



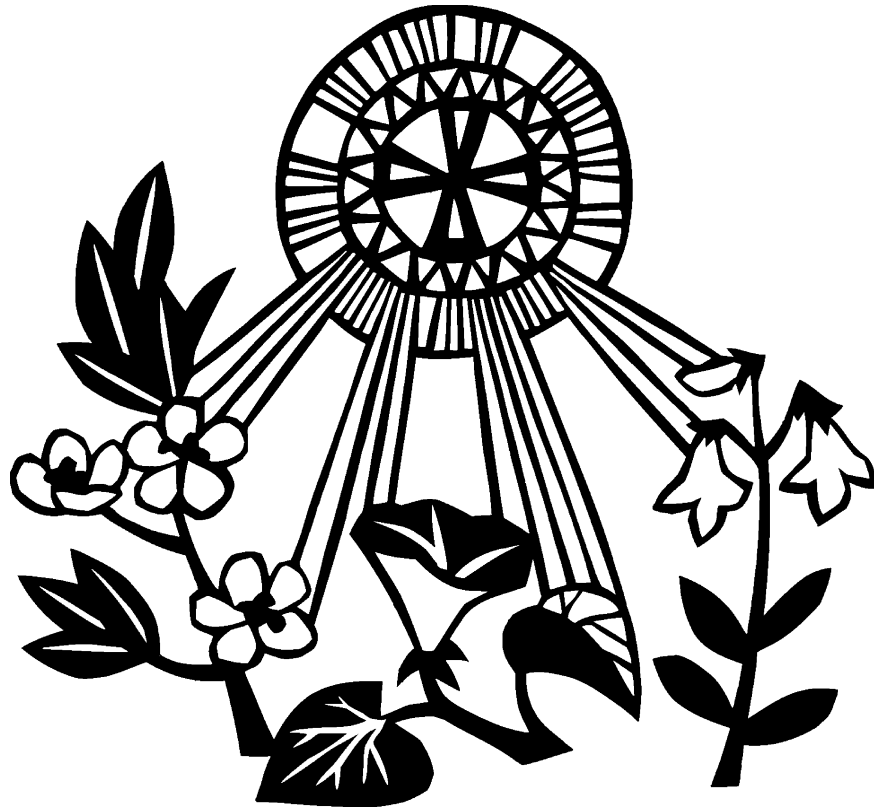
WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, May 14th, 2023 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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

O Jesus I Have Promised

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

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: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and 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.

C: And you also.

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

OPENING SONG

GOD OF THE WOMEN

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God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Slane
ancient Irish ballad



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Loving Spirit

ELW 397 v.1,2,4,5/Red Book



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

(An offering will be collected after the prayer.)

P: Generous God,

C: in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Music

Interlude

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: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ,
Broken and poured out for you.

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:

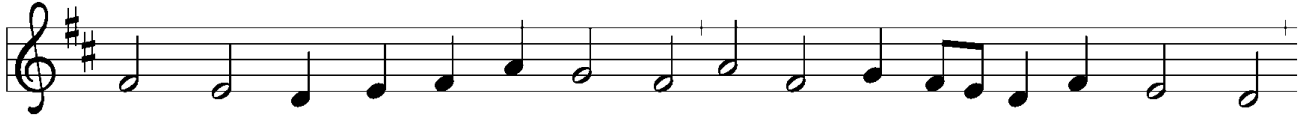
Now We Join In Celebration

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

ELW 462/Red Book

ELW 594/Red Book

Now We Join in Celebration ELW 462



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice ELW 594



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, death brood-ed fierce-ly
 3 O God, you saw my deep dis-tress be-fore the world's foun-
 4 You said to your be-lov-ed Son: "'Tis time to have com-



spring-ing, and, with u-nit-ed heart and voice and ho-ly
 o'er me, sin was my tor-ment night and day; in sin my
 da-tion, and, with your mer-cy mea-sure-less, you planned for
 pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of my crown, and bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, pro-
 moth-er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free
 my sal-va-tion. You turned to me a fa-ther's heart; you
 all sal-va-tion; from sin and sor-row set them free; slay



claim the vic-t'ry God has won, how pre-cious was our ran-som!
 will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, so firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 did not choose the eas-y part, but gave your dear-est trea-sure.
 bit-ter death for them that they may live with you for-ev-er."

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| <p>5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,
 was born of virgin mother;
 and, your good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
 to lead the devil captive.</p> | <p>7 "Now to my Father I depart,
 from earth to heav'n ascending,
 and, gracious wisdom to impart,
 the Holy Spirit sending,
 who will in trouble comfort you,
 will teach you well, your faith renew,
 and in all truth will guide you.</p> |
| <p>6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 for you I strive and wrestle.
 The foe will shed my precious blood;
 all this I suffer for your good;
 my life o'er death will triumph.</p> | <p>8 "What I on earth have done and taught
 guide all your life and teaching;
 so shall the glorious reign of God
 increase, the whole world reaching.
 Let none the gospel gift impede;
 I make you free; be free indeed!
 This final word I leave you."</p> |

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
 Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Etlieh christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840/Red Book



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Festal Song

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Paul's message to the Athenians

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (*Ps. 66:8*)

5/14/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING A Congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on **Sunday, June 4th** in Fellowship Hall. We will be voting to approve the 2022 audit, possible worship time change to 9:30am and to either call him or extend Pastor's contract as we are able at that time.

Please complete a survey about Pastor's ministry here (available in the Narthex) and return it by May 21st. Please give us your thoughts about the areas mentioned, not just he is doing great or good. True feedback is important both for the Vision Team and Pastor. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE DATES: May 19 & 20. Donations drop-offs - accepting small boxes/bags of donations after service today (10am-11am). Larger items drop offs: May 16th = (10:30am-12:30pm and 6-8pm), 17th = 6-8pm, 18th = 10am-3pm. **Gentle reminder, please no older TVs , no TV cabinets or 'entertainment' cabinets. Ask yourself: "Would I buy this?" if your answer is "no", we would sincerely appreciate you passing it on yourselves (we don't have the woman/manpower to go through boxes of clutter).

ROADRUNNERS TRIP September 18 – 23, 2023 to Niagara Falls

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

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is sidewalk repairs (raising concrete) at the threshold walkway/entryway to church. 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!

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are blessed & thankful for faithful giving for the ministries we share and support here at Grace. Offerings collected for the week (as of 5/8) = \$ 3,008. Weekly donations needed to meet 2023 expenses = \$3,500. ~ Blessings upon Grace in it's 129th year ~

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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... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney (Twyla Strom's niece), the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Jack and Jan Docherty, Maggie Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Linden, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Magdalena Lovejoy, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Pat Penfold, Carol Prevenas, Joan Rygula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy and John Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken and her family (Missy Barton's sister), Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

*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.*