Prelude

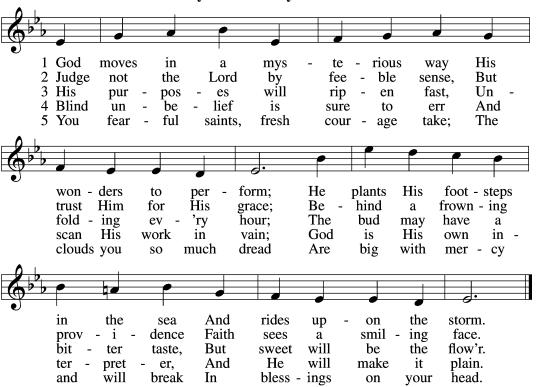
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Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

LSB #765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way



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나 Confession and Absolution 나

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

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

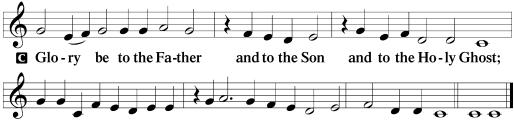
+ Service of the Word +

Stand

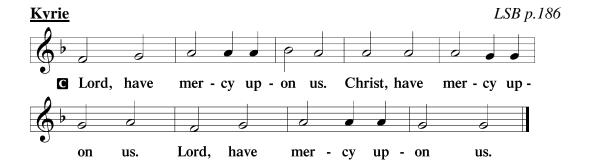
Introit

- **P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- **C** but the way of the wicked will perish.
- **P** For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
- C evil may not dwell with You.

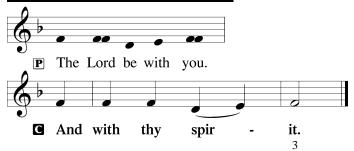
- **P** The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
- C You hate all evildoers.
- P You destroy those who speak lies;
- **C** the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- **P** But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.
- I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.
- P Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
- **C** make Your way straight before me.

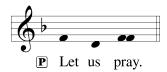


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them. As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and

does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

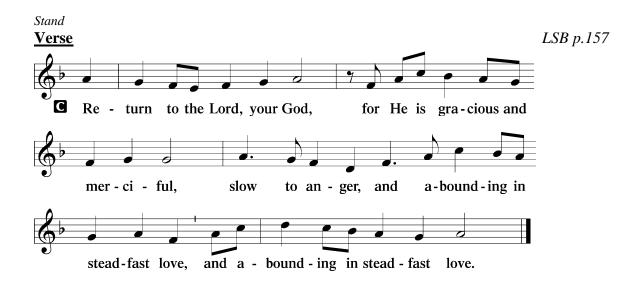
Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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



¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree

planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB #823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



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Sermon

"Tragedies and Trees: A Warning About Patience"

Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke



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.

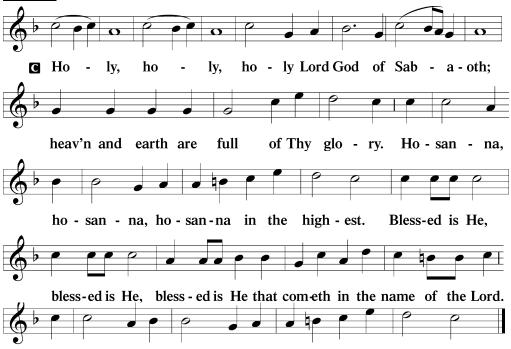
+ Service of the Sacrament +

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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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB p 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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."

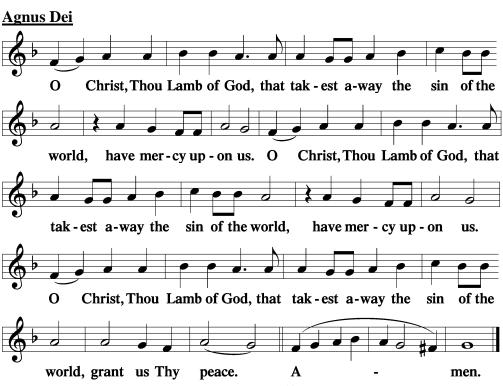
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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





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.

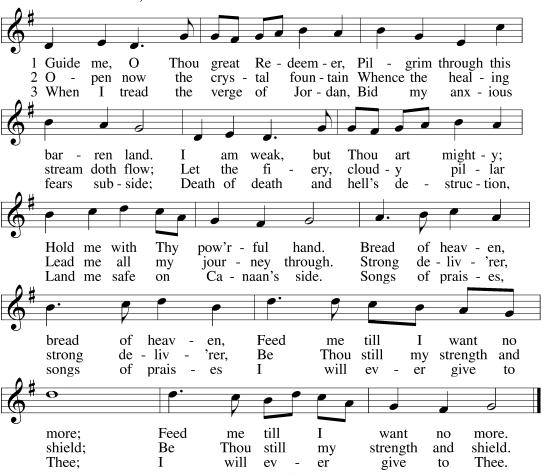
LSB #878 Abide with Me



- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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LSB #918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



LSB #641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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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.

Stand **Nunc Dimittis** LSB p.199 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-O word, mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, cord-ing to Thy for which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people. a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

be, world with - out end.

A-men.

is now, and ev-er shall

Thanksgiving LSB p.200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation

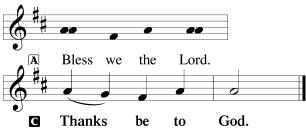


P The Lord be with you.

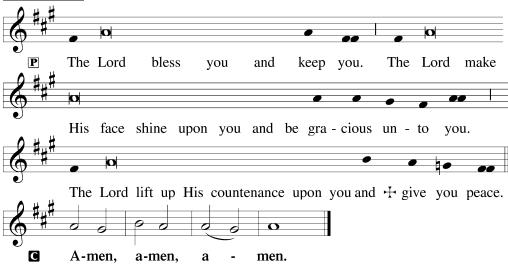


<u>Benedicamus</u>

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Benediction



Closing Hymn

LSB #761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands Can ful fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, When mine eye lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from guilt and pow'r. its must save, and Thou a - lone. A11 for sin could not a - tone; Thou Foul, I the foun-tain fly; Wash Say - ior, die. me, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self Thee.

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Silent Prayer & Postlude

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



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.

Serving Next Sunday March 30, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Joshua Karges

Ushers: Marshall Henningsen, Duane Allen

Acolytes: Shane Barry

Accompanist: Beverly Baumgartner

Altar Guild: Kathy Jackson

Food bank needs: Paper bags, 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>March</u>, we would like donations Dolls, Trucks, Games, flashlights with batteries, etc. Please remember the item must fit in the shoe box. Please place them in the yellow container in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

Lutheran Heritage Tour – You are invited to join an exciting tour that will explore the world of Martin Luther. This 11-day tour (9/12-22/2025) is hosted by Rev. Robert Flohrs, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry. See Lora in the office for more information.

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:	
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New Sunday Morning Bible study

Join us for a study 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

Next Sunday March 30th is Jubilee Sunday. We will have fellowship following church. Please bring a snack to share. At 11:00am, the Constitution/Bylaw Committee will have copies available with the changes explained, and will review the changes and answer any questions.

On April 27th following church, a voter's meeting will be held to vote on the changes. Come and learn about the changes so you are ready to vote on April 27th.

Easter Celebration April 5th – crafts, egg hunt, prizes at the Bethlehem

Lutheran School Gym – Doors open at 1:30pm, sponsored by CPTL.

Candy to stuff the eggs is needed by March 27th. There is a box for donations in the narthex. We will be stuffing eggs on Saturday, March 29th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Room. All are invited to help.

April 5th – Spring Shopping at Maurices's off of Topsy Lane – Bring a friend or two and enjoy shopping from 10am – 12 with your fellow church ladies. She will have specials for coupons and goodies for us again. If you haven't joined us before, please do this time.

It is a fun event.

<u>Attention all men of the church</u> – we are reforming our usher teams and would like all men interested in ushering to meet 4/6 after service for a short meeting.

2025 Holiday Church Schedule

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

During Easter Brunch, Sunday School Students Jon Bugg and Noah Manning will be presenting an Easter program with Bonnie Krenz

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 15 homeless sleeping mats. Thank you to those who came to help with the cutting, pinning together, and sewing. Thank you to those who donated the needed materials to make the mats from. With everyone's help, the 15 mats were made in about 3 hours.

VBS 2025 – June 16th – 20th 9:00am – 12:00noon Epic Australian Adventure – An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you are invited! We will encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

We will be enjoying crafts, snacks, games and bible exploration with science and fun! Most importantly, we will be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Pre-K through 5th grade – watch for registration details

Lenten Reflection 2025

The daily drowning of contrition and repentance, which characterizes the entire Christian life of discipleship, is deliberately intensified during Lent into a renewal of faith and life in Christ. This repentance is not achieved by human wisdom, reason, strength or effort. It is worked in man by God the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Law and the Gospel. It is the Law that crucifies the old Adam and the Gospel that raises up the new man in us. The preaching of the cross and Passion during Lent is neither an emotional appeal nor a motivational spiel. It is the preaching of repentance unto faith in the forgiveness of sins, and thus to the newness of life that is in Christ. (From 'Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Services, p.229)

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)

Sonya Abbott – medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues
Judi Bugg – health issues

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

Birth of Freya Duerr 3/6/25 daughter of Mark and Lynn Duerr

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 – 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

Friends & Family of Stacey Weatherbee – former co-worker of Todd Suessmith.

Passed away 3/8/35.

Karen Woodmansee coping with medical issues

Zoey daughter of Kesha boss of Sarah Tapia – 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.



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