



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



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

### **Introduction**

**TODAY'S THEME:** James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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**

### **Higher Ground**

### **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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

### **OPENING SONG**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886/Red Hymnal**

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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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: Gracious God,

**C: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.**

**Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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:**

**Psalm 146**

*I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed

down; the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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. Mark

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL            Mark 7:24-37**

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

## SONG OF DAY

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772/Red Hymnal

### Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## 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: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**All: Amen.**

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

**Offertory Music**

**For This We Pray**

**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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: 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:**



# Eat This Bread

## *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR *Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
*Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.*

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

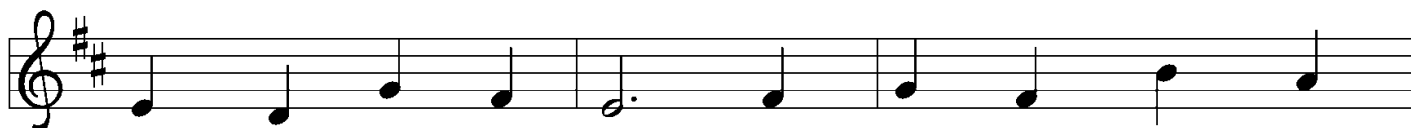
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## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

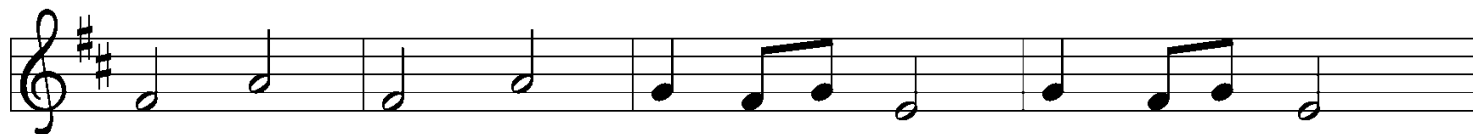
7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

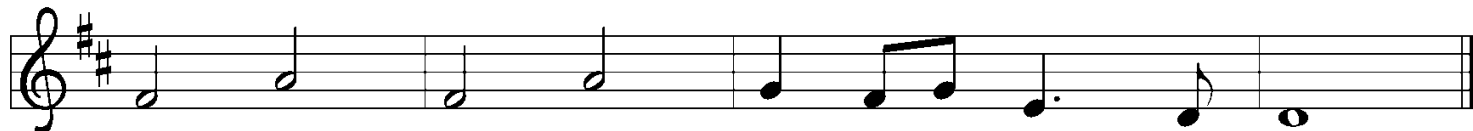
Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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# Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Holy God,

**C:** you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:** Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death ELW 452/Red Hymnal

# Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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## GOD SENDS US

### **BLESSING**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Lord, Thee I Love with all my Heart**

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## **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

### **Isaiah 35:4-7a**

*Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

### **James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Faith without works is dead*

### **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

*Sayings concerning a good name and generosity*

### **Psalms 125**

Those who trust in the LORD stand fast forever. (*Ps. 125:1*)

## **9/8/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

The 2024 Ecumenical Counsel (including the Lutheran World Federation) chose the theme "To hope and act with Creation". The annual Christian celebration happens each year to pray and respond to the cry of Creation, between September 1st, the Feast of Creation, and October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year, the symbol that will guide the season is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19-25. The times we live in demonstrate that we do not relate to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but as a resource to be used. "Creation groans" (Rom 8:22) because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm it. However, Creation teaches us that hope is present in waiting, in the expectation of a better future (cf. Rom 8:20-21).

To hope in the biblical context does not mean to remain still and silent, but to groan, to cry out and to struggle actively for a new life in the midst of difficulties. Creation and all human beings are called to worship the Creator, working for a dynamic future from which the first fruits of hope can spring.

**COFFEE HOUR** today following worship. There will be a Synod representative as our special guest speaker to give us some information on gifting of finances to the church.

**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** today are donated by Marty and Craig Bradley with thanks to God for the blessings of their grandchildren. Thank you, Grandma and Grandpa Bradley!

**SPECIAL NOTE** from Chili Lindgren. “Thank you so much for making my BIG birthday so special. I am so grateful. God has blessed me with loving family and wonderful friends!”

**LINE DANCING** begins this week on Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 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”**)

**NO COFFEE HOUR** on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. **INSTEAD**, 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)

**OKTOBERFEST** at Grace on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8pm! Hay rides, Kids games, bouncy house, food and fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

**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. We will have a guest speaker, Paster Ana Kari, joining us.

**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.

**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!

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

**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!***

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

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings received last week 9/3: \$3,973. 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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Our **FACEBOOK PAGE** for activities and posts of interest:

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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...** 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.

**Some sad news from Beth Nelson Smayda, the daughter of Pastor Norm and Joan Nelson. Norm passed away on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lexington Square Care Center. His Memorial Service will be on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at his longtime church in Downers Grove and his ashes will be brought here on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. His obituary can be found on the welcoming table.**



*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.