

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, August 24th, 2025 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



11th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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.

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

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**PRELUDE** 

**Surely God is my Salvation** 

Impromptu Choir

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements are found on our website

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

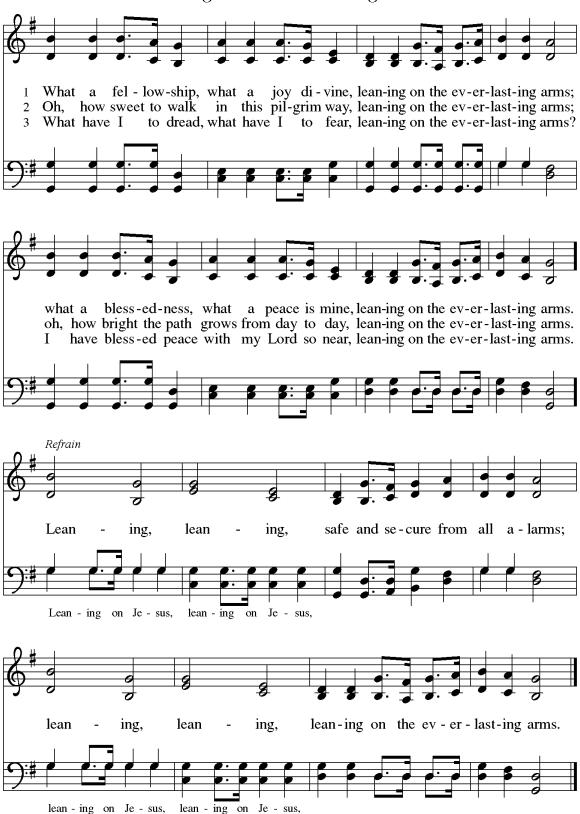
P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN What a fellowship, what a Joy Divine WOV 780/Blue Hymnal

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

#### **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...O God, mighty and immortal,

C: you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **SHARING OF PEACE**

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: Word of God; Word of Life. **All:** Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

**GOSPEL**: Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord** 

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to You O Christ!** 

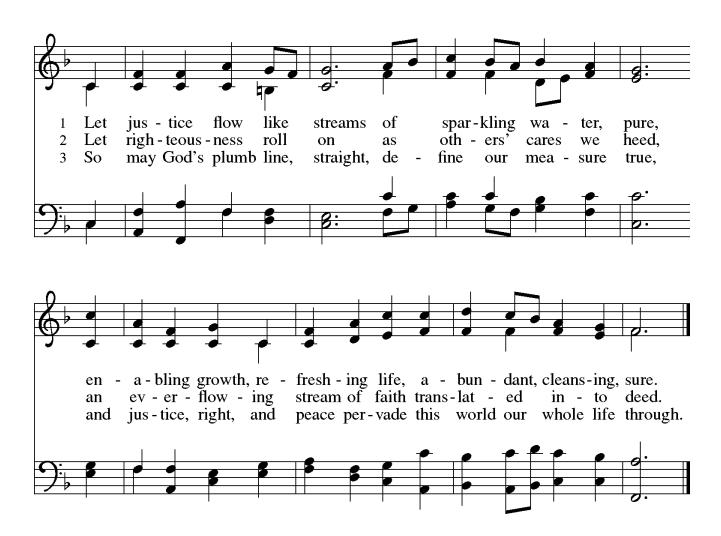
#### **MESSAGE FOR ALL**

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams WOV 763/Blue Hymnal

## Let Justice Flow like Streams



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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: Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

**Offertory Music** 

Minuet in F

**Mozart** 

## 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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

#### A brief silence.

P: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

## C: Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

#### 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: The 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

**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 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

O, Sing to the Lord

WOV 706/Blue Hymnal WOV 684/Blue Hymnal

**WOV 795/Blue Hymnal** 

# Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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# Spirit of Gentleness

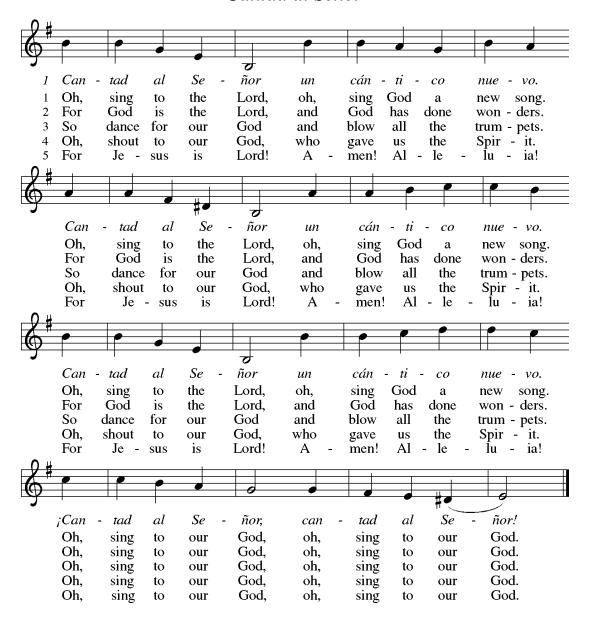


Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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## Oh, Sing to the Lord

## Cantad al Señor



- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## P: Heavenly Father,

C you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **CLOSING SONG**Shout for Joy Loud and Long

WOV 793, v. 1 & 4/Blue Hymnal

# Shout for Joy Loud and Long



- 1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
- 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
- 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ.
- 4 Now has Christ tru ly ris'n, and his Spir it is giv'n to all those



we be-long: chil-dren of our mak-er, God the great life giv-er. ders dis-played, we to rule cre-a-tion from its first foun-da-tion. teous to call—by his cross and pas-sion, bring-ing us sal-va-tion. un-der heav'n who now walk be-side him, though they once de-nied him.



Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: PERSONENT HODIE, Piae cantiones, 1582

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#### **GOD SENDS US**

#### **BLESSING**

P: May the love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Courante

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#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah is called to be a prophet

Psalm 71:1-6

From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

## 8/24/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Mary and Jack Tetzlaff. Blessings to all!

<u>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</u> We will be outside for worship the remaining Sundays in August, unless prohibited by weather. We will return to inside worship beginning in September.

<u>HAVE YOU LOST A PIERCED EARRING?</u> A pierced earring was found in the Noisy Offering bucket.... Was it in your pocket and got mixed up with your change? We are grateful for your donation, but we believe someone is missing this earring. Please see Linda or Tricia "to identify".

<u>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</u> Nancy Corbige continues to collect email addresses for the Pottawatomie Partnership email distribution list. We currently have a house in-build in St. Charles. (Questions, you may call or text Nancy at 847-212-0237.)

**LINE DANCING** will resume again in the fall on Thursdays from 6-7pm beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>.

<u>THE 2025 FLOWER CHART</u> is up and on the wall in the welcome area. The price for 2025 will be \$20.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume again on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for all children ages 3 – 13. It will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:30am.

<u>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</u> There will be a very brief Congregational Meeting held after our service on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> to Accept the 2024 Audit. Again, this will be brief and then we will continue downstairs for our first Sunday of the month coffee hour.

**ROUND TABLE FOR SALE** We are selling the round wooden table in Pastor's office for \$75. Please see Pastor or Tricia. The table has a diameter of 44.5" and is 28" tall.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

<u>BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS</u> The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. *Thank you for your generous donations!* 

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL** will begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup> every Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15am – 1:15pm. Registration for next school year, 2025-2026, is open! If you know of anyone with a child ages 3-5, please let them know of this engaging Christian preschool program. More info can be found on our website, <a href="https://www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool">www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool</a> or you can contact Janice Muncie at 630-854-1066.

<u>LECTORS ARE NEEDED</u> for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

<u>PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE</u> On Wed., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 11am in the Grace Room. This will be a chance for registered and prospective students and their families to view the new classroom, meet the teachers and ask any questions they may have about our preschool. Please email or call Janice Muncie with any questions. 630-854-1066 or <u>Janice.munice@gmail.com</u>

<u>AUGUST NEWSLETTER</u> is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (please note the new website address ends in a ".org" rather than a ".com")

<u>NOISY OFFERING</u> We continue to collect weekly noisy offering to help offset various costs of specific expenses or a specific fundraiser. If you wish to contribute to the "Building Maintenance Fund" - please mark this specific donation on your check. These donations are for unplanned/unbudgeted building maintenance repairs. Thank you for your support!

GIVING STATEMENTS It has been decided by the Vision Team that the bi-annual Giving Statements (for your offerings) will now be distributed yearly (in the new year). If you are wanting a statement for Jan-June 2025, please contact Cara Turner by email: <a href="mailto:clturner2063@yahoo.com">clturner2063@yahoo.com</a> or leave a message on her cell: 630-291-6896.

**OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE** We are thankful for your offerings and donations given to Grace. Offerings received last week (as of Aug. 18): \$2,271. Our weekly donation goal is ~\$4,000.

**TECHNOLOGY HELP** Are you familiar with IT/computer technology/livestreaming? We are seeking several people to assist in preparation and recording our church services (during the week +/or during worship service). Please contact Pastor or Tricia Painter ~ please consider!

<u>COPY PAPER/STAMPS/PRINTER CARTRIDGES</u> Thank you for the donations of copy paper, stamps and printer cartridge. We have a continual need for printer ink cartridges (or even donations towards this cost) - please contact Tricia for details.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 131st year of ministry ~

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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)

- \* 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, to extend peace in all things.

## FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:

Betty Boor, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, Kathy Hooey and family, Kathy Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortensen, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Char Sportsman, Bud Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, Family of Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, John Schnaitman, Pastor Arne Walker, Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering

machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

**ALSO** - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer shawl needs.