#### Prelude

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#### Announcements

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church!

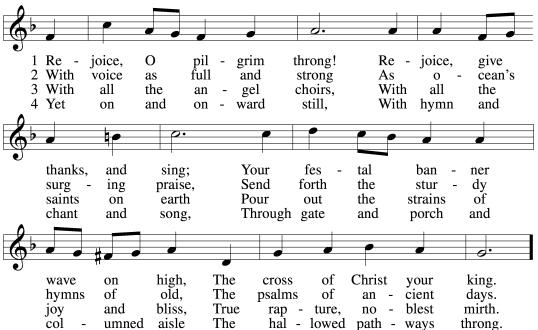
We are pleased to have families with children join us in the sanctuary for the divine service. Thank you for your patience with the noises our youngest parishioners may make. If you have difficulty hearing, assistive technology is available.

To support our families, we have recently refreshed our "Crying and Nursing Room." This space is intended for families who may need a moment to calm or feed their children. We encourage you to use this room as needed and to rejoin the congregation when you are ready. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming environment for all of God's children

#### **Opening Prayer**

## **Opening Hymn**

# LSB #813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng





- Still lift your standard high,Still march in firm array,As pilgrims through the darkness wendTill dawns the golden day. *Refrain*
- 6 At last the march shall end;
  The wearied ones shall rest;

- The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- △ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
   The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. *Refrain*

# **Ḥ** Rite of Blessing **Ḥ**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord's house in all its services.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this room and the new furnishings therein for mothers who are nursing and those caring for crying children.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless this room and its furnishings. Grant that they may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring peace and joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this room and all who enter it.
- C Amen.

#### Kneel

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

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true

obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

#### + Service of the Word +

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#### Introit

- **P** I will praise You with an upright heart,
- **C** when I learn Your just and righteous decrees.
- **P** Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
- **C** who walk in the law of the LORD!
- **P** Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
- C who seek Him with their whole heart.
- **P** You have commanded Your precepts
- C to be kept diligently.
- **P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast
- **C** in keeping Your statutes!

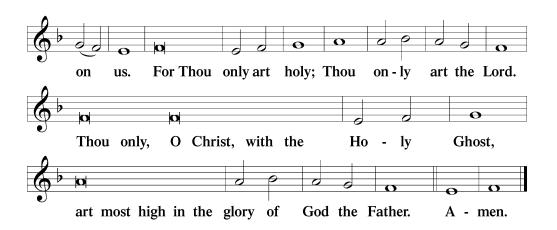




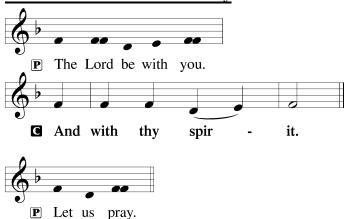
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah* 17:5–8

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Gradual**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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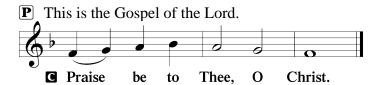


Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



<sup>17</sup>Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

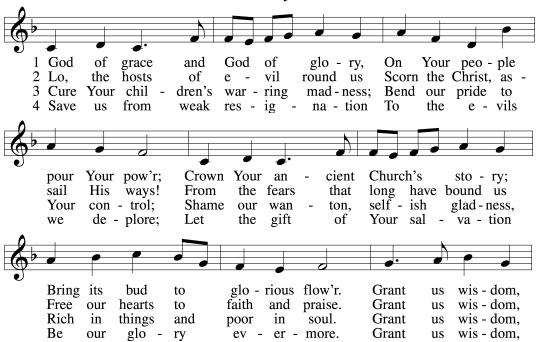
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

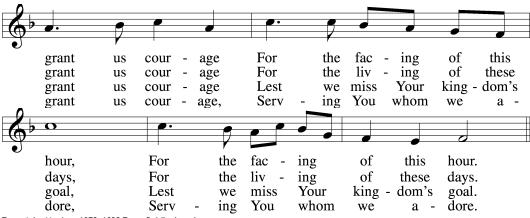
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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## **Hymn of the Day**

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Sermon

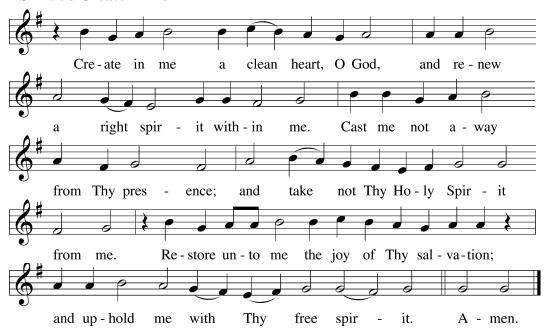
"Do You Sincerely Want to be Rich?"

Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

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#### **Offertory**

#### LSB #956 Create in Me



## **Offering**

# **Prayer of the Church**

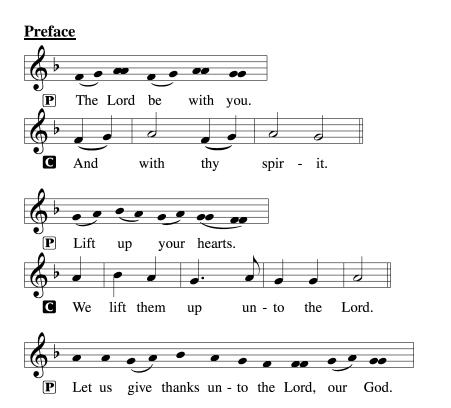
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

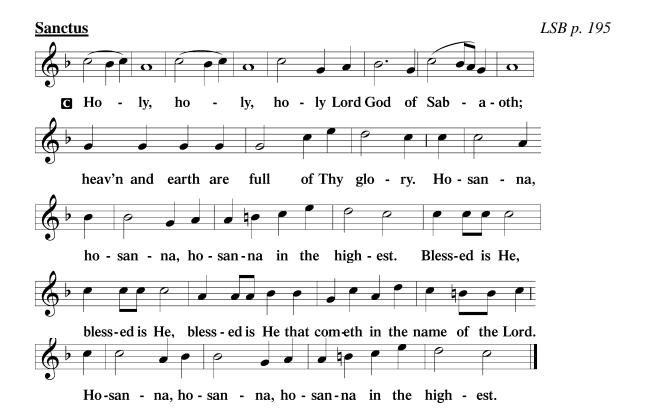
#### + Service of the Sacrament +

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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Lord's Prayer

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**

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."





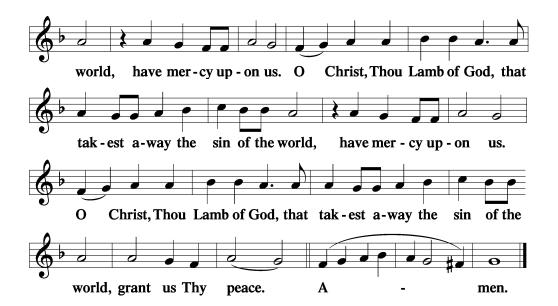
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

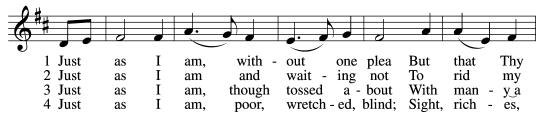


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#### **Distribution**

Please fill out a white communion card and leave it on the table 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 #570 Just as I Am, without One Plea





God,

I

come,

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5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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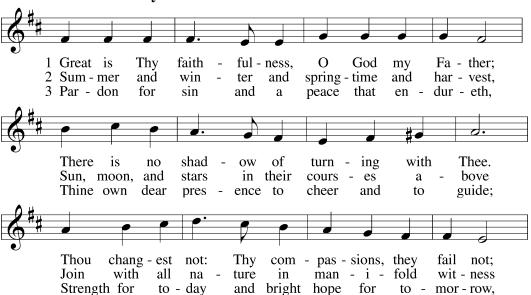
6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

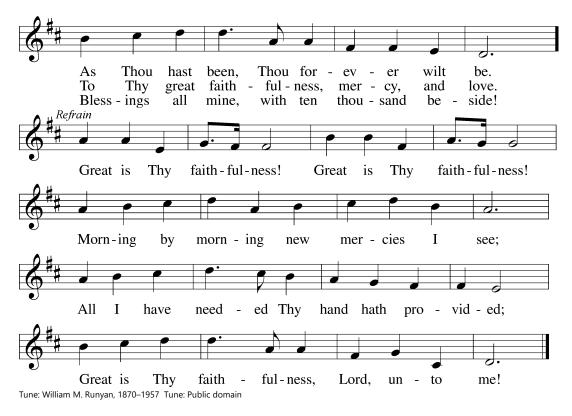
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#### LSB #809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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#### LSB #729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

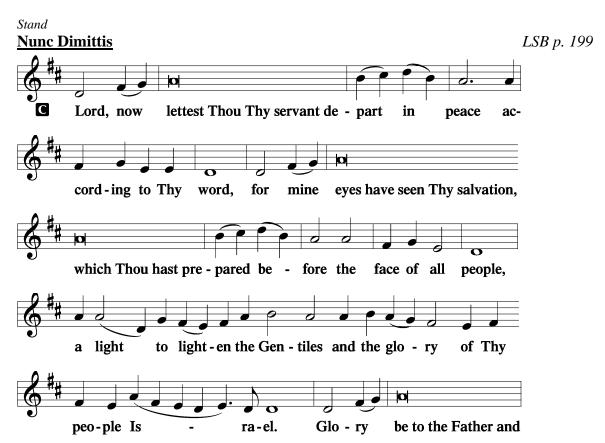


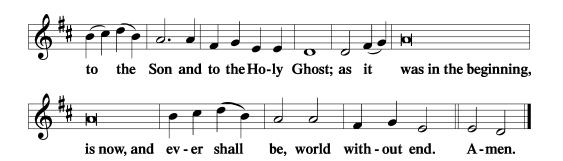
- I am trusting Thee for power;Thine can never fail.Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee foreverAnd for all.

#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

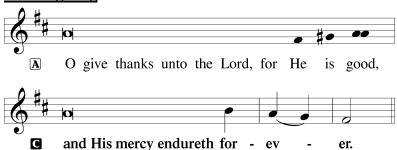
  → in peace.
- C Amen.





**Thanksgiving** 

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**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



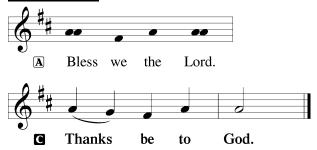


P The Lord be with you.

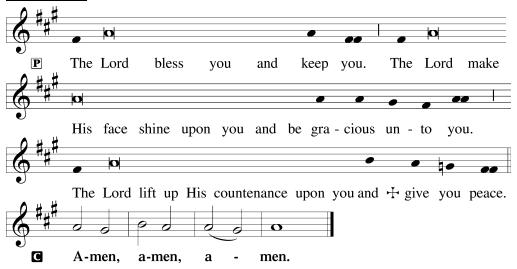




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## **Benediction**



#### **Closing Hymn**

# LSB #922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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#### Silent Prayer & Postlude



**NOTE to All Members**: To connect your hearing aid to the **Listen Everywhere** feature you will need a smart phone. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one



#### installed.)

- 1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem1837.
- 2. Go to the app store and search "Listen Everywhere" and download.
- 3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the narthex and awaiting your names for flowers for the sanctuary for this coming year. Any questions, please contact Lora. Thanking you in advance for your beautiful flowers.

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#### Serving Next Sunday February 23, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Bob Spiker

Ushers: Mike Harris, Dave Richison

Acolytes: Abi Maschke

Accompanist: Beverly Baumgartner

Altar Guild: Kathryn Smith

#### Food bank needs:

Peanut butter, SpaghettiOs and macaroni and cheese boxes.

Thank you for all your donations.

# Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

For the month of <u>February</u>, we would like donations of hair clips, costume jewelry, sunglasses, combs and brushes – please place them in the yellow container in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

*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 – Davey	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
Dodd - Jenkins	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Jones-Magrath	Jarvis Manning	775-461-3493
Manning - Smith	Jimmy Poncsak	760-792-9014
Soderstrom-Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

#### New Sunday Morning Bible study

Join us for a new study series led by Pastor Maschke. Together, we will delve into the **Augsburg Confession**, a cornerstone of Lutheran doctrine that boldly proclaims the truths of Scripture and our faith.

Studying the Augsburg Confession is not just a look at history—it's an opportunity to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it shapes our lives today. This confession of faith provides clarity on essential teachings such as grace, justification, and the sacraments, helping us grow in confidence as we live and share our faith in a complex world.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession will be available to take home for \$8. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or seeking to deepen your knowledge, this study is for you. We look forward to learning together!

# **Upcoming Events**

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Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, BLS is having their annual Open House on Thursday from 5:30pm-7:00pm. All classrooms, Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade, will be open with projects/reports and artwork that the students have done. Teachers and staff will be available to answer questions about the school. In the Gym, Camp Invention will have a table with activities and information, and our CPTL will be serving ice cream. Please invite friend and join us for this fun evening.

<u>Saturday, March 1, 2025</u> – Sierra Lutheran High School will host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gifts of Grace Dinner-Auction to support the school's tuition assistance program. For more information, check with Lora in the office.

# Israel Trip

If you're interested in traveling to Israel this June Pastor Mark Duerr is leading a trip. Come walk where Jesus walked, see what Abraham saw, and experience what David experienced. If you are interested in learning more fill out the interest form on the website or email Pastor Duerr at: <a href="mailto:mduerr@trinitylutheranmonroe.org">mduerr@trinitylutheranmonroe.org</a>

Extra long electric adjustable bed frame in good condition is available for free to a good home. Interested, contact Heather Bugg.

# Upcoming 2025 Holiday Church Schedule

March 12<sup>th</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
March 19<sup>th</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
March 26<sup>th</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 2<sup>nd</sup> —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 9<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 13<sup>th</sup> —Palm Sunday @9:15am
April 17<sup>th</sup> —Maundy Thursday @6:30pm (communion)
April 18<sup>th</sup> —Good Friday @6:30pm
April 20<sup>th</sup> —Easter @9:15am with brunch after service.

# 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)

Jean Armer – medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues

Judi Bugg – health issues (Delbert Bugg's mother)

Joe Chambers – medical issues

Family & Friends of Mark de la Torre – who passed away 1/26/25

Grace Marie — medical issues (Lynn Tappan's great niece)

Richard & Sandra Hartley *medical issues* 

Ernie Hernandez – health issues (Austin Stone's father-in-law)

John Huss – brain tumor recovery (Maschke family friend)

Robyn Izquierdo – medical issues (Jim Gansberg's daughter)

 $Gale\ Jackson-{\it medical\ issues}$ 

Amanda Kilbourn – health issues
(Heather Bugg's friend)

Lisa Lariviere (Rindi Fredlund's mother)

Laurel & Ed – medical issues (Spiker's family friends)

Darlene McClurg – medical issues

Dianne Medlock – medical issues

Norm Milz – medical issues

 $(Retired\ pastor\ of\ Shepherd\ of\ the\ Sierra)$ 

Mike Tappan – medical issues (Lynn Tappan's husband)

Steve Timko – medical issues – friend and neighbor of Rev. Abbott

Allyson Underwood – cancer

Karen Woodmansee

coping with medical issues

Stan Zuber – medical issues

Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

#### **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.

# Armed Forces:

Justin Jorstad (Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson) Jonathan Krenz – Navy (David & Bonnie Krenz's son) MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron