



Lent

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 7, 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 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* — Marty Haugen Scott Hafso

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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Cantor

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872; Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time,

All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;

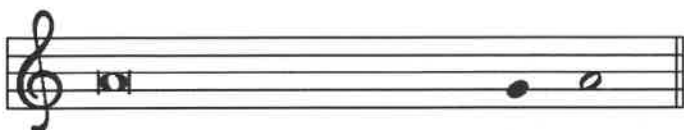
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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.

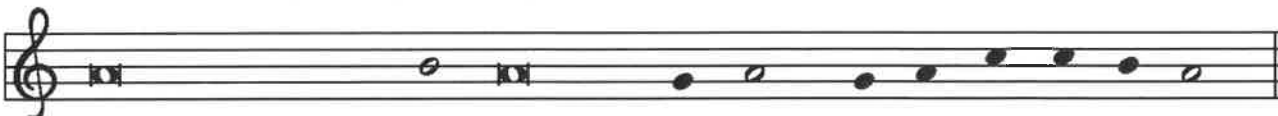
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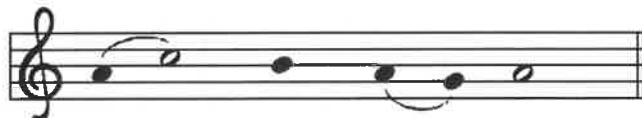
AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



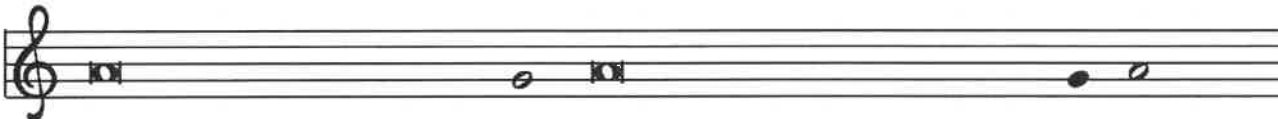
C: Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



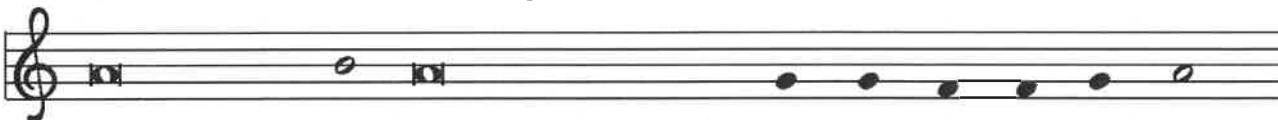
AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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. Holy God,

C: through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Return to God*

Cantor

Text & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer-cy: Come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON*Cleaning Up the House*

Pastor Jim Kruse

There was a debate raging within the congregation in which I grew up when I was 11 years old. I suppose I use the word, "raging" loosely. It was probably not as big a deal then as I think it was. But when an 11-year-old is aware of the conversations that are going on in the back rooms of the church building, and when that conversation spills out around the dinner table in our home, it felt like "raging" to me. So there must have been something to it.

The debate was about the tables that were set up in the narthex 2 or 3 times a year by the youth group in order to do a little fundraising. The older kids in the church usually had something to sell to the members as they came in and out of the worship. Baked goods, cookies and cakes, things that their mothers had whipped up in the kitchen on Saturday afternoon, were a popular item. Sometimes members could buy the "service time" of a young person. Getting your lawn mowed cost so and so. Cleaning out the gutters was such and such. Things like that.

The pastor was against putting up tables in the narthex to raise money. He thought it took away from the whole worshipful experience of going to church on Sunday morning. And since the money was coming out of the same pockets anyway, he thought that the youth group activities should be fully funded in the budget and raised through general giving.

My father was on the other side of the issue. He thought that having the young people of the church get involved in raising their own funds gave them a sense of industry. It was good

for them to work for their money—helped them appreciate it more than just giving it to them. I'm not sure which side won the actual debate. But the tables eventually did show up. And I sure enjoyed the cookies we bought on our way out of the building.

My mother also had an opinion about the youth group setting up tables in the narthex and holding fundraisers on Sunday morning. She was not on one side or the other. But she thought people were making too big a deal about it. The debate was causing stress in the church that was hurting relationships. She just wanted a decision to be made, and order restored.

What I did not know then, but learned many times over in my life as a church member and a pastor is that this little debate in our little church has been part of life in any community of faith since the beginning of time. And we get echoes of this controversy in the Gospel reading for today. How much should the life and activities we engage in around our places of worship, reflect and influence how we order out daily lives?

To the people of Jesus' day, the Temple in Jerusalem was more than just a place of worship. The temple was the place where God and humanity got together. The temple was the place where the very best teachers of the scriptures gathered to hold their classes. The temple was the place where the religious authorities made judgments about what was right and wrong in God's eyes. The temple was the place where the priests offered sacrifices of prayers and animals. The temple was the place where whole lives were dedicated, blessed, and even sometimes lost—all in the name of keeping things right with God. So the event of Jesus disrupting the business of the temple in Jerusalem had deep significance. He was doing more than just interrupting the conduct of a single day of business, though that was true. And he was also doing more than just pointing out that their practices of changing money and selling animals for the sacrifices involved a significant level of price gouging, though that was also true. But what Jesus was really doing was teaching them that their understanding of who God is was wrong.

The changing of money from Roman coins into Jewish coins, and the providing of animals for sacrifice, was originally intended to help people keep their relationships with God pure. Many people did not have the means or lifestyle to keep the animals that were used for temple sacrifices. And for those who did, transporting those animals with them as they traveled to Jerusalem was difficult. As a matter of convenience, the temple leadership provided animals, usually doves, for sale. But they had to be purchased with temple coinage, not the Roman coins of common life, because the Roman coins had images of the Emperor on them, who was venerated as a god in the culture.

Over the years, the good purposes of these practices had been corrupted. Instead of being helpful, the act of buying and selling money and animals was being done in such a way that put extra burden on the people. Instead of honoring the One whose grace and loving kindness sustained life and all things, the transactions become an important business for boosting the Jerusalem economy. And in order to get those priorities back into their proper order, Jesus had to turn the whole thing upside down.

To have been present to experience the event would have been an amazing at best. But also frightening, disconcerting, and deeply troubling.

As people who are dedicated to following the way of Christ, we are also vulnerable to having the tables of our lives on us and our misunderstandings of God. Whether we are aware of it or not, there are deep, radical, disconcerting shifts going on all the time in our lives and our hearts. What we learned about God when we were 5, or 12, or 18, or 30, or 50, or 70, is not the same as what we will learn about God today--not if we are growing in faith. And not if God is actively working on our behalf. All of the understandings and experiences of God we have had in the past are into the nature of God. But if they become the focus of our attention, if they become more important than getting fresh glimpses of God waiting for a new day, then they become obstacles. They block our vision and they keep God far away. And with the help of the same Spirit of Christ, they need to be driven out.

The money-changing practices of our lives could be many things. They could be the good and gracious experiences of God that we hold onto too tightly, as if these things were God himself. They may be the prayers and hymns we hold so dear. They may be the ways we relate to our friends, family, or co-workers. They may be the way we view the rules of conduct, like the ten commandments that we heard read again for us in the First Lesson. They may even be worship practices that are being lost as we are adapting to life under the pandemic. Any of these things, and many others, have their origins in good and orderly practices that were designed to help and strengthen our relationship with God. But they also can cause deep trouble for us if they become more important than the God of our lives and hearts.

“I am the God who brought you out of slavery in Egypt,” the First Reading begins. It is a reminder of the relationship God established with the children of Israel. It is that relationship that even makes the commandments worth considering in the first place. Without that relationship, the commandments are just a short list of all the many good and healthy ways there are to live out life. But within the context of the relationship, the commandments give their hearers insight into the nature of a God who loves his creation, and wants deeply for that creation to love its creator back, and to express that love in the way creation lives together.

As I look back at the controversy that was brewing in my home church through the eyes of 56 years of growth and maturity, I now think that it was my mother had an the most helpful approach. Had she had it in her nature, she would have loved to walk into the back room of the church on a Tuesday night, when the discussion was getting heated and just turn the conference table over and tell everyone to just knock it off. But she was a kind person and had the strength of a heathy 5’3” petite woman, so both of those actions were beyond her ability.

In John’s Gospel, the story of Jesus driving the money-changers out of the temple comes at the beginning of his ministry. This reading is from Chapter 2. In the other Gospels, you probably know that this event takes place during Holy Week, just days before Jesus is arrested and crucified. For John, it sets the tone for all that Jesus is about. His whole life was lived in a way that “cleans up the house” where God lives with God’s people.

The best and highest coming together of God with God’s people is one that strips away all the layers of “stuff” that lies between us. Jesus lived this life in a way of life that finally got Jesus arrested, tried for treason, and executed on the cross. But it was also the way that

got him raised to an odd new life--a life of glory in God's presence. It was a way of life that captured the hearts of those who had followed him in it. As our Gospel says, "For they remembered what he had said, and they believed the scriptures."

We do not know what will be raised up in us every new day when we step out into the world to walk in the way of Christ. The chances are that it will just as likely surprise and shock us, as it will please and comfort us. It may look and feel as though it is unlikely to be true. It may look strange to us. I may feel uncomfortable. What God is doing today in our lives may even look like something out of someone else's life that mistakenly got into our own. Whatever it is that shifts in our lives when God has been there, it does not have to scare us or make us uneasy. It is there because God is there, tinkering with our lives, cleaning up our houses.

God may even be "visiting the children for the iniquity of the parents to the third and fourth generation, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love him and keep his commandments." We don't know.

But whatever it is that God is doing, we can be at peace as we "remember and believe."

AMEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

Cantor

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952; Music: Irish traditional

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!.

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

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.

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering, 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. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we are thankful for the ELCA mission partnership with churches in China. We lift up the Autism Rehabilitation Center in Qingdao for its care of children and community service. 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.**

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death.

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

The Old Rugged Cross — Carlton R. Young

Jiyoung Lee

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Additional worship resources:

Reading: Psalm 19

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *Lift High the Cross*

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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Readings for next Sunday: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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@oslcissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.

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 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)

Les Gagnon peace and healing. (Kate Gagnon)

Mayah healing. (Connie Fletcher)

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.