



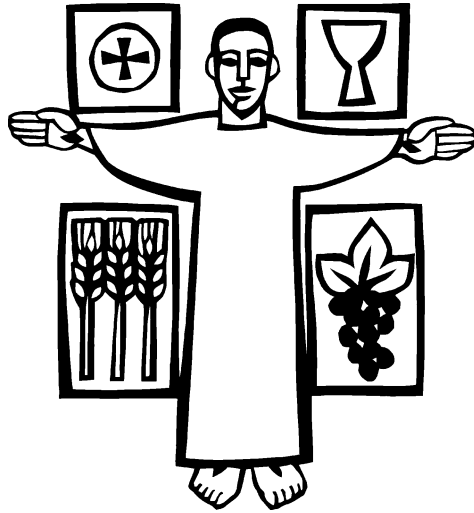
# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



## *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Introduction**

*TODAY'S THEME:* Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

**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**

### **The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation**

### **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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

### **OPENING SONG**

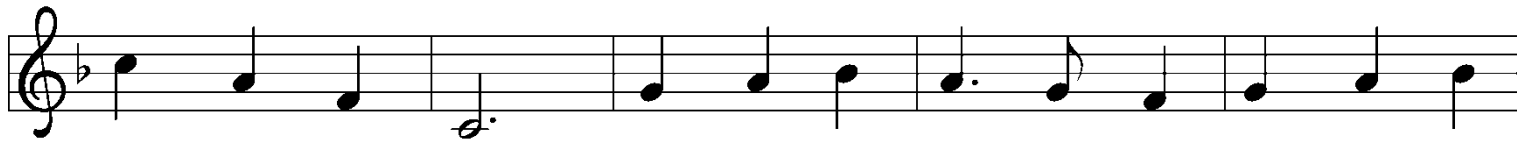
**God, Whose Almighty Word**

**ELW 673/Red Hymnal**

# God, Whose Almighty Word



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

## 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:** Ever-loving God,

**C:** your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through 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: Proverbs 9:1-6

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

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 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE FOR ALL**

Pastor David Mercurio

**SONG OF DAY**

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**ELW 674/Red Hymnal**

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

## *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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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: Jesus, Bread of life,

**C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.**

**All: Amen.**

*(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)*

#### Offertory Music                      In the Garden

#### 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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and

comfort. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**A: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## **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:

Here is Bread

ELW 483/Red Hymnal

Graham Kendrick

VERSE

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.  
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.  
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C Fm/C

Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - cified.

CHORUS

Fmaj7 F6 Em7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's life for - ev - er.

14 Fmaj7 F#° Em7 A+7 Dm7 G7 C D.C. C

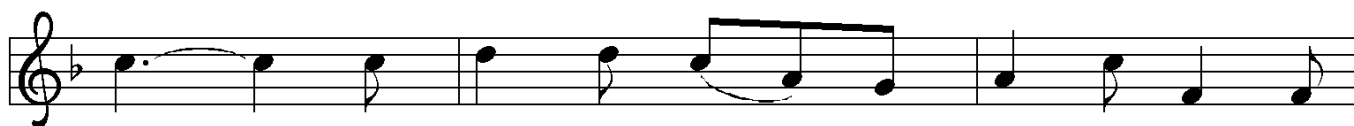
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.

# I Come with Joy

ELW 482/Red Hymnal



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

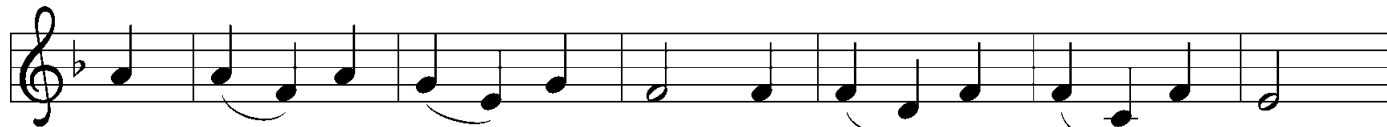
**P:** Jesus, Bread of life,

**C:** we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:**      **Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

**ELW 656/Red Hymnal**

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## GOD SENDS US

### **BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✚ be upon you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **Open My Eyes**

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## **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

### **Psalm 34:9-14**

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (*Ps. 34:10*)

### **Psalm 111**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (*Ps. 111:10*)

### **Ephesians 5:15-20**

*Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God*

### **1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

*Solomon's prayer for wisdom*

## **8/18/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP MASKING-Update** 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 Mark and Heidi Anderson in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Love and God's blessings to the Andersons!

**PARENTS DAY OUT** program begins here at Grace on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15am – 1:15pm on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Rally Day for Sunday School start on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am!

**THE 2024 FLOWER CHART** is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** for Chili Lindgren on August 25<sup>th</sup>, with cake and coffee following worship.

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER** is available on-line at [www.graceoflilylake.org](http://www.graceoflilylake.org) (**please note the new website address ends in a “.org” rather than a “.com”**)

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** will continue in the Pavilion through August.

**NO COFFEE HOUR** on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> or Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. **INSTEAD**, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ROAD RUNNERS “Adventures in the Smokies”** Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, See Grace webpage for more info [www.graceoflilylake.org](http://www.graceoflilylake.org)

**GRACE’S FALL RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate that you safekeep your rummage sale donations until September 21<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE - No drop-offs in church entryways or classrooms. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IN THIS REQUEST.

**GRACE’S 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on Sunday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am with cake and coffee to follow. Guest speaker!

**FINANCE TEAM** is looking for volunteers to sign up as a Counter (counting our weekly offerings). We would like to have a rotating list of volunteers. Please see Linda Smykowski or Tricia Painter for further details.

**WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for volunteers to sign up to help run our church service PowerPoint presentation. We have a list of volunteers but 3 of them are SS teachers and limited on their availability during SS dates. Please see Tricia Painter to learn more about a simple but very necessary component to our Sunday service.

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED** for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

**NOISY OFFERING** 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!

**MISC ITEMS NEEDED/REQUESTED** \*\* Cathy Whiteside is seeking plastic storage containers (of manageable size) with lids if possible. If you have any you no longer are using, please drop them off at church on the lower level and pls leave a note with Cathy's name on it. \*\* We are looking for a few volunteers who would help with changing our church signage every couple of weeks. Please see Cathy Whiteside – and thank you for your assistance. \*\*

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** 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!***

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** If you enjoy spending time with 3-5 year olds, helping them make crafts, sing songs, read and play AND are usually available on Mondays and/or Wednesdays 9am-1:30pm from Sept. 9 – May 21<sup>st</sup>, then you should sign up to be a substitute teacher for our new Parents Day Out (PDO) program. Please contact Janice Muncie to get on our substitute list, 630-854-1066 or Janice.muncie@gmail.com

### **OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE**

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings received last week 8/12: \$2,559. Our weekly goal is ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130<sup>th</sup> 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...** Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Craig Bradley, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist), Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Shana Holtz, Stacy Hooey, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Paul Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Brent and Taylor Miller and their families, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bill Werrline, Bob Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Emily Peters, Carol Prevenas, Janelle Ream, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, John Swanson (Margaret Swanson's son), Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Ron Wilken (Missy Barton's father), Bud Wise, Albert Zegiel & 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.