

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

As We Gather As our children do not remain so small for very long but grow up quickly, so our celebration of our Lord's nativity moves on quickly. On this ninth day of Christmas, Luke has us fast-forward twelve years and Jesus is already well versed in the Scriptures. The main issue is His growth and increase not only physically but especially in the wisdom of God. As Solomon prayed for wisdom as God's greatest gift, today we are given a glimpse into God's wisdom. It is the greatest and highest wisdom that a person is not and cannot be saved by his own works or actions, but solely by faith in the gift of Jesus Christ. We become God's children, God's family by God's action of adopting us. For all who may doubt this wisdom or their salvation, here the Bible teaches that God has chosen you in Christ. It is totally God's action and gift, not ours. Therefore our salvation is completely in God's hands.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A Special welcome to those with young children. A room for parents with small children is located near the church entryway. If you need guidance please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“The First Noel”



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star Shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star Three .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, O'er . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where .
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; And to the . .
Wise . Men came . . from coun - try far; To seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; And there it . .



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
earth. it gave . . . great light, And . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, And to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay Right. . o - ver the

Refrain



night . that was . . so deep.
tin - ued both day . . and night. No - el, No - el, No -
star . . wher - ev - er it went.
place . where Je - sus lay.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Pastor: He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,

People: that we should be holy and blameless before Him. Ephesians 1:3-4

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We gather here as our Christmas celebration continues, fully aware how quickly time flies. There is much more to the story of the Gospel than the Nativity, beginning with the reason for it—our inability to earn our salvation by our own efforts. Yet we are also reminded that we are bidden to confess our sins to God in the confidence that he has first chosen and loved us, and gives us his forgiveness for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Silence for reflection & self-examination)

People: Almighty God, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for bringing us to another plateau of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year, and yet we realize how often we have failed to use them as you desired, squandering opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us and allowing our sins to bind us and our fears to hold us back. Give us a new beginning. May this year be filled with wrongs corrected, friendships deepened and the disheartened encouraged. We have been touched by the joy of Christmas. Help us to carry that joy into the new year with a new attitude and boldness to share your love and good news with others.

Pastor: God is good and gracious. He hears our heartfelt prayers and answers us according to his perfect will. We don't face this new year alone, but with our loving heavenly Father at our side. By your faith in Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, all your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis”

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

People:



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 3:4-15

(Solomon asks not for riches but wisdom.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

(God chose us in wisdom.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL. Luke 2:40-52

(Jesus grew in stature and wisdom.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Within the Father's House”



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

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MESSAGE

Losing God Is A Real Tragedy,
But It Tells Us More About Both Of Us Than
We Could Ever Imagine

Luke 2:40-52

Pastor Rob Rebensal

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all
things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and
was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was
buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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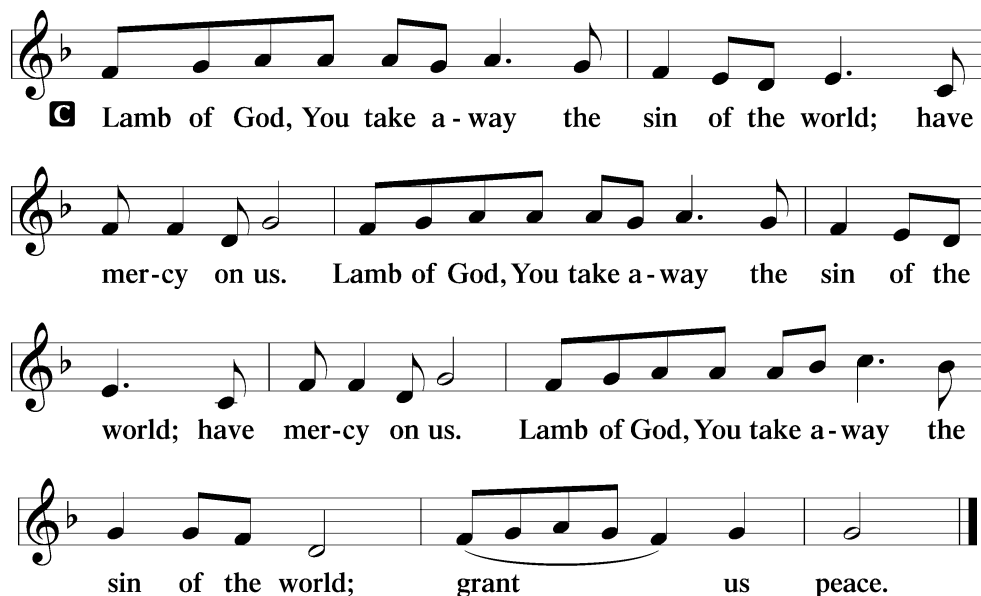
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

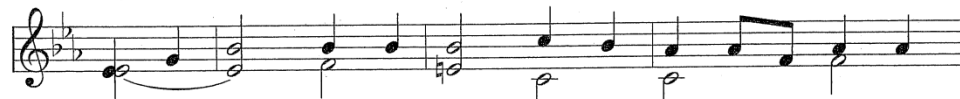


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

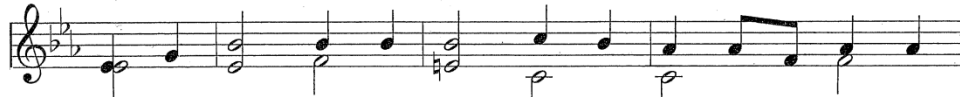


3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

“As with Gladness Men of Old”



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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“O Word of God Incarnate”



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The
5 With Him as Lord to lead our way In



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
want and in pros - per - i - ty, What need we fear in



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
earth or space In this new year of grace!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ATTENDANCE ON 12/24/21: 5pm:**69** 7pm:**87**, 12/25- 10am:**52**, 12/26-10am:**70**

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY January 2, 2022

	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Blaine Wanke	Tom Waddell/ Bob Weaver	Al Bosman
Greeters:			Connie Morris
Readers:	Linda Young	Stacy Hunter	Al Bosman
Acolytes:	Shane Muller		Teagan Curtis
Ushers:	Craig Frye Karen Taylor Gary Taylor		Rick Poore
Altar Care:	Bill & Nancy Fitch		
Organist:	Karen Foote		

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY January 9, 2022

	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Blaine Wanke	Tom Waddell/ Bob Weaver	Al Bosman
Greeters:			Carol Yung
Readers:	David Hudnell	Jeff Magill	Susan Klein
Acolytes:	Lucas Williamson		Marisa Denninger
Ushers:	Jim DeVries		Dave Schmidt Roy Pohler
Altar Care:	Bill & Nancy Fitch		
Organist:			

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 2, 2022

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Communion Services
9:30 am Praise Service (FH)
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday: +++++

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm Women's A&AA Family Support

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

Friday: 6:00 pm Faith & Fun Friday

Saturday: 10:00 am Praise Band practice

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 2, 2022

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- This week a new study will begin with "*Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord*" on **Thursday**, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our study will also be available on Zoom. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY- LifeLight will begin again in January.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the Gospel of John. If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt @ 805-482-3867.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will take a break until Jan. 18th. More info contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footsteps@verizon.net.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

IN-SERVICE CHILD CARE NEEDED- We are still planning to re-open our Nursery in the Fellowship Hall, and need 2 people to care for the children during the 9:30am & the 11am service. A paid position, contact the church office.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2022. The signup sheet is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please chose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. Sign up with your spouse or a friend, or if you prefer, you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in volunteering, there are mentors to help you. If you have any questions about what it entails, call Linda Young at 805 236-4820 or Carol Yung at 805 504-6876.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 11:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

Thank –you for the donations of toys, games and sporting equipment for the foster children in Ventura County. You have helped to show some love and kindness during a difficult time in their lives. Thank you for your continued support. Social Ministry Concerns.

Avocado Fundraiser- Thank you to Jeff Magill for gathering the avocados in the orchard, Vera for offering them every week and to all of you who donated to our Youth Fundraiser for the 2022 Summer Youth Convention! \$4,000 was raised!!

**2022 Offering envelopes are now available in your mailbox,
located in the narthex.**



Pray for...

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Brandee Brand, Edith Braukis, Terry Breckinridge, Patrick & Melodie Davis, Marshall Denninger, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Tina Gingerich, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Brett Manzer, Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Ron Peace, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mark Reuter, Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Fred Sanders, Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Chris and Amy Obermier, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

Also remember their families in your prayers .