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All Saints Sunday

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The Abundance of

All the Saints

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, November 7th ALLELUIA! SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!



All are welcome to this house of worship as we assemble on this All Saints' Sunday celebrating the faithful from the past, the present and the future joined together in one Holy Communion. We proclaim all who trust in Christ's presence in and through the bread and cup are prepared to receive the sacrament. Children who have yet to be instructed in Communion are invited to come forward with their family and receive a personal blessing. If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all, especially our children.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

RINGING THE BELL / PARISH NOTICES



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

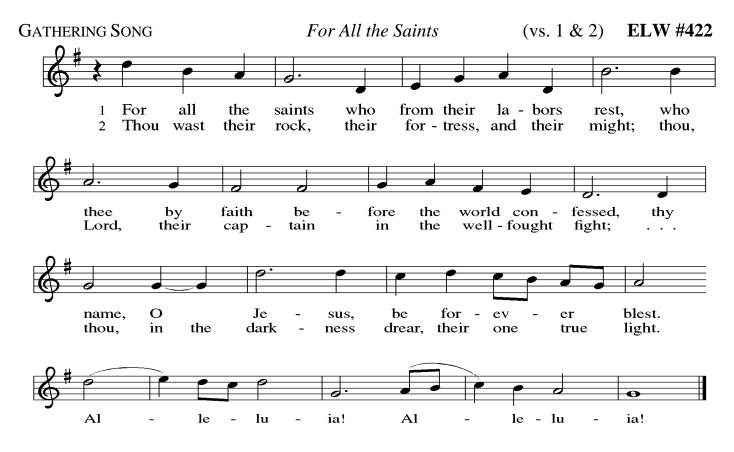
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**



GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, and God the Spirit placed upon us be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 25, verses 6-9.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,

a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,

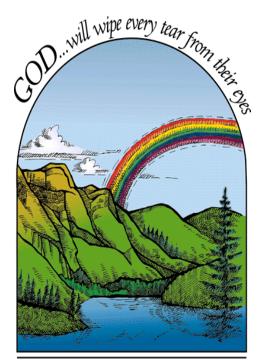
so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 21, verses 1-6a.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more. for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said. "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done!



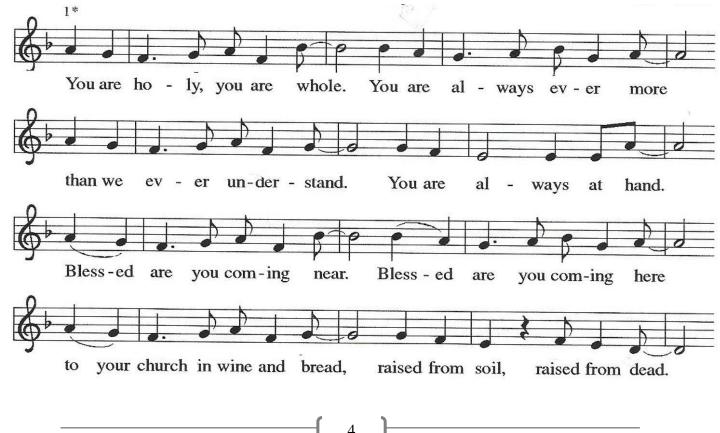
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

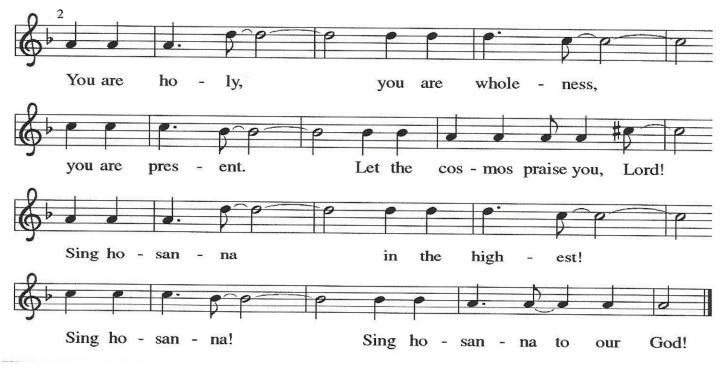
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if able)



Revelation 21:4





GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord."

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"



Pastor Tim Mason

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



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



A RITE OF REMEMBRANCE



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.

He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death, just as *Blake Steven Eckstein, Jackson James Eckstein, Izabella Grace Pomplun, Layla Rose Schewe, and Anika Ruth Sahay* were baptized here this year.

Like him, we were buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray. Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness.

We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.

Today we remember and give you thanks for:

	Born:	Died:
Laurel Beilke	05/16/1933	11/1/2020
Richard Peterman	03/12/1946	11/20/2020
Philip Jensen	04/30/1938	12/03/2020
Colleen Ibberson	03/25/1931	12/26/2020
Cathy Blackstad	02/22/1942	02/23/2021
Eunice Windschitl	01/15/1933	07/09/2021

and all who have died this past year. We commend them into your hands O merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

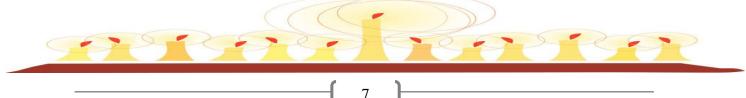
Grant to them, rest eternal, O Lord, and let your light shine upon them forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We also remember this day our departed loved ones in our hearts...and those we now name in our remembrance of them...

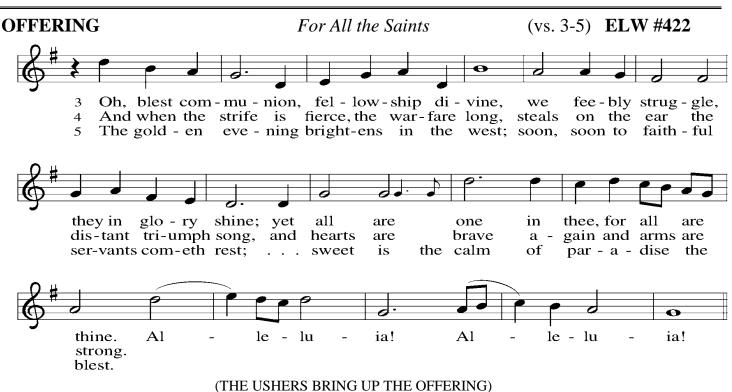
(If you desire to light a candle in remembrance of anyone you wish to remember today, please come forward, take a candle provided, light it from the large Paschal Candle, and place it in the sand on the lower altar as you remember your loved one.)

Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.



MEAL



OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUION

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



COMMUNION BLESSING The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God who created you, the mercy of + Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**



BELL / DISMISSALGo in peace. Remember the Saints. Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry
Reader	Diane Evers
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Communion Assistants	Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Karen Voge
Greeters	Kate Nelson & Sue Pedersen
Ushers	Mark Beito & Doug Domeier
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer & Sara Sellner

For an hour each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., our church hosts a women's Bible study. We meet in the library, and participants are welcome to bring their own coffee or beverage. There is a time to connect socially, learn about our role as women of faith, and pray together. Lesson materials are provided.



Finally, in following the advice of our health professionals and out of care and concern for our neighbors, masks are perfectly acceptable (and required for those not yet vaccinated). We space ourselves out around several library tables for even greater precaution. Finally, a Zoom link will be sent for those who wish to listen or participate from afar. Let the church office know if you would like to receive that link to the weekly meeting. All are welcome!

MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



Thank you for supporting our Youth projects! Greenery orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 21st, following worship in the parking lot near the garage.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the churchwide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Blue envelopes will be placed in narthex mailboxes—however, you may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating "*Thankoffering*" on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!

Holiday Lights in Motion is looking for volunteers to help set up the park for the upcoming season. We need volunteers Saturdays and Sundays 10am-4pm, starting October 16th through November 21st. We are also looking for volunteers to provide rolls or a lunch meal for our set up crews. Please visit <u>signupgenius.com</u> / Sleepy Eye Holiday Lights in Motion or contact Crystal at 507-227-4017 to sign up. Service hours are available for students and times are flexible!







Thrivent members are invited to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds. Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available

Brown County Public Health will be hosting multiple opportunities for vaccination to the 12+ population. Vaccine clinic dates and announcements will be posted on the Brown County Public Health Facebook page, in newspapers, announced on the radio, or please call 507-233-6820 to inquire about vaccine clinic dates and times.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm Al anon	2 11 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Bible Study at the Maples 6:30 pm AA	3 Bulletin Notices Due 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7 pm Confirmation	4	5	6 Fall Back
7 9 am- Holy Communion 10:10 am Education Hour Saints Saints Day Special Music	8 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 12:15 pm WELCA 5:30 pm Al anon	9 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA	10 Bulletin Notices Due 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7 pm Confirmation	11 * Salute OUR VETERANS	12	13
14 9 am-Worship 10:10 am Education Hour Board Budgets Due	15 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm Al anon	16 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 <i>pm AA</i> 7 pm Lay Ministry 7:45 pm Stewardship	17 Bulletin Notices Due 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Parish Planning Council 6 pm Choir 7 pm Confirmation	18	19	20 Tidings Articles Due
21 9 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Education Hour	22 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm Al anon	23 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA	24 Bulletin Notices Due 9 am-Women's Bible Study	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 9 am- Worship 10:10 am Education Hour First Sunday of Advent	29 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm Al anon	30 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm AA		to the Lord, f	for He is t	Good

A pastoral letter from the ELCA presiding bishop regarding the actions of the Reformed Church in America General Synod 2021

10/20/2021

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Dear church,

Like many of you, I have been praying for the Reformed Church in America (RCA) as it met in General Synod, Oct. 14-19, in Tucson, Ariz. For nearly a quarter century, we have grown in full communion with the RCA, sharing in mutual ministry and mission. We have come to know each other through our common witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In recent years, we have accompanied the RCA as it has wrestled with differences in theology and practice with regard to human sexuality. After being postponed due to the pandemic, the final Vision 2020 Report was presented to the General Synod in Tucson. This report offered recommendations for the future of the denomination with regard to staying together, radical restructure and grace-filled separation.

The synod said yes to all three by affirming the central place of global mission in the RCA, forming a restructuring team, and adopting regulations to provide an unobstructed pathway for those local churches that will depart the denomination. On the whole, these actions reflect the RCA's commitment to walking together, respecting differences, and affirming common mission and ministry. Importantly, the spirit of the synod was conciliatory and hope-filled, as delegates shared their disagreements in the bond of peace. We give thanks to God that the RCA, and our full communion partnership, will continue.

This is not the first time that we have accompanied an ecumenical partner in this way, nor will it be the last. We also have benefited greatly from the accompaniment of others as we traveled this same road. Our presence with our ecumenical partners is an opportunity to offer solidarity, to encourage unity, and to give witness to the good gifts from God received through the full inclusion of all people in the church and in ministry. We affirm that it is possible, by the grace of God, to be a church that makes an active choice to live with the disagreement among us, and "to accompany one another in study, prayer, discernment, pastoral care, and mutual respect" (*Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, 2009). This is the same spirit in which we approach our ecumenical partnerships.

As the apostle Paul reminds us, we are to bear with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity that is already ours in Jesus Christ. We pray that God will continue to strengthen the bond of peace within the RCA and the body of Christ, and to reveal new ways for us to be in service to God's liberating love for all people and creation. This is a life worthy of our calling together.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

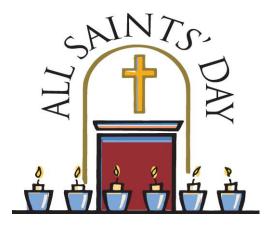
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Jesus gives us hope and strength in the face of death.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

- Sunday John 11:32-44 Monday Revelation 7:9-17 Tuesday John 11:17-27 Wednesday John 5:24-29 Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 Fridav Saturday Psalm 103:1-13 Sunday Mark 12:38-44
- the assigned Bible passages. Jesus raises Lazarus Those in white robes Jesus comforts Martha Crossed from death to life Resurrection of the dead Death has lost its sting Life from the pit The widow's generous offering



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelation 21:4

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please give us peace each day of our lives and hope in the face of death. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, you feed the living, lift up the fallen and give life to the dead. Praise and thanks be to you forever. Amen. A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with comfort, peace and hope. May the love of Jesus lift you up and faith in Christ carry you home. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What experiences of people dying have you had? What do you remember from those times?
- How did Jesus respond to the sorrow of Mary and Martha? What does that teach us about God?
- How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?

DEVOTIONS

On All Saints Day, we remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died. As part of your household devotional times this week, light candles for Christian friends and relatives who have died, whether recently or long ago. As each candle is lit, say these words together, *"Thank you, God, for the earthly life of (Name), and for the new life they have in you."*

SERVICE

Send a sympathy card from your household to a person who is mourning the death of a friend or family member. Include them in your prayers throughout the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Visit a local cemetery as a household. Look at the different gravestones and take note of symbols of Christian faith. Talk together about the hope that Christians have in the face of death because of Jesus.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



<u>Trinity's Mission Statement</u> We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message. TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!! "Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on <u>www.sleepyeyeonline.com</u> watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Giving:Not AvailableOctober Giving thru 10/24:\$18,202.84Yearly Contributions to Date\$197,483.14We are \$58,093.00 below budget.Your help is needed.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

<u>Pray for our World</u>...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

<u>Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering</u>...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Beth, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Abby, Emma, Ed, Story, Tina, Tammy, Robyn, Beth, Carmen, Julia Ann, Nathan, Steven, Tammy, John, Sandy, Tony, Ted, Connor, Sue, Ed, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

<u>Pray for the beloved</u>... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

<u>Pray for all families</u>...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for those preparing for marriage and those newly <u>married</u>...that God would be glorified in their union, filling every couple with the light and truth of God's grace and power throughout their lives ...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for Brady Augustin and his wife (Donna Augustin's son stationed in Italy)...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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I am giving permission for free use of any of my hymns to churches during the pandemic, knowing that many churches are struggling right now with their budgets. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette "TO THE THIRSTY I WILL GIVE FROM THE SPRING OF THE WATER OF LIFE." RELEVATION 21:6