

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

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As We Gather You are not alone—never have been, never will be! In His faithfulness to you, your heavenly Father has promised to never leave you nor forsake you! As you gather in His name on this All Saints' Sunday, the triune God fills you with His presence through His Word and through the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. In a mysterious way, this fellowship you have with God also unites you to all believers of every time and place. That's what you confess when you say you believe “in the communion of saints.” You are not alone! You are a member of the Body of Christ! You are part of a community that is eternally blessed by Jesus and lives to confess His name before the world!

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. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Behold a great multitude standing before the throne.

People: Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Revelation 7:9–10; Matthew 5:3

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)

People: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You all our sin and waywardness in thought, word, and deed, by which we have denied that we belong to You as well as to one another in Your holy Christian Church. Forgive us for not following the example of those faithful saints, Christians near and far who have come and gone before us. Forgive us and renew us in the great hope of living as Your children both now and in eternity.

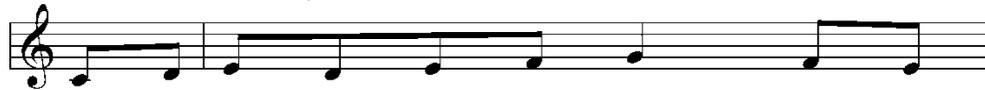
Pastor: “As far as the east is from the west”, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. This is the message of the Gospel, the Good News we proclaim and believe. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17
(*Sealed for Eternity*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1-3
(*God's children now*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "I'm But a Stranger Here"



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12
(*Blest are they*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord!
(*The Gospel is read.*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to You O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

MESSAGE

Do People Still Believe In Life After Death?

Yes, No, Maybe and I Hope So:

Peeking Beneath The Veil Into Life Everlasting

All Saints' Day

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

(The Apostles' Creed is a confession of the saving faith we were baptized into)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin**

Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offering plates will not be passed but are placed near the entry door.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

(Silence for Remembrance)

Pastor: We remember those who were near and dear to our congregation who have departed this life in the past year and are with the Lord today:

Mickey Kohut
Ingrid Poehler
Dave Stuart
Ron Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE 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.

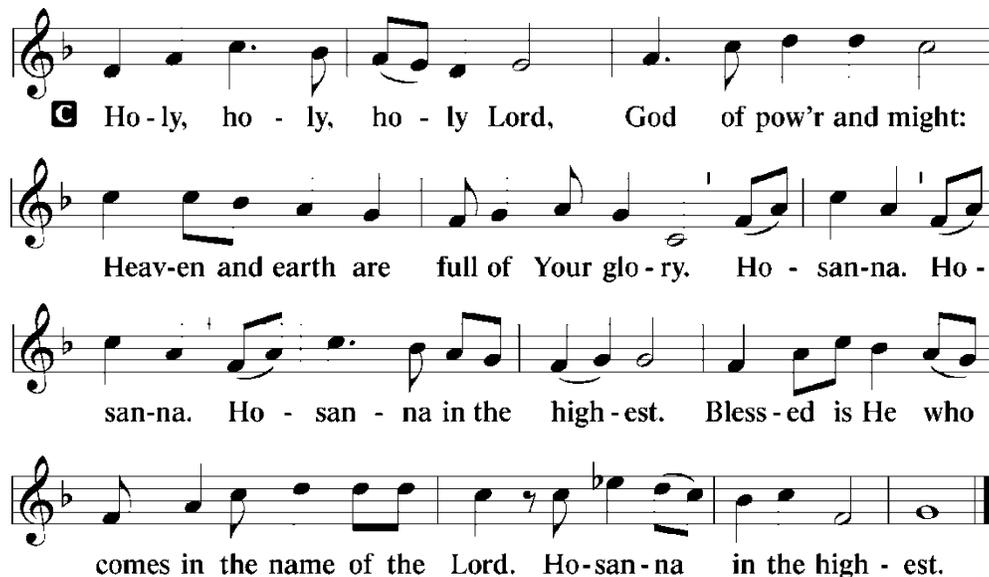
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, 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.

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI

"The Lamb"

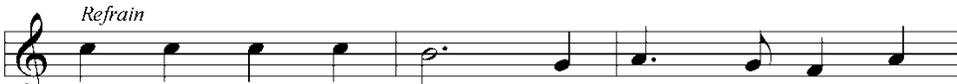


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, And
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
all the no - ble thron'g Who wear the spot - less
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
rai - ment And raise the cease - less song— For
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
these passed on be - fore us, We of - fer prais - es
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
due And, walk - ing in their foot - steps,
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
Would live our lives for You.
And praise to God a - lone.

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

“How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

People: all thanks and praise be to You, O God.

Pastor: For the love that has made us children of God,

People: all thanks and praise be to You, O God.

Pastor: For the hope laid up for us in heaven,

People: all thanks and praise be to You, O God. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Jerusalem the Golden"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 8:00 **34** 9:30 **41** 11:00 **52** Total **127**

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Dale Sieber in remembrance of his wife's birthday.

Brought to God in Holy Baptism this morning at the 9:30 a.m. service
Matthew Nomi, son of Brian and Dream Nomi.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Services
9:30 a.m. Praise Service (FH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School preschool - adult
11:30 a.m. New Life Church Service (FH)

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study (via Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study

Friday 6:00 p.m. Faith & Fun Friday

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services
9:30 a.m. Praise Communion Service (FH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School adult
11:30 a.m. New Life Church Service (FH)

Announcements

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-December are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This new study, "Bible Symbols", meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

LifeLight is meeting with Zoom classes for now: Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

Wednesday 9/16 @ 5:45 Our study will be on "End Times".

Each individual life certainly comes to a conclusion. But what about the whole thing? Is humanity doomed just to muddle along as it has in the past? Or is there a goal, a final reckoning, an ending that makes sense? Christians believe not only that the world had a beginning (Creation) and a glorious middle (our Lord's death and resurrection), but that it will also have an end.

But day after day, year after year, generation after generation, the world goes on as it has in the past. The narratives of the Bible may inspire us; the truths of our faith may encourage us; but we long for the promised ending, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Without it, even the Christian "story" makes no sense. Over the course of 9 sessions, this study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater than any of us could write or imagine, for His story ends in glory—the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Now that we have returned to indoor worship, it is important to remember to sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church. For your convenience, there is always a bottle of alcohol-based sanitizer at the check-in station. Also, hands free sanitizers have been installed in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. The Sanctuary one is located on the wall outside the cry room. There are two in the Fellowship Hall, one to the right on the wall as you enter from the Patio and one on the wall as you enter from the Office Lobby area (near the Women's Restroom). Please be safe and sanitize!

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Brandy (Joyce and Melissa's cousin) and her husband Robbin, Terry Breckinridge, Brody (grandchild of Dave Schmidt's friend), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), John Hollenbeck, Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan McCracken, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Jim Pedersen, Rawlin Radle, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Orion Solu (nephew of Craig & Peggy Frye), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

For Doris Miller as she mourns the death of her husband Ron.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.