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Third Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Worship

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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Prelude: *Preamble – G. Frescobaldi*

Welcome

Opening Hymn – *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken - vs. 1, 2* ELW #647

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy. Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

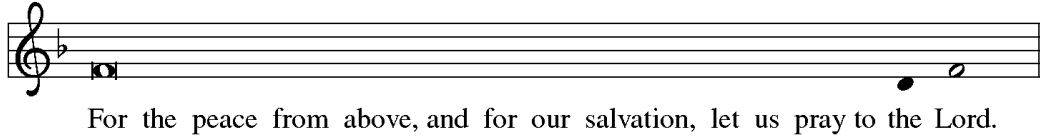
P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

C: Amen.

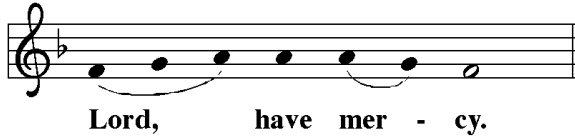
Kyrie



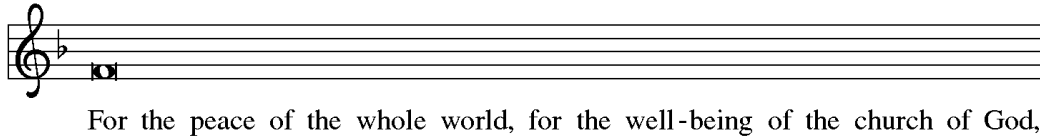
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



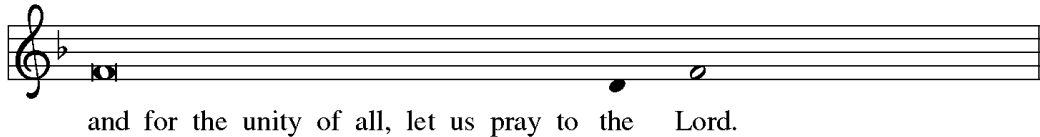
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



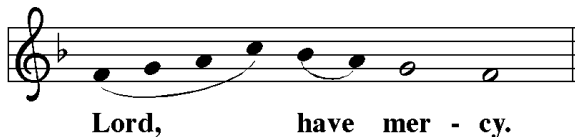
Lord, have mer - cy.



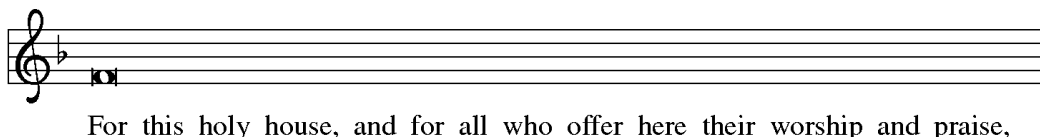
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



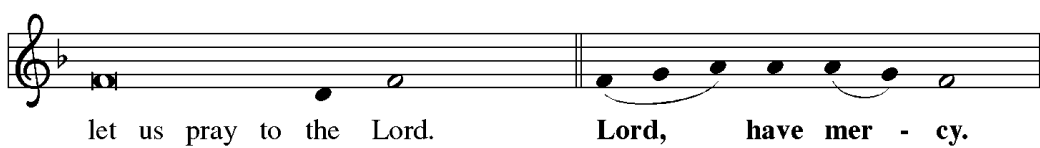
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



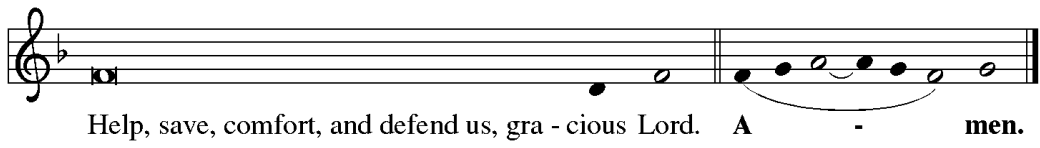
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

L: A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

L: ¹Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

C: ²Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.

L: ³For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

L: ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: ⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C: ⁸"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

L: ⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: ¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

L: ¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

L: A reading from Romans

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gospel Acclamation **ELW 142**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel - John 4:5-30, 39-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter:

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹And many more believed because of his

word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn – O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ELW #658

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation
A brief silence.

P: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness (especially). Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism (at the Vigil of Easter/on Easter Day). Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God’s grace in their lives. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give thanks for the lives of all your saints (especially Gregory the Great, whom we commemorate today). Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offertory Choir Anthem - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*- Arr. Hal Hopson

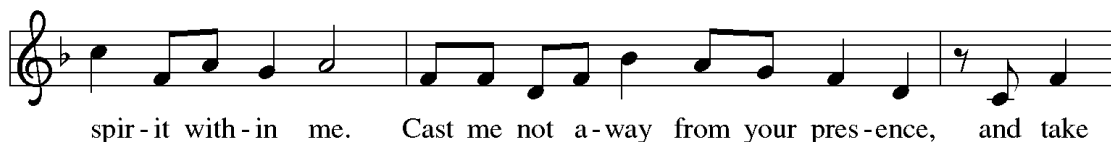
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Offertory - "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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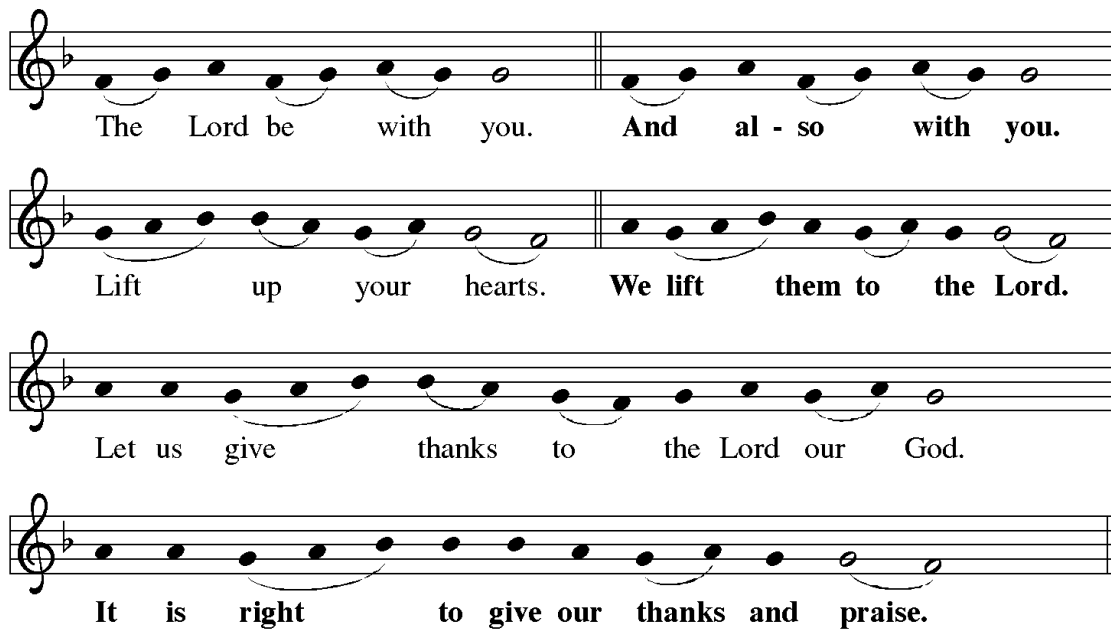
Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Preface (spoken by Pastor)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” ELW P114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin’s womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

“Lamb of God” ELW P 136

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn during Distribution – *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW #335

Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

P: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

Sending Song – O Lord, Now Let Your Servant..... ELW #313

Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Adante in A Minor – Adolf Friedrich Hesse

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
12			Blake Rodd
15	Samantha Mueller		
17			Don Crouse

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sunday, March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Savings - Spring Forward!</i>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM After Worship	Adult Forum – Current events Worship New Member Orientation
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Upper Tincum Upper Black Eddy	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty’s Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Faithful in Prayer</i>
Friday, March 17, 2023 Vegetable Soup Sale	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Soup Preparation Soup Sales

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES		
Sunday, March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship, Reception of New Members
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 St. Luke's Ferndale	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Striving for Justice</i> <i>Deadline for Newsletter submission</i>
Sunday March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Evangelical Durham	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Dying and Rising with Christ</i>

Chat & Chew – Pastor Jim will be available in the church office each Thursday at 12:30 PM for Chat & Chew. Bring a bag lunch and join the conversation!



March Outreach - This Month's collection will go to *Worthwhile Wear* (provides recovery and housing services to human trafficking victims), see worthwhilewear.org for more information. We are also collecting soup for local food banks. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



Easter Flowers

Easter Flower order forms are available on the table in the Narthex.



Please lift up in prayer the following:



Keep in your
PRAYERS

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Esther Crouse; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; George Kreitz; Joan Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Julia Michl; Barbara Naska; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Anna Gachev-Friedel; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Cecelia Kukuchka; Tom MacFarland; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Ann Valent and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Robert Newcomb; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Linda Wilson

Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	Landon Helfrich
Altar	Miriam Anderson & Val McGinn
Lector	Val McGinn
Greeter(s)	Cathy Muller
Communion Usher	Lynn Gaun
Council Counting Team	Barb Naska & Cathy Mueller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz