



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Introduction

**TODAY'S THEME:** The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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**

**Jubilate, Amen!**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHOIR**

**Christ Has Conquered the Grave**

### **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, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **OPENING SONG**

**Come, You Faithful**

**ELW 363, v. 2-5/Red Hymnal**

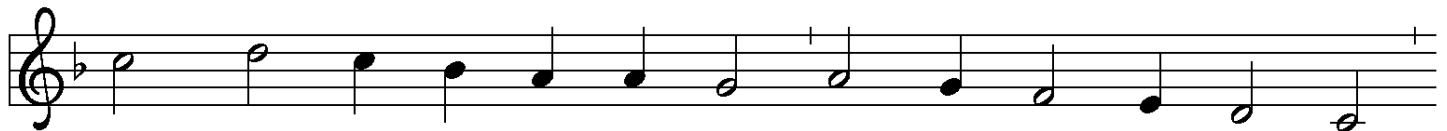
# Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain Vs 2-5



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

## 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 God,

**C: with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if

anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL            John 20:19-31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE FOR ALL**

Pastor David Mercurio

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## **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:** Risen One,

**C:** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**All:** Amen.

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

**Offertory Music**

**Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!**

## **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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

P: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

## 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:***

**Come to the Table**

**ELW 481 sing 3x/Red Hymnal**

## Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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**This Joyful Eastertide**

**ELW 391/Red Hymnal**

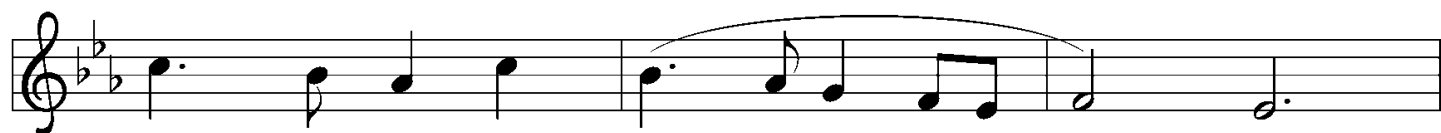
# This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

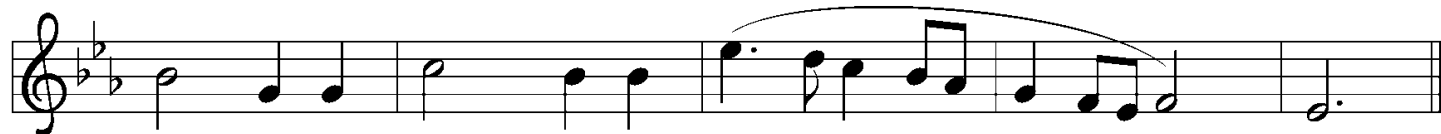
## *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

**ELW 382/Red Hymnal**

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
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through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
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Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

### *Refrain*



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Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

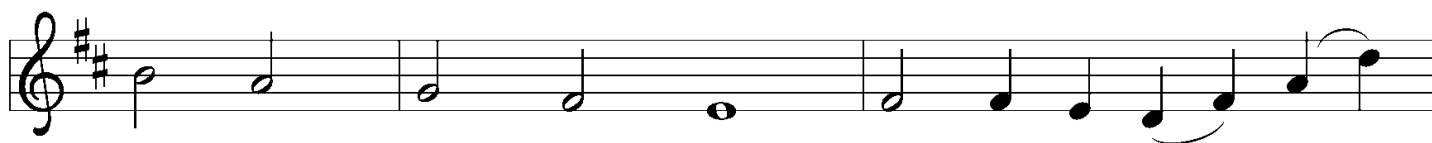
All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: I Know that My Redeemer Lives, ELW 619 v. 1-3&8/Red Hymnal

### I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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## **GOD SENDS US**

### **BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **The Power and the Glory**

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### **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

*The believers' common life*

#### **Psalms 133**

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (*Ps. 133:1*)

# 4/7/24 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** The altar flowers for today have been donated by Heidi, Mark and Nathan Anderson in honor of Mark's birthday.

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

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** will be in Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm. Please see the sign-up poster in the Narthex if you would like to help.

**LINE DANCING** continues on Wednesdays, from 6 – 7pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday school meets today and continues on the first and third Sundays of the month through May 2024.

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

**NOISY OFFERING** We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! 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 newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. ***Thank you for your generous donations!***

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

We were blessed with our Holy Week gatherings and fellowship with Maundy Thurs, Good Friday, Easter Sunday - Offerings collected during last week: \$8,748. Blessings to all for your support, fellowship and 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)

- \* 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, to extend peace in all things.

**FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT...** Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist), Jane Cutler, 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**, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Cathy Lindquist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bob Nelson, Alaina Neufeld, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Carol Prevenas, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal



Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken & her family (Missy Barton's sister), Ron & Sharon Wilken (Missy Barton's parents), Bud Wise, & 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, 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 see a Rebecca Circle member.

*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.*