

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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First Sunday in Lent

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As We Gather Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
(LSB 770:2)

The encouraging words of the familiar hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” reflect the text of today’s Epistle. James reminds us that God knows all about trials and temptations. He sent His only Son to suffer them as we do. In Jesus, He gives us all we need in Word, Sacrament, and prayer so we can persevere through the trials and temptations of this world and receive the crown of life!

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 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: O Lord, throughout these forty days

People: You prayed and kept the fast;

Pastor: Inspire repentance for our sin,

People: And free us from our past. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

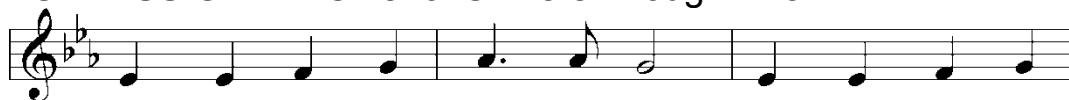
Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

All: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. It is by grace we are saved, through faith in Jesus Christ. By that faith, together with a repentant heart, 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 CONFESSION "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

+WORD+

PSALMPsalm 25:1-10

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

**People: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast
love, for they have been from of old.**

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**People: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,
O Lord God, Your Son was tempted in the wilderness
and overcame. When we encounter trial and temptation,
lead us to look to Your perfect Son, that in Him we would
have forgiveness and hope; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 22:1-18*

(Abraham prepares to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR HYMN: “Our God Our Help In Ages Past”

EPISTLE READING *James 1:12-18*

(God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:9-15*

(Jesus is tempted by Satan.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st 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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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MESSAGE

What Kind Of God Makes All Things New By Dying?
What To Think When You're Beginning To Worry
That God's Gone Off The Rails

Genesis 22:1-18

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.**

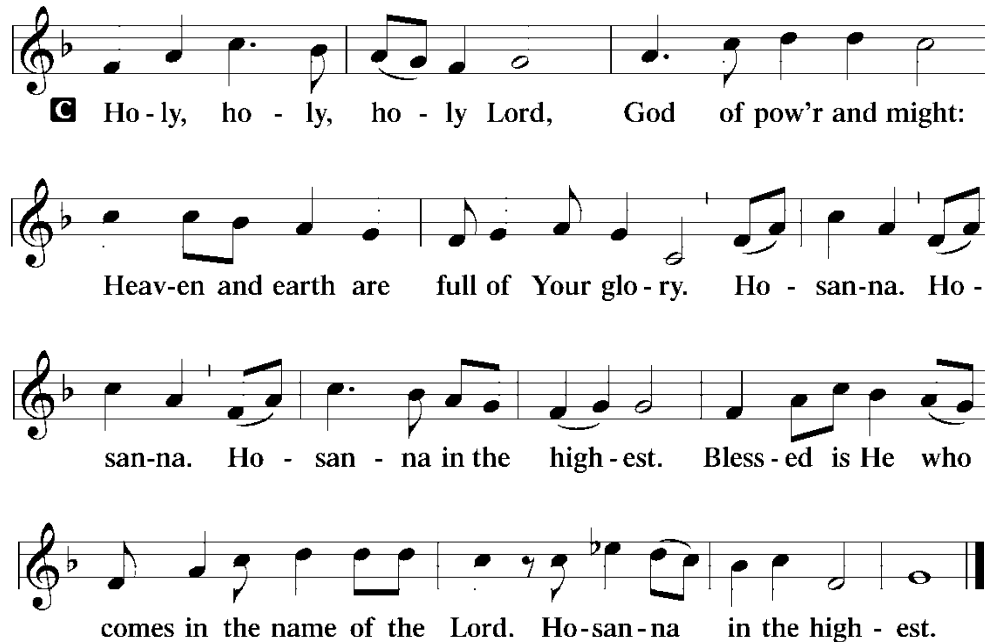
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who endured and overcame trials and temptations for us that He might be the perfect sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 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



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

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"

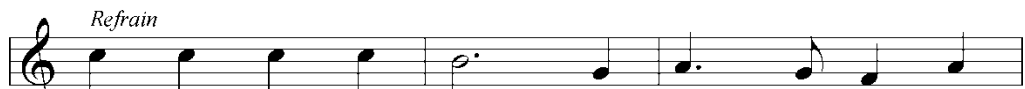


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o -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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

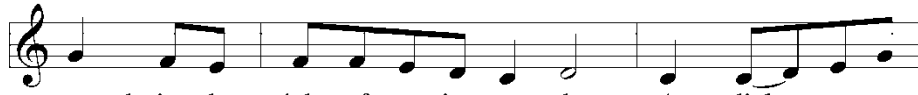
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



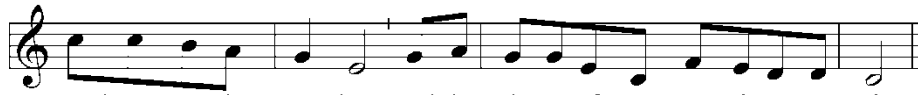
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son's body and blood strengthens us to face the trials and temptations of this life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Be with us through this season, Lord,

People: And all our earthly days,

Pastor: That when the final Easter dawns,

People: We join in heaven's praise. 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

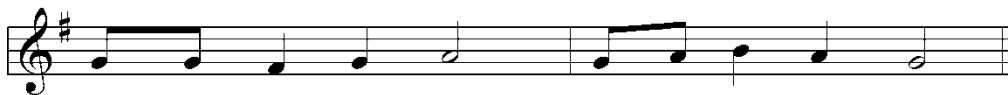
"Jesus, Lead Thou On"



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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Attendance: 2/14/21 91

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the family of Linda LaJeunesse in celebration of her birthday.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Today:	10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside 1:30 p.m. New Life Church
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study
Friday	6:00 p.m. Confirmation
Sunday	10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside 1:30 p.m. New Life Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. 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 on "Proverbs - *God's Gift of Wisdom*", 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 has begun a 9 week LifeLight Bible study on The Epistles of John, 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES and year end contribution statements are available for pick up from your mail box in the narthex.

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.

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.

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 2nd and 4th 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

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Briggs (Dave Schmidt's grandson), Marshall Denninger, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, 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), Dale Larson, Ron Logan (Dave Schmidt's brother-in-law), Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Joyce Snow, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Bev Toro, Earl Totten (Cheryl Sanders' brother), Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Emer Wiltbank (Dave Schmidt's son-in-law), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

For Margaret and Nancy Nipstad and family as they mourn husband and father, Ken's death. For Dave and Sue Zinger and family as they mourn the death of their daughter-in-law. Carolyn Bronner and family as they mourn the death of her husband Rodger.

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.