



Lent

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Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 28, 2021



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SERVICE OF THE WORD: SUNDAYS IN LENT

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee — Joyce Jones

Jiyoung Lee

WELCOME

Pastor Jim Kruse

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
and whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

PM: Holy God,

C: We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin.

We turn inward, failing to follow your way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the resources of the earth and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.

Amen.

PM: Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we
are forgiven. We are called to be a beloved community, living out Christ's justice and
the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Here We Are to Worship — Tim Hughes

Cantor

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened our eyes, let us see.

Beauty that made our hearts adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Here we are to worship, here we are to bow down,

Here we are to say that you're our God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to us.

King of all days, so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth you created,

All for love's sake became poor.

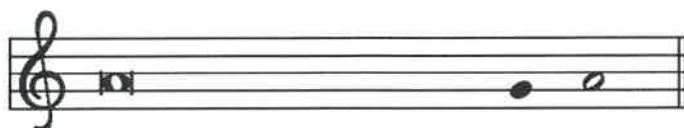
We'll never know how much it cost to see our sins upon that cross.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

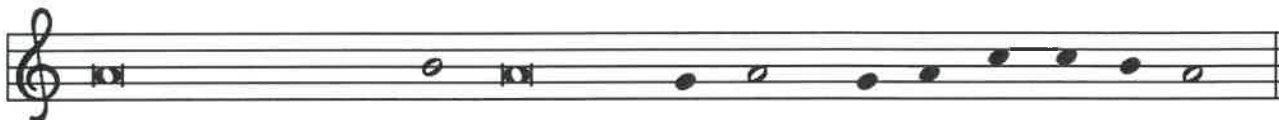
KYRIE



AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



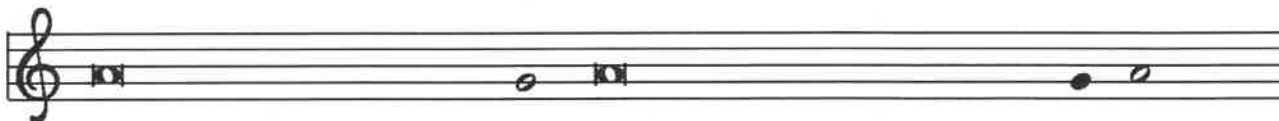
C: Lord, have mer - cy.



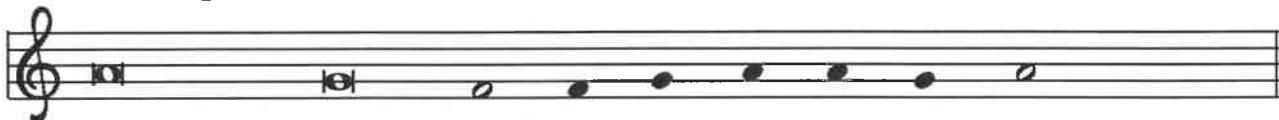
AM: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



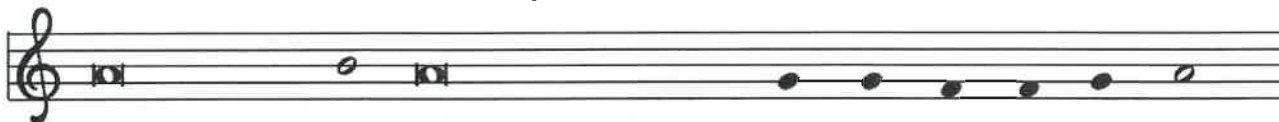
AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mer - cy.



AM: Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray. O God,

C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Return to God*

Cantor

Text & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON***Don't Forget about the Three Days*

Pastor Jim Kruse

The first real job I had, I only had for two days. Now I know that doesn't sound like a real job to you, if I only worked it for two days. But it was a real job to me just that same. And that is probably part of the problem. It was a real job to me because I was sixteen years old when I applied for it, the legal age in the State of Hawaii, where I was living, to be able to work at a real job. It was a real job to me because, before I could apply for the job I had to go the Social Security office and get a Social Security card and number. It was a real job to me because it did not involve taking care of other people's children or taking the weeds out of their yards or cutting their grass, all for 50 cents an hour. It was a real job to me because I had to show up at 8:30 in the morning and go home at 5:00 in the evening with only a half hour for lunch. And it was a real job to me because I had to punch a time card, and wait for a pay check, and pack a lunch box every day. But mostly it was a real job to me because I had been looking forward to it for months.

The job was working in the Del Monte pineapple cannery in Honolulu. It was work that many high school kids got for their first job. I am not sure why I wanted the job. My older brother had gone to work when he turned sixteen two years earlier. But working hard has always been in his nature. It was his duty to being alive. And my twin brother went to work at the same time, because he wanted the money. He always wanted money to spend. But it was more complicated than that for me. I did not have a sense of duty to the world, and I did

not need the money. For me, entering the work force was a rite of passage into a world I had only previously imagined. It was time to grow up. It was time to become an adult.

As it turned out, I spent far more time and energy preparing to take this job than I spent working it. The reason I only worked the job for two days is that I found out it is hard, back breaking work stacking cases of cans of pineapples onto wooden pallets all day. I found out that a half an hour is not enough time for a sixteen-year-old to recover from stacking cases of cans of pineapples onto wooden pallets for four hours and still eat a decent lunch. I found out that even though I was a Junior in high school, I was already a lot smarter than the guy whose job it was to tell me how to stack cases of cans of pineapples onto wooden pallets. But most importantly I suddenly realized that, at sixteen years old, I wanted to play one more summer baseball before I graduated from High School. I found out that working hard and having spending money was not nearly as much fun as playing baseball and having no money.

In the Gospel for today, Peter was almost exactly at the point in his life of following Jesus where I was after two days of work. Peter had decided to follow Jesus because he saw something special in this man. Peter saw Jesus captivate the crowds with his teaching. He saw Jesus touch the hearts and lives of sick and dying, people who had no hope in life and no prospects for improvement, and healed them. Peter saw the way Jesus stood up to the religious and governmental authorities and outsmarted them time and again. Peter also liked the way Jesus talked about building a new kingdom, about bringing the lively presence of God into the dreariness of a gray and dying world. Peter had given a good portion of his life, but more importantly, a greater portion of his heart, to the vision of being side by side with Jesus in accomplishing his work.

But then, in today's Gospel, Peter gets a taste of that work will be like when Jesus turns to his disciples and says, "My work is about suffering at the hands of the authorities, my life will be taken from me, and after three days I will rise again. And not only that, but it is the work of everyone who wants to follow behind me, to lose their life in this way as well."

We are not told what Peter said to Jesus, only that it could be characterized a rebuke, a scolding of some sort. We do not know what Peter said, but we do know what Peter found out about being a disciple. Peter found out that being a disciple was not as exciting as he thought it was going to be. Peter found out that the life of being a disciple of Jesus is hard work. It was a life of suffering, it was a life of rejection, it was a life of loss. And after all of that, it was a life that led to death at the hands of others.

Yes, we know what Peter heard in the words of Jesus. But we also know what Peter did not hear that Jesus said (quite openly Mark tells us). Peter did not hear Jesus say, "that after three days I will rise again." We know that Peter did not hear Jesus say that because, if Peter had heard it, Peter would not have been so distraught. Peter would not have been so angry. Peter would not have laid into Jesus with his strong rebuke. If Peter had heard about the three days he would not have been so worried about his own hopes and desires being fulfilled. He would not have abandoned Jesus on the day Jesus was arrested and hastily condemned to death. Had Peter heard about the three days he would have been more willing to stay at Jesus side all the way through.

For most of us, being a part of a Christian community of faith is a meaningful, enlivening experience. It may not always be exciting, but it is at least helpful. We have been touched by the word of God's love for us. We have been comforted by the caring words and prayers of our friends in times of trouble. We have been given hope in the message that those loved ones who have died before us now rest in God's eternal care. And we find meaning in extending the love of God into the lives of those who need to hear and know it.

But there are times in our lives when the words of Jesus in this Gospel lesson seem to be spoken to us as well as the original hearers. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Sometimes these words of Jesus challenge us to care less about who are the "charter" members of the congregation and more about who are the visitors, the strangers to us. Sometimes we hear that word in a challenge to give more time, more money, more of our heart to the work of the Body of Christ. Sometimes we hear that word in a challenge to be more committed in to bible study, worship, and prayer. Sometimes we hear the challenge of God to lose our lives in a more personal way; to give away our lives raising our children or caring for our parents, to let go of our loved ones to death, or to let go of our political views in order to find a common point of justice or peace with others.

But whenever, and how ever, we hear these words as applying to us, our first reaction is the same as Peter's. We are upset. We get angry. We think it is unfair. The desire of our hearts push back, maybe even move onto something else. This is not the life of faith that we thought we had signed up for.

Two more times in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciple that he was going to suffer, be rejected, be put to death, and in three days rise again. Three times in all he makes this prediction about the way he will die. And all three times, Peter and the other do not hear the word about the rising again. The first words are too harsh. The first words are too overwhelming. It takes them all the way to the cross of Christ, all the way through the dark sadness of waiting during those three long days, all the way to having the resurrected Jesus appear to them again and again and again, before it finally sinks in. The way that God changes us and our lives is through death and resurrection, giving up and getting back, letting go and seeing what comes next.

When we find ourselves in the middle of God's challenge to give up our hearts, give up our desires, give up the way we have known the world and the church to be in the past; to give our time, our money, and our lives for the sake of the Gospel of Christ; we need to remember the three days. Remember that the grave that held Jesus was soon opened up. Remember that the life we give will be given back. Remember that the troubles we are in will not last forever. Remember the three days. There is always resurrection. There is always new life. There is always the grace of God.

Eventually I got my second chance at my first real job. It was working the overnight shift for a 7-eleven store in my hometown. And I got my chance to learn the lessons of good

hard work. It took Peter several years for this new knowledge to sink in. After three days, life begins anew. Remember the three days!

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Cantor

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887; Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

When life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

OFFERING

During the season of Lent, we see and hear most clearly the fullness of God's love, as Jesus accepts the journey to the cross, where he suffers death on our behalf. The mission of the church is to continue to carry this good news to all people across the years. Please make a special effort this Lent to support this work at Our Savior Lutheran Church with your financial gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

PM: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in our journey as we pass over death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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 PEOPLE

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

[A brief silence.]

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-

being. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression, especially Rachel, Alice, Leslie, Evy and her family, the Smith & Taylor families, James, Joan and Stephanie, Betty, Brandi, Katia & Rahul, Willie & Mary, Donna, Bruni, the Kowal and the Zazueta families, Roger, Carol, Weatherly Inn residents and staff, Ron, communities across the country, Dave, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Sonja, Nicole, Josee and Jeannie. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the powerful and helpless, you clothe us with strength when our spirits are weak and weary. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge in our community and around the world, comfort the families of those who have died, heal the bodies of those who are suffering, sustain those who provide care, encourage those whose livelihood has been affected, and hasten the distribution of medical vaccines. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what and for whom else do the people of God pray this morning?

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your love as you teach us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Cantor

Text & Music: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

BLESSING

PM: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE*My Jesus, I Love Thee* — A.J. Gordon

Jiyoung Lee

Serving in Worship:

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jim Kruse
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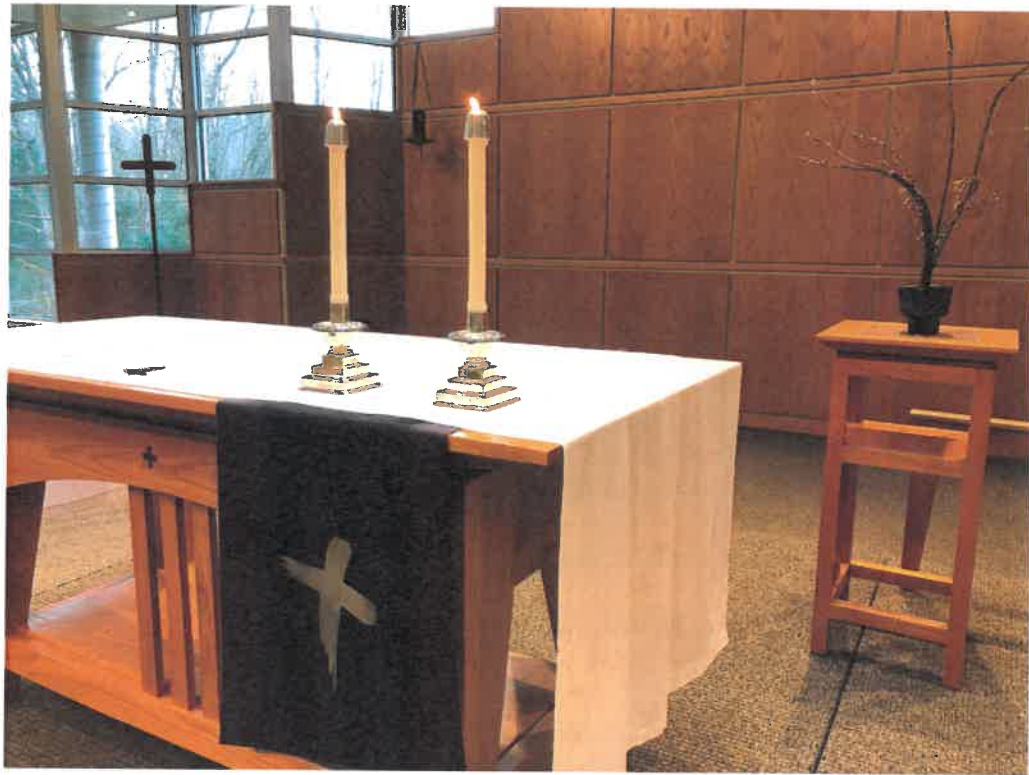
Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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Additional worship resources:

Reading: Psalm 22: 23-31

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord*
Text & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslcssaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.

Rachel 21 yrs. Old, seeking a kidney transplant and may need dialysis. (Marilyn Carlson)

Alice F healing and wholeness. (Marilyn Carlson)

Leslie Lapp hit by a car and recovering from injuries, wife to a pastor in California. (Mary Ann Hult)

Evy Sneva and her family as they grieve the loss of her son.

The Smith and Taylor families, James Murphy recovering from COVID (Shelley & Mark Howe)

Joan Perry admitted to the hospital for COVID 19, and her daughter, **Stephanie**. (Cheryl Neeb)

Betty Anderson-healing of intestinal issues. (mother of Shelley Howe)

Brandi Kowal-peace and strength after a miscarriage. (niece of Shelley Howe)

Katia & Rahul, Willie & Mary, Donna, Bruni, the The Kowal & Zazueta families recovering from COVID (Shelley & Mark Howe)

Roger Stanley strength and healing. (Alice Lewis)

Carol Harbolt peace and healing. (Ray Harbolt)

Weatherly Inn residents and staff (Ray Harbolt)

Ron Gerde healing for recent medical issues.

(Brother to Bob Gerde)

Safety and peace for communities being torn apart during these difficult times. (Karen Hansen)

Dave Carlson continued healing and following kidney transplant surgery.

Guests of the Community Meals Program safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

Sonja 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

Nicole DeCamp healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

Josee Jordan peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

Jeannie Lindquist continued healing and strength.

Healing and peace of mind: Henrik & Patty Christopherson (Dianne Tanner); **Vern Lindquist; Marian James; Gregory** (nephew of Joanne Suttmeier); **Doug Patur; Katie Moeller; Margot Inman; Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Marilyn Carlson; Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas; Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson);

Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Jeanne Kuipers; John Pass; Florence Kinnune; Carol Harbolt; Sandy Aldworth; Jen Winslow; Larry Pruitt.

Undergoing cancer treatment: **Carol Howe** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Tom Killoran** (Shelley Howe); **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Christy Williams** (Bill Bergsma); **Dana Mancini** (Jan Setterlund); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Barry Donker** (Joan Parish); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson); **Yuko Takiguchi** (Teiko Soland); **Barb** (Janette Singley)

Living with cancer: **Liz Kidd** (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson; Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Mark Becker** (uncle of Paula Seeger); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Mira Bergsma**

Expectant Mothers: **Karen** (daughter of Bob & Patty Gerde); **Marian Martin** (Stacy Smith); **Alyssa Saavedra** (Cheryl Neeb); **Shawna McIntyre** (Cheryl Neeb)

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **JD Golick** (nephew to Patty Gerde); **Dave McMurray** (father of Shannon Dickens); **Del Elliott** (Kate Gagnon); **John Sneva** (Evy Sneva's son); **Alec Wright** (Shelley & Mark Howe); **Beverly** (sister of Ashley Saunders); **Gail** (sister of Sandy Aldworth)

Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms: **Mike** special ops, unexpectedly called up. (nephew of Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

Global Missions and Missionaries: The Autism Rehabilitation Center in Qingdao. Congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.