

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

## **“Peace Through Christ”**

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### **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

December 27, 2020

**As We Gather** We gather in church on this First Sunday after Christmas just a few days removed from the crowds of Christmas Eve. Fewer seem to gather on this day than on Christmas Eve, yet our trip to church today still brings us the amazing gift of our Savior, born to redeem us and to adopt us into the Body of Christ. As we are urged not to travel this year, Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Jesus did travel. They went to Jerusalem, to present Jesus to the Lord, according to the traditional practice of their day. Taking our cues from Simeon and Anna today, we gather here to bless, praise, and thank God for the gift of Jesus.

**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 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"



1 Now sing we, now re - joi - ce,      Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
2 Come from on high to me;      I can - not rise to Thee.  
3 Now through His Son doth shine      The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?      Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth      Poor in a man - ger lies;  
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,      O pure and ho - ly Child;  
Death was reign - ing o'er us      Through sin and van - i - ty  
Where the an - gels sing - ing      With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth      The sun in yon - der skies.  
Through Thy grace and mer - it,      Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,  
Till He o - pened for us      A bright e - ter - ni - ty.  
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing      In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!      Thou my Sav - ior art!  
Draw me un - to Thee!      Draw me un - to Thee!  
May we praise Him there!      May we praise Him there!  
Oh, that we were there!      Oh, that we were there!

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## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 111:1-4, 9*

Pastor: Gathered in the name of the Father and of the + Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, people of God, praise the LORD!

**People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.**

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD.

**People: Full of splendor and majesty is His work.**

Pastor: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

**People: He sent redemption to His people. Holy and awesome is His name!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

**People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**People: so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. You are no longer a slave, but sons and daughters. Therefore, by your faith in the Christ Child, all your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "O Lord, We Welcome Thee"



1 O Lord, we wel-come Thee, Our hearts for joy are leap - ing.  
2 The might - y Son of God, His maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing,  
3 Ah, sweet and gen - tle name! Its ech - oes far are sound - ing,  
4 To Thee a - lone we cling, For Thee all else for - sak - ing;



Thou, Je - sus, dear - est Child, Thy pre - cious prom - ise keep - ing,  
Dwells with our fall - en race To give us balm and heal - ing.  
It pierc - es hearts of stone And tells of love a - bound - ing.  
On Thee a - lone we build Tho' heav'n and earth be quak - ing.



Art come from heav'n to earth To be our Broth - er dear;  
The ev - er - last - ing God De - scends from realms a - bove,  
O Je - sus, dear - est Child, On Thee will we re - ly,  
To Thee a - lone we live, In Thee a - lone we die;



Thou, gra - cious Son of God, Wilt ban - ish all our fear.  
Be - comes a win - some Child, Re - veals His Fa - ther's love.  
And, call - ing on Thy name, We die not when we die.  
O Je - sus, dear - est Lord, With Thee we reign on high. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; 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+

### OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Isaiah 61:10–62:3

*(“The nations shall see Your righteousness, and all kings Your glory.”)*

*(After the reading is read.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING . . . . . Galatians 4:4–7

*(“When the time had fully come, God sent His Son.”)*

*(After the reading is read.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

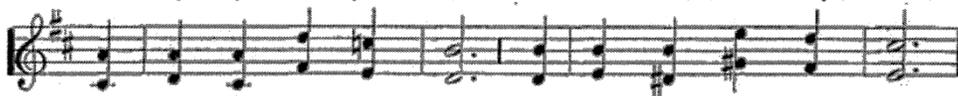
### “Now Are the Days Fulfilled”



1 Now are the days ful-filled, God's Son is man-i - fest - ed,  
2 Now are the days ful-filled, Lo, Ja-cob's Star is shin - ing;  
3 Now are the days ful-filled, The child of God re - joic - es;



Now His great maj - es - ty In hu - man flesh is vest - ed.  
The gloom - y night has fled Where-in the world lay pin - ing.  
No bond-age of the Law, No curs - es that it voic - es,



Be - hold the might - y God, By whom all wrath is stilled,  
Now, Is - rael, look on Him Who long thy heart hath thrilled;  
Can fill our hearts with fear; On Christ our hope we build.



The wom-an's prom-ised Seed— Now are the days ful-filled.  
Hear Zi - on's watch-men cry: Now are the days ful-filled.  
Be - hold the Prince of Peace— Now are the days ful-filled. A - men.

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... Luke 2:22-40

*(Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the temple.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** “Let All Together Praise Our God”



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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**MESSAGE**

If Christmas Isn't Trying To Stick With You

Like All The Cookies You Ate,

Maybe You've Been Doing It All Wrong:

Be Careful Not To Shed Everything You Gained Over The Holy Days

*Luke 2:22-40*

## 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

## 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.**

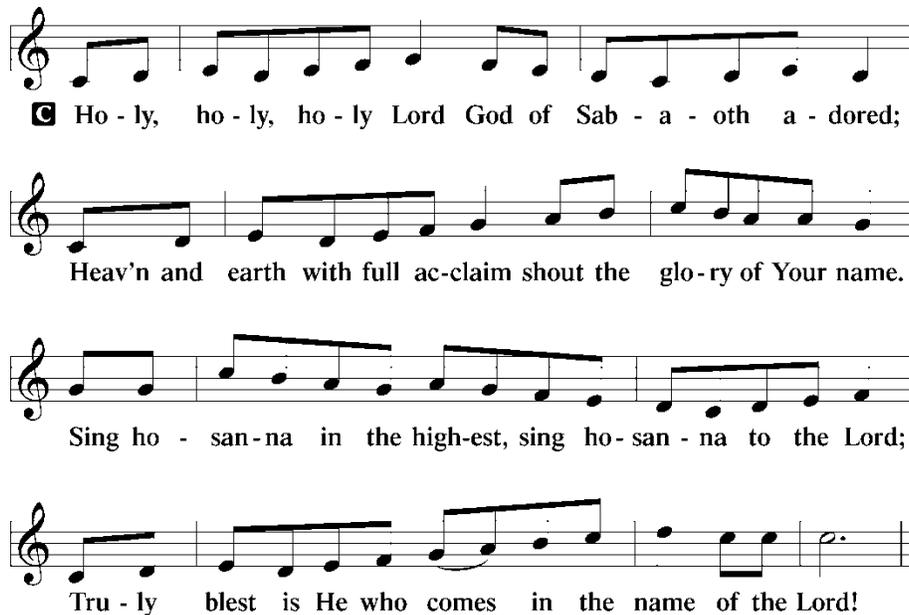
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, O Lord, our God, whose love daily attends us and who blesses us in countless ways. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may worthily receive the bread and wine, that is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Unite all who gather at Your table here with those who now feast at Your eternal table in the courts of heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever as we join the angels and archangels and the whole host of heaven, singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## AGNUS DEI

### "Lamb of God"

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

### “Away in a Manger”

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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## “Once in Royal David's City”



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.  
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable  
 With the oxen standing by  
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high.  
 Then like stars His children, crowned,  
 All in white, His praise will sound!

## “Of the Father's Love Begotten”



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

## NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Bless us throughout the days of this new year now begun and keep us firm in the true faith throughout all of our years so that, on the day of our Lord's returning, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory"



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



*Refrain*  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

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**Attendance:** 12/20/20 68

**Altar Flowers:** Given to the glory of God by Sandi Stepp in celebration of Adley's first birthday.

## **THIS WEEK AT PEACE DECEMBER 27, 2020**

Today: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside  
1:30 a.m. New Life Church

Friday HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside  
1:30 a.m. New Life Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:** All Bible Study groups have suspended until after the first of the year.

**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 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** will start a new 9 week LifeLight Bible study on The Epistles of John beginning Wednesday, January 6th at 10 AM. This study will include: The Apostle of Love; Getting to Know God...and Yourself; Love and Knowledge in the End Times; Like Father, Like Son; We Love Because He First Loved Us; and Mission in the Church. This is a Zoom study, all are welcome. If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke 805-482-7524.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our **Next Voters Meeting** slated for **January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM.** This will be a zoom call with call in information being distributed before the call. We look forward to you attending as we share how God is providing for Peace Lutheran Church and Pre-school during this difficult Covid-19 year. Plus this is a good time also to see everyone – at least in a virtual setting!

**THE FOOD BANK** at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non-expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta. Thank you! Social Concerns

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

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer request please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

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

**THE 2021 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station. Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. (After signing-up, please remember to use the hand sanitizer on the check-in table.) 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 service, you may take your arrangement home.

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

**For health and healing:** Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Marshall Denninger, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer) and his parents, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Earl Totten (Cheryl Sanders' brother), Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

**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.

