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Sunday, October 30th, 2022 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



Reformation Sunday and 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

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

Thy Strong Word

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Rise

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 is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

All: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

All: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

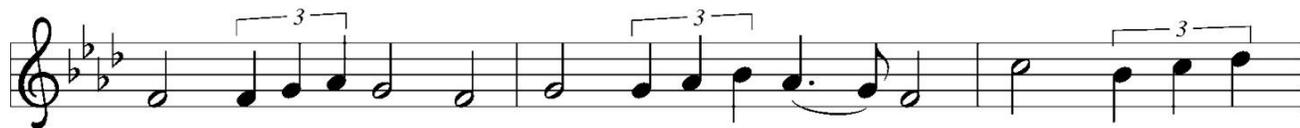
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Thy Strong Word ELW 511 v 1-3



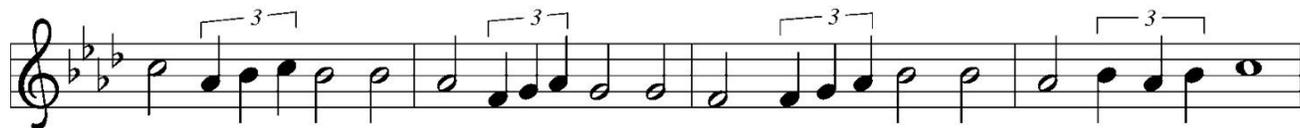
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thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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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...Almighty God, gracious Lord,

All: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

All: And you also.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood,

effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation

has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

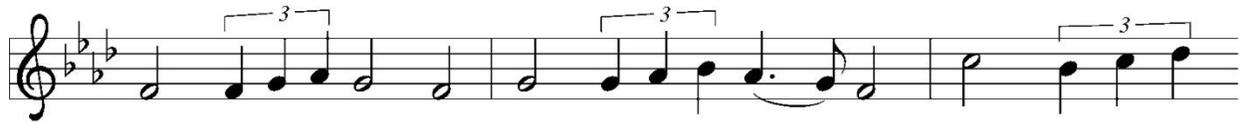
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Thy Strong Word

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5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

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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: Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

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: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Keep your church steadfast in your word, reforming God. Deepen our faith and increase our love in Jesus' name. Further ecumenical dialogue and partnerships and equip us for unified witness and service in the world.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Come to the aid of the poor, especially those suffering food and water shortages or loss of homes due to natural disasters. Halt the exploitation of the earth's resources and lead us to seek justice and rescue the oppressed.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Guide leaders of all nations, almighty God. Heal divisions, build trust, and remove barriers that prevent collaboration and cooperation. Bring neighborhoods, cities, and countries together to work for the common good.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Save from trouble those who struggle with hunger, homelessness, or addiction. Strengthen the overworked and give hope to those who do not have enough work. Console those who are burdened by illness or grief.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reveal yourself to all who seek you. Empower the hospitality ministries of this congregation to welcome others to your feast of love. Foster generosity in our stewardship ministries to both our congregation and community.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gather the faithful at the table of your eternal banquet. We give thanks for those who have witnessed to your gracious presence, especially Martin Luther and all who strive to reform and renew the church.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

INTRO TO 2022 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
THE LORD'S SUPPER AND GIVING

This year's stewardship focus is about holy communion, discipleship and giving. It is about Jesus being present in the congregation when we partake of the bread and the cup. We take communion as a community, a congregation, not just as individuals. We encounter Jesus as we gather at the table, he is with us. Therefore, for the next four Sundays we will gather at the rail (as you are able) to partake of communion. As a community we are people in covenant with one another and committed to a common life and purpose.

The Last Supper story assures us of Jesus' continuing presence especially as we follow Him in discipleship. **GIVING IN FAITH IS AT THE HEART OF THE IDENTITY AND ACTION OF A CONGREGATION OF DISCIPLES.** The story of the Lord's Supper inspires us to persevere in faithful discipleship.

The focus of biblical stewardship is not on the congregation's needs at all, but rather on the fact that generous giving is one of the basic acts of discipleship. This biblical stewardship is to help God's people grow in relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to us. Jesus died on the cross so that we could be disciples and make disciples.

Each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, we should ask the question, "How is God calling me to respond to His presence in my life today?" How we use our time, talents, and finances is not separate from the spiritual life of our congregation. It is infused in us each time we eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Our stewardship focus this year is on our community as we gather to take Holy Communion – as we remember that we do this together in remembrance of our Lord, not just as individual believers. That there is bread and wine, discipleship and giving.

OCTOBER 30TH READING:

Sharing the Lord's Supper is more than going to the altar to receive the bread and wine. It is also more than forgiveness of sins, it is life and salvation. Eating this meal together creates identity – we become part of a group, of the principles and practices of God and a reminder that we are in covenant with God. Every time we celebrate holy communion, we seal our covenant with God and commit over and over again to being his disciples. When you receive the bread and wine you are eating together as a family in the presence of Jesus. Giving in faith is at the heart of the identity and action of us as disciples. Eating of the bread and wine inspires us to persevere in faithful discipleship – to continue through difficulties, fear and the unknown in our many ministries. Sharing The Lord's Supper is giving of ourselves over and over again. It is our life with Jesus. **(Describe how you feel before you receive communion, during and after. How does this relate to your discipleship?)**

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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 hymn: Break Now the Bread of Life
God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 515
ELW 673

Break Now the Bread of Life ELW 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

God, Whose Almighty Word ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG

A Mighty Fortress

ELW 504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

ALL: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD

Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

John 8:31-36

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

Isaiah 1:10-18

Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed

Psalm 32:1-7

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Faith and love amid persecution and adversity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 30th, 2022

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar flowers today have been donated by Bill and Lori U'Ren in celebration of Lori's birthday.

WORSHIP MASKING Masking is currently optional. Social distancing will still be practiced in the back half of the sanctuary. The front half will be more open for those wishing to sit together.

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.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor may be to collect funds 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!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE To be held at Grace on Sun., Nov., 20th at 7pm with coffee hour served after. Please contact Helen Gruber as she will be coordinating the coffee hour after the service. See www.graceoflilylake.com for info.

REBECCA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at Sorrentos Ranch on Dec. 6th at noon. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Please see Jan Docherty or Kathy Hooley if interested.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Offering collected on 10/23/22 = \$2,867

Weekly donations needed to meet 2022 expenses = \$3,750

BOY/GIRL SCOUT WREATH/GREENERY ORDERS will be taken today, Oct 30 after worship service. Please seek out one of the Scouts after worship to place your order. Delivery is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 27.

WE ARE COLLECTING COOKIE TINS for our 'holiday cookie exchange & vendor event' on Sat. Dec 17. More details to follow in November newsletter and future bulletin announcements. A collection box for the tins will be in the narthex, as well as a baker's sign up sheet, in the coming weeks.

VISIT our website: www.graceoflilylake.com for some of the latest updates, worship service info, monthly newsletter and highlighted events. You can always find us on Facebook – search : GraceofLilyLake.

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.

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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 and his family in Ukraine (nephew of Paul and Kay Kinsel), Fred Alstadt, Gene Anderson, Barbara Asher, (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis (Andra Nordwind's mother), Nelson Brodhead, (brother of Shirley Turner), Jim (brother of Rita Burnham, recovering from a stroke), the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley (sister in law of Cathy Lindquist), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin (sister & brother in law of Jan Docherty), Jay Ellingsen (nephew of Kathy Hooey), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes (niece of Kathy Hooey), Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Wayne Larson, Chili Lindgren, Jeannine Luchs, Sherry Manke, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Ken Patterson, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Pastor Rex and Doris, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, and Catherine Zegial.*

Our prayers go to **the family and friends of Gene Anderson**, who passed away at home on Oct.21st

*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.*