



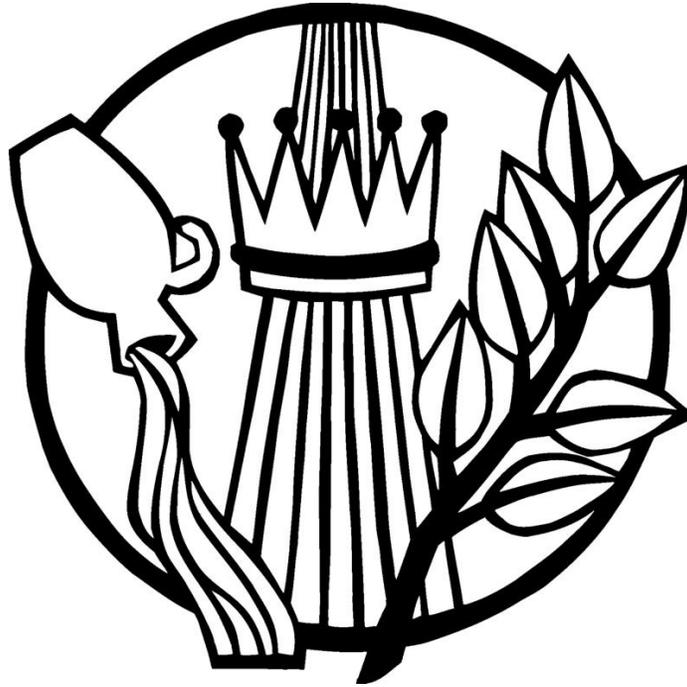
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Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy. Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

Christ When For Us You Were Baptized

Bach

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

All: Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG**Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading****ELW 401 v.1-3**

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

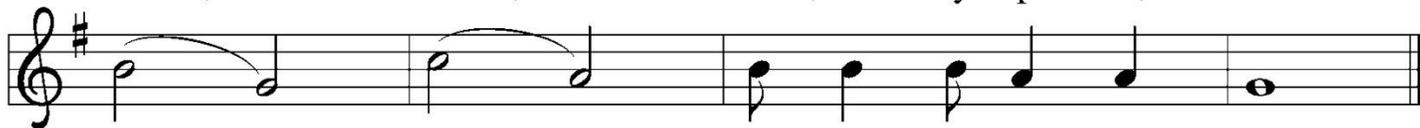
- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing. free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... Lord God,

a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 v.1,2,5

Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798 v 1,2 5

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Christ When For Us You Were Baptized

Bach

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

All: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

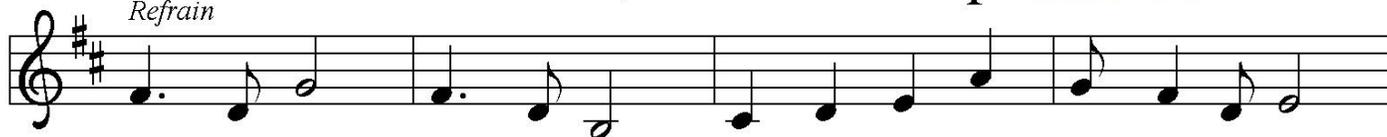
Communion hymns:

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 492
ELW 661

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup ELW 492

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34

Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

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I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One,

C: we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

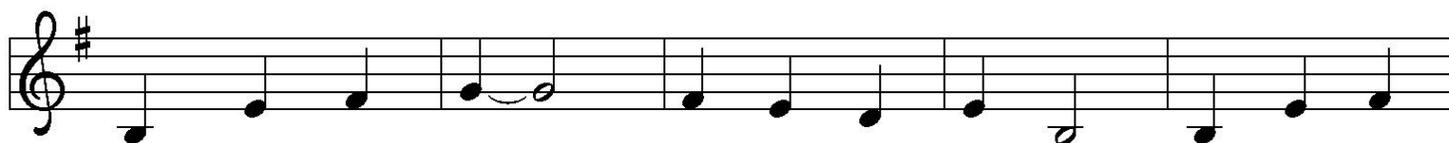
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Christ, Be our Light

ELW 715 v. 1,2,5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (*Ps. 27:1*)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Appeal for unity in the gospel

1/22/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS donated today by Helen Gruber in loving memory of her mom, Alice.

REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE-every week. See display in the Narthex.

WORSHIP MASKING-Update There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held following worship on January 29th. You will be able to sign onto zoom for this meeting if you are unable to be at church. Instructions will come in an email blast next week.

LINE DANCING continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: A VALENTINE'S LINE DANCE FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars, tell others, and plan to attend this event on Sat. 2/11/23 from 5-9pm in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church of Geneva, 211 Hamilton St., Geneva. This very worthy cause is hosted by the Pottawotomie Partnership. Tickets: \$10/person, \$20/family. Festivities include: line dance instruction and open dancing throughout the night, silent auction, and refreshments.

*Accepting donations for silent auction items up until Jan.17th.

*Requesting dancers: beginners who want to learn, experienced dancers, and those that love to watch and enjoy the show!

*Questions, contact Nancy, event lead contact: 847-212-0237

BOWLING LEAGUE The Lutheran Fellowship Bowling League, a joint league among area ELCA Churches, is looking for adults 18 or older to join us every other Sunday for an evening of adult Christian fellowship. Bowling skill or experience not required. Contact Nick Rex for more info: 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or lutheranbowling@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school meets the first & third Sundays of the month for 3 through 11-year-olds. *Please note – in January we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.*

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor is for special light bulbs & lift rental necessary for the sanctuary & parking lot. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.

Thank you for your generous donations!

**GRACIOUS THANKS FOR YOUR MANY OFFERINGS &
FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE**

Donations collected for the week ending 1/17/2023 = \$2,398.

Donations needed to meet 2022 expenses was \$3,750.

After our annual meeting on January 29th, we will have a new weekly donation goal.

Grace Lutheran(GLC) is again partnering with Dennis Finney from Bethlehem Lutheran Church(BLC) supporting the **2023 FEED THE NEED / FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** event. **A signup sheet is available in the Narthex as we've had in previous years.** There is also a signup sheet for taking M&M tubes, take 1 or more, enjoy the candy then fill the tubes with Quarters or just cash and return to George Theros before Saturday Feb 18th.

The following has been provided to us:

The 2023 FTN Event Leadership Team has decided it is time to bring this event back to prior years' successes. The goal this year is to once again pack well over 1,000,000 meals to feed the hungry children/people; the stretch goal is to match or exceed previous results (Pre-Covid). 5,000 plus volunteers are needed, as well as voluntary financial donations, to fund these meals, which are 25 cents each. The funding total goal for FTN 2023 is to raise \$240,000 to pay for these meals and associated costs that go with that. **See above Grace Lutheran has M&M Tubes.**

As I am sure you can imagine, an event of this size and scope, takes many people working together collaboratively, to make it a success. It requires prayer, trust, and faith as we move forward in full faith in accomplishing these goals of feeding kids, who are in desperate need.

Again for FTN 2023 Dennis Finney will be the coordinator/organizer at BLC working with a team in helping to put this event together & get a group of volunteers together, to help at Feed the Need, FTN, in Naperville, held at North Central College. Additionally, Dennis is on the FTN 2023 Leadership Team at NCC. As an FTN 2023 Leadership Team, we are moving forward in full faith in accomplishing these goals of feeding children, who are in desperate need. We know that all of you are well aware of the far reaching impact FTN/FMSC has had on children and people in need. BLC's and **GLC's** past support and involvement with FTN has been wonderful and impactful. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** and support for these goals to become a reality.

IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT *FEED THE NEED* 2023:

MOBILEPACK DATES: Saturday & Sunday, February 18-19 2023

LOCATION: North Central College ResRec Center, 440 S Brainard St, Naperville, IL 60540

PACKING SESSIONS:

* SATURDAY: 3:30-5:30PM; 7:00-9:00PM

* SUNDAY: 9:00AM-11:00PM; 12:30-2:30PM; 4:00-6:00 PM.

*The sooner we know your shift preferences, the better, as we can then try to reserve a certain number of spots for BLC and **GLC**, prior to them filling up.*

With everyone working together, we can all contribute to helping to reduce this number, with the ultimate goal, of eradicating World Hunger at some point in the future. WE NEED YOUR HELP and support for these goals to become a reality.

After all is said and done - The bottom line here is:

Helping to feed the hungry/starving kids/people. Saving their lives. It is estimated that 6,200 children in the world die each day, due to starvation/malnutrition. Annually this would equate to 2,263,000 children. This is a sobering statistic. (that's just the ones they know about) Imagine how many adults there might be?

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:25

Feeding God's Starving Children Hungry in Body and Spirit. Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10:30 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

<https://zoom.us/j/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlclVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09>

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.

- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

For those ill in body, mind or spirit..... Andrew Kinsel & his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney (Twyla Strom's niece), the Chavez family & Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack & Jan Docherty, Joyce Helander & Jim Serafin, Jay Ellingsen, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul & Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, **Gay Leslie** (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Pat & Chili Lindgren, Sherry Manke, George & Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Ken Patterson, Phil & Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

Our prayers to the family and friends of Wayne Larson who passed away on Dec. 29th and to Cara Kusch and family on the passing of her brother in law, **Bill Kusch Jr.**

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*