355 General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9;45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, May 15

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

6:00 pm Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services Information at FLC

Tuesday, May 16

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

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool 10:00 am Rebecca Circle

12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Thursday, May 18

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 19

Church Office Closed

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

Saturday, May 20

8:00 am Synod Gathering—Bellevue

9:00 am Hannah Circle

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion

9;45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education

11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion 12:00 pm Kids Pump It Up Event!

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Kristi & Katie Pyne and family, in the death of their sister-in-law and aunt, Linda.

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), 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), Sue Ebert (member), 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), 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), 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.