

Silverdale Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Advent | December 11th, 2022

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Welcome to worship as we celebrate this Sunday. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under. If you are using your laptop, tablet, or phone to join in the livestream at 8:30am and 11:00 am, link to <http://bit.ly/SLCworship>. Please note that those attending worship in person may at times be on camera.

We have "Listen" ear pieces available for the hearing impaired-simply ask one of the ushers!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We begin in the name of the one in whom we are baptized, the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sins and seek forgiveness from the God of righteousness and mercy.

(silence for reflection)

P: Oh God of steadfast love,

C: We confess our impatience and resistance to your will. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings from created things and forces rather than through you, our creator. We are quick to judge others, yet refuse to see our own failings. We are numb to the cries of those in need and grow weary of righteousness and compassion. Restore us, Oh God; let your light shine on us, that we may be saved. Amen.

P: Hear the glad tidings of God! For the sake of Christ, your sins are forgiven and light has shone in your darkness. May the light of Christ shine through our lives as we wait for the full redemption of all creation.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn

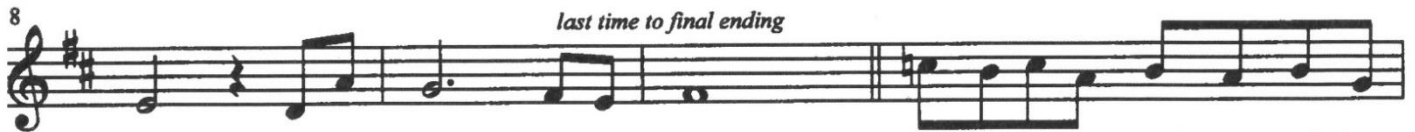
Jesus Come (Vs 3 and Chorus)



Je-sus, come, the wea-ry world a - waits You, Be our hope in pro-mis-es ful-



filled; Our lights burn bright a - gainst the si - lent dark-ness, as we wait, we



wait, Je-sus, come, Je-sus, come. Come to us on clouds of roll - ing
Come to us in right - eous-ness and
Come to us in ways yet un - ex -
Come to us in stor - ies of the



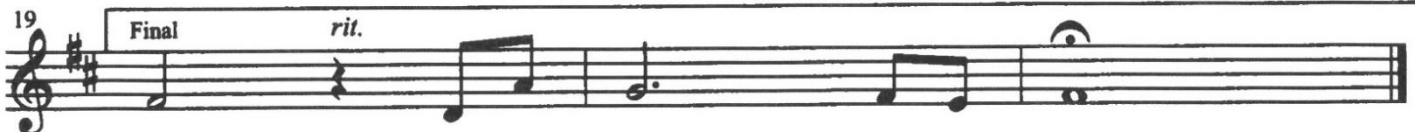
thun - der, mer - cy, pect - ed, man - ger, Draw us clo - ser to Your heav'n - ly throne,
Teach us to re - flect Your per - fect light,
Words and deeds of mer - cy and truth,
Gath - er us be - neath Your guid - ing star,



Ev - every knee will bow in awe - some won - der,
Make us to be in - stru - ments of jus - tice,
Hope for all the lost and dis - nect - ed,
Teach us to be ma - gi and shep - herds,



Maj - es - ty be given to You a - lone. Je - sus
Bold - ly burn - ing lamps a - gainst the night.
Show - ing them the path - way to You.
Drawn to You from plac - es near and far.



come. Je - sus, come, Je - sus, come.

Opening Litany

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New light dawning where there has been darkness.

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

L: The advent of the Lord is near.

C: New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

As we light the third candle, we focus our attention on the gift of joy. In our waiting, we are attentive to your Word which gives us peace in the midst of the chaos of our world. Today, as we face so many fears and anxieties, we pray for your Spirit to bring us peace, the marvelous peace that comes from Your love being poured into our hearts.

C: Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

Jesus Come – Repeat Chorus

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Children's Sermon –

Kids' Word (11am) – *After children's message, those participating in Kid's Word meet at the back of the sanctuary.*

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation

The Holly and the Ivy

SLC Choir

Second Reading (read responsively)

Psalm 146:5-10

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

L: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

musical notation for the first system of the Gospel Acclamation, including melody and bass line with lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom

musical notation for the second system of the Gospel Acclamation, including chords (C, F, Gm) and lyrics: shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

musical notation for the third system of the Gospel Acclamation, including chords (Bb, F, C, F) and lyrics: life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu ia.

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

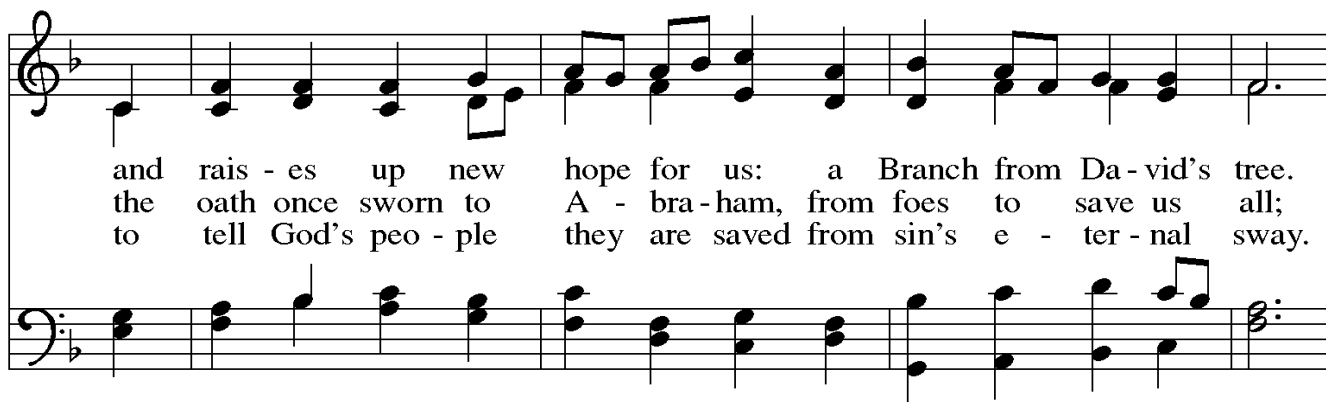
“Core Values”

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

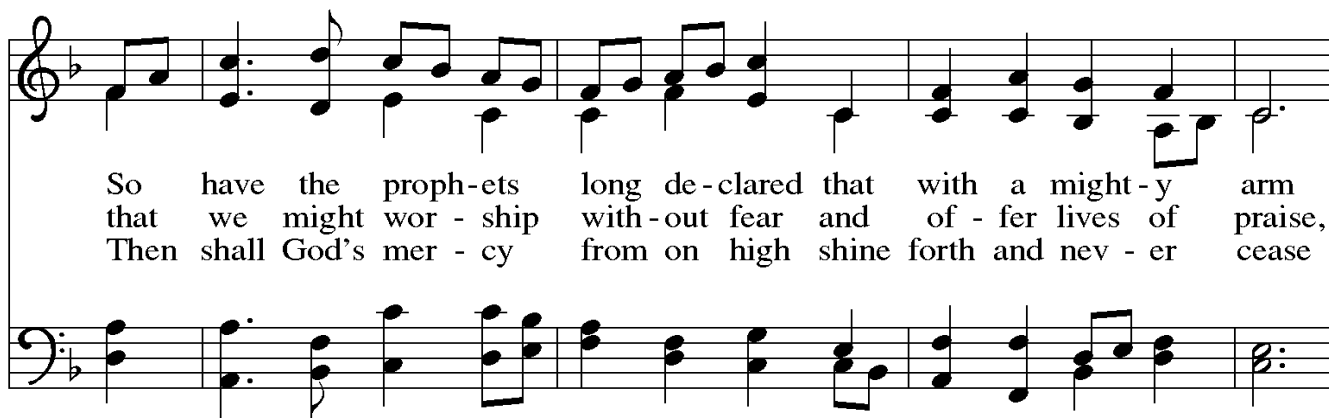
(after a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day)



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Apostles' Creed

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 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.

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time –

The Offering *(Please pass the black friendship pads down the pew – guests we would love to send you a thank you for worshiping with us, please provide your email or address.)*

THE MEAL

Offering

Musical Offering “A Little Bit of Night Music”

Mozart



Offering Response

Let the vine yards be fruit ful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bles sing.

Gath er a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all. U nite them with the prayers we of fer.

Grace our ta ble with your presence and give us a for taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, A/C#, F/C, Gm, Bb, F, C, A/C# on the first staff; D, A/C#, F/C, Gm, Bb, F/C, C/E, F on the second staff; Bb, F, Gm, C, A, c#°, gm, A on the third staff; Bb, F, Gm, C#°, Dm, Gm, F/C, C, F on the fourth staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical phrases.

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful God,

C: As we journey in this in-between time, may our watching and waiting be filled with giving and receiving your blessings. We joyfully return to you what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, all signs of your gracious love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We Lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

Am G Am F G Am

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord.

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God al - migh - ty

F G Am E Am F G Am 1.2. 3rd

Hea - ven and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Bles - sed three in one. one.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be two tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on us. Grant us peace to live a - new each

5 day. Lamb of God. You take a - way the sin of the world.

10 Grant us peace. Grant us your peace. 1. 2. peace.

Communion Song

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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Post Communion Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen

Prayer & Benediction

A: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

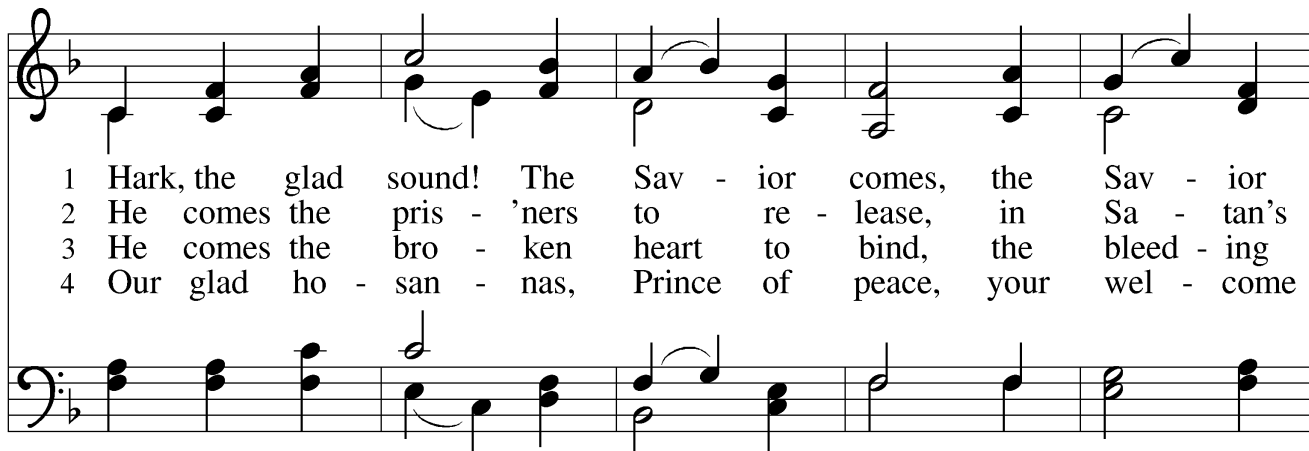
C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

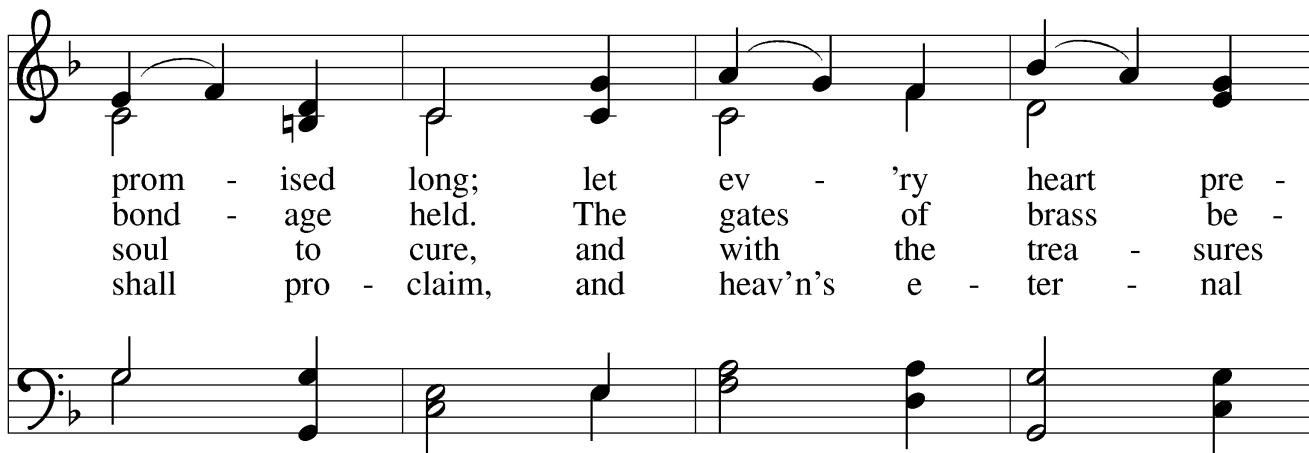
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn


Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Dismissal

L: We are grace filled!

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Thanks: SLC Choir & Our'Chestra

**Preaching: Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard | Presiding: Pastor Bill Crabtree
December Altar Care: Jill and Scott Slocum and Beth Adams and family.**

Liturgists: (8:30am) Brian Humm (11:00 am) Sean Duarte

**Communion Assistants: (8:30am) Lisa and Jeff Ottenbacher
(11:00 am) Debbie White, Nancy Walch**

Acolytes: (8:30am) Mae Ceraldi (11:00am) Kinslee Voigt

Readers: (8:30am) Joyce Barry (11:00am) Sandy Gessner-Crabtree

Readings for December 18th

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: Four year old Jane Vaughn recovering from surgery. Debbie White anticipating back surgery. Carmen Meherg's son, Brian and daughter in law Andrea who has been hospitalized due to pregnancy complications. Ace Edwards recovering from knee replacement surgery. Jim Piatt and his father Denis, as they both undergo treatment for cancer. John Daly recovering from serious illness. Sharon Malis, recovering at home. Bob Brien recovering from eye surgery. Jerry Gray back at Retsil recovering from infection. David Keller, that new chemo treatments are effective.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Les Peterson, Karen McQuillan

Facing Cancer: John Ackenhusen, John Adair, Rudy Burress, Judy de Carbonel, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Melanie Ivanelli, David Keller, Ron Maddux, Michael Phelps, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Dave Ryan, June Stocks, David Trexler, Carol Wales, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Darlene Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Paul Voigt, Alex Iverson, Andrew Quam, Daniel Reed, Rebecca Mackey, Megan Seawolf, Jared Cain, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Mary Ellen Heald, Jean Sherbesman, Vinny Rupp, Charlie Jones, Kim Grasmick, Ace Edwards, Bert Clark, Hilma Bridges, Elsie Sund, David Joseph Randall, Jerry Gray, Sharron Lindkvist, Marilyn Adair, Clara Barr, Webb Rhodes, Joyce Banka, Lucile Lampi, Matt Ryan, Randy Fossum, Marilyn Running, Dave Hagen, Craig Messett, Laura Gessner, Jean Locke & Michael Klein. All those who are dealing with COVID.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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