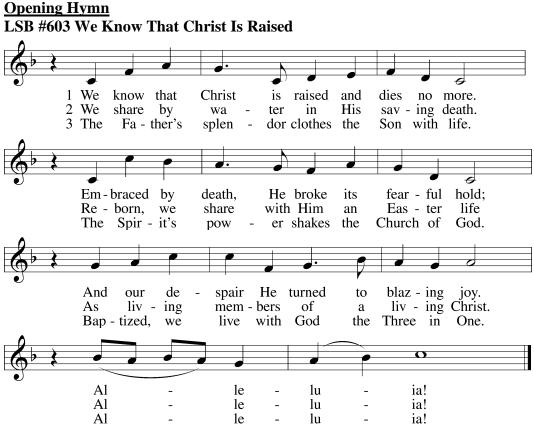
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Stand

- **A** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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✤ Confession and Absolution ✤

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

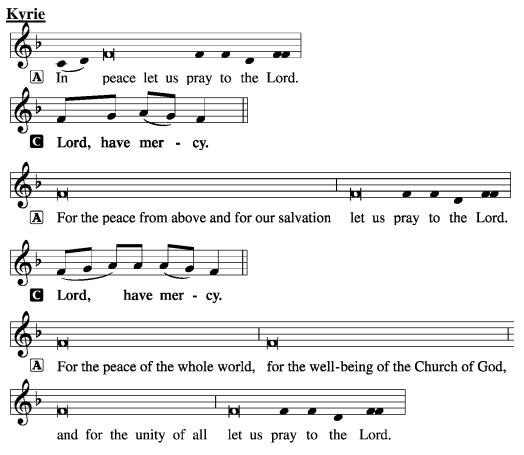
+ Service of the Word +

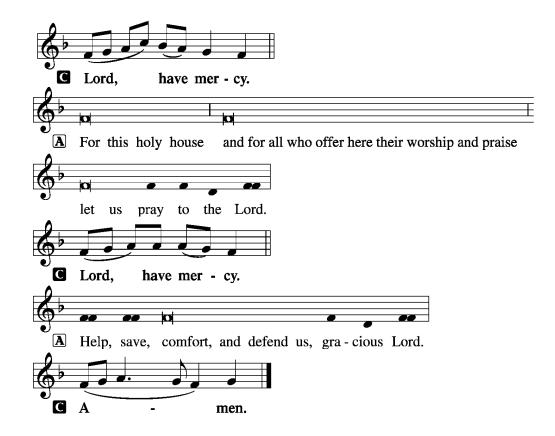
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<u>Introit</u>

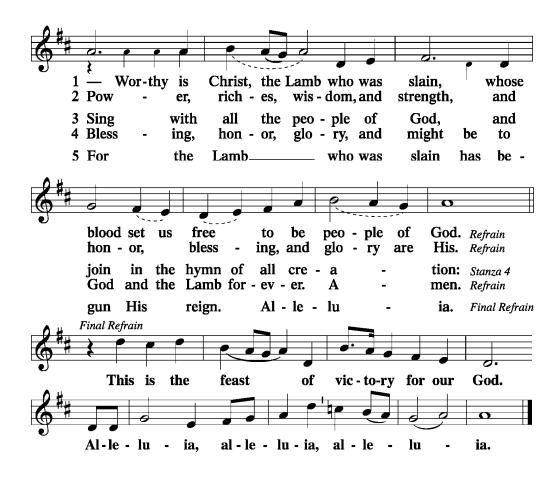
- Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- **C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- **P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
- **C** make known His deeds among the peoples!

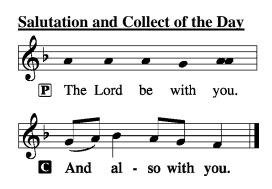
- **P** Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
- **C** tell of all His wondrous works!
- **P** Glory in His holy name;
- **C** let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- **P** Seek the LORD and His strength;
- **C** seek His presence continually!
- \mathbf{P} Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
- C His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.
- P He remembers His covenant forever,
- C the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.











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"Glorify Thy Name"

need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

men.

C Thanks be to God.

Song

Sit

First Reading

Epistle

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eves, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had

1 John 1:1-2:2

Acts 4.32 - 35

sung by Marie Broderick

we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

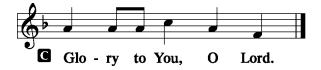


C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

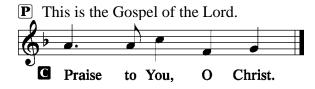
John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

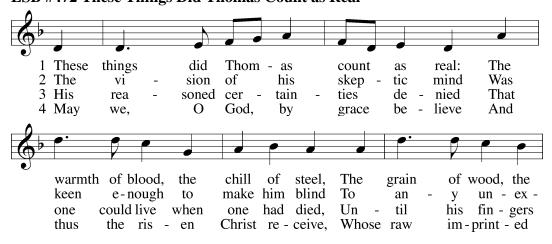


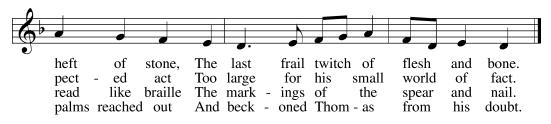
¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with

you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Sit <u>Hymn of the Day</u> LSB #472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real





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<u>Sermon</u>

"Seeing Scars"

Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Stand Nicene Creed

C 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 worshiped 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,C hear our prayer.

(at the end of the prayers)
P ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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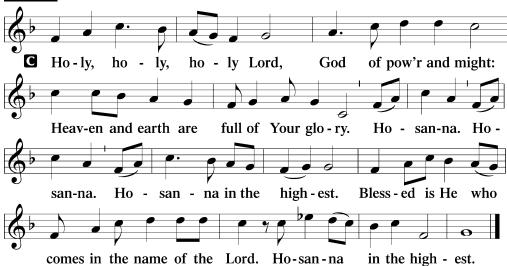


+ Service of the Sacrament +



 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

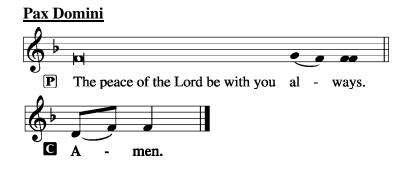
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- **P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.



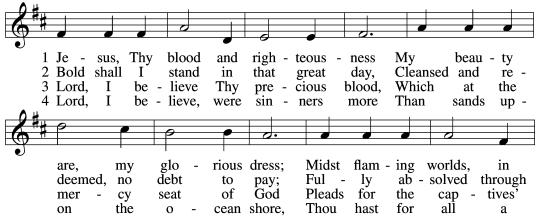
Agnus Dei C of the world; Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin have Lamb of God, You take a - way of the mer-cy on us. the sin Lamb of God, You take a-way world; have mer-cy on us. the sin of the world: grant peace. us

Sit

Distribution

Please fill out a white communion card and leave it in the basket next to the hand sanitizer as you come forward for communion. If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.

LSB #563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness





This then shall be my only plea:

Jesus hath lived and died for me.

An everlasting ransom paid.

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LSB #470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

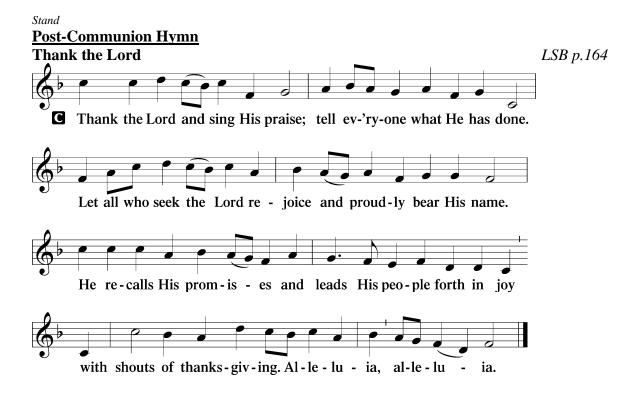
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- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Dismissal

C Amen.



- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

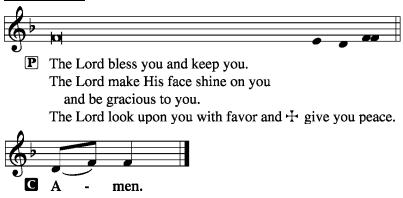
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, 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.



Benediction



<u>Closing Hymn</u> LSB #920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go



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Silent Prayer & Postlude



NOTE to All Members: To connect your hearing aid to the <u>Assistive Listen</u> feature you will need a smart phone. Go to the app store and search for "*Listen Everywhere*" and install. Open the app and follow the directions. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid

app on your phone (if you have one installed.)

Presiding Minister:
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Ushers:
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Accompanist:
Altar Guild:

Rev. Jedidiah Maschke Joshua Karges Mike Harris, Dave Richison, Gary Smith Logan Garrett Ingrid Karges Faith Lee

The Elders and Pastor Maschke have decided to extend the 9:30am service through <u>April</u>. Pastor Maschke will be serving with assistance from the elders.

Elders' Corner – If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

Members	Your Elder is:	
Abbott – Broderick	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
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Theiss – Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

BLC Food Bank is in need of

refried beans, jellies and jams, chicken ramen, and toilet paper. Thanks for all your help this past year.





Do you have musical talent you would like to share with your fellow church family? Let Lora in the office know what your talent is and how you would like to offer your talent on Sundays. Looking for all kinds, singing, instrumental, single, duets, trios, groups and <u>all ages</u>.

Today we will celebrate <u>*Mite Sunday*</u>. Please place your <u>**pocket change**</u> mite offerings in the box on the table in the narthex. This monies will be used to fund the projects selected at the LWML CNH District convention April 19-21.

From April 1st through April 17th, Bethlehem members can help others in need by gathering the following items to be taken to the LWML CNH District convention: Baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothes, booties; children and adult socks; and hand or bath towels. There is a box in narthex to place your items.

Discovering Discipleship: New Member Class Sunday, April 14th, 2024 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

You are invited! Want to join our church or find out more about what we believe, teach, and confess? Come to our Discovering Discipleship class. This class covers the basics of what we believe as Lutherans and how that works in our lives at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School. People who have taken this class have appreciated the chance to grow in their faith and in their understanding of our church and most of all, our Savior. Got questions? This fun, informative class gives you the opportunity to ask anything you like. Lunch is provided, and child care can be arranged if requested before Sunday, April 7th. Please RSVP with the church office if you plan to come by calling 882-5252 or email lspiker@blcs.org.

April 28th - Voter's Meeting

"May the Lord fill your day with joy and happiness."



<u>May 5- @ 2:00pm</u> The Bethlehem Women in Mission is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Tea. All ladies, young to mature, are invited. Bring a friend. Mark it on your calendar now. Prizes will be awarded based on a variety of details related to the tea cup you bring. Search for that special tea or coffee cup now. The program will be followed by a light lunch of tea, sandwiches, and cookies.



The altar is directly below the cross. In the Old Testament, the altar was the place where sacrifices for sin were made. Jesus made the sacrifice to end all sacrifices for sin at the cross. The benefits of that sacrifice, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, are now on the altar by virtue of the Lord's own words that make it so.

Two candles stand on top of the church altar. These candles are to remind us that Jesus had two natures. Jesus was fully God, and fully man. Two natures, not blended together but separate. In addition, to the side of the altar is the Paschal candle which reminds us that the light of Christ given to us cannot be snuffed out in death.

Bill Scott, Elder



Armed Forces:

Sgt. 1st Class Caleb Kern – Army (Colin & Kathleen Wigglesworth's nephew) Justin Jorstad *(Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson)* Jonathan Krenz – Navy – *(David & Bonnie Krenz's son)* MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192nd Airlift Squadron

NOTES

Weekly Prayer Page

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14) Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)

Wayne Allen – medical issues (Sally Allen's husband) Judi Bugg – health issues (Delbert Bugg's mother) Mark de la Torre – acute kidney failure (school parent) Jeanne Denison – *shoulder operation* Desiree – cancer issues – sister of Carrie Suessmith **Richard & Sandra Hartley** medical issues Michael Henningsen – melanoma cancer – Marshall Henningsen's brother Ernie Hernandez - *health issues* Austin Stone's father-in-law Lyle Hill – *throat surgery* Susan Misner's brother-in-law John Huss – brain tumor recovery (Friend of the Maschke family) Amanda Kilbourn – *health issues* (Heather Bugg's friend) Lisa Lariviere – (*Rindi Fredlund's mother*) Lauralie Mann Abbott Larkins medical issues – (Bill Abbott's sister)

Pastor Jedidiah Maschke prostate cancer recovery Darlene McClurg – medical issues Robyn Izquierdo -medical issues daughter of Jim Gansberg Mari Stevens – *kidney issues* Mike Tappan – medical issues (Lynn Tappan's husband) Allyson Underwood – cancer Zoey Ward - medical issues Eli Wilburn – medical issues grandson of Pat Stevens Misty Willer – brain tumors (Sue Farcello's friend's daughter) Karen Woodmansee coping with medical issues Shepherd of the Sierra Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Church (Pastoral search) Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV) Sierra Lutheran High School – Principal Search

Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- 2) People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial.

If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.