TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 5, 2025 • 9AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost • Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

PRELUDE

Fenton Rognsvoog, Faith Rognsvoog

Lighthouse in the Storm K. Olson

Monument Valley K. Olson

Chorus from "Judas Maccabaeus" G. F. Handel

Cathedral K. Olson

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the God of Resurrection. †

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for confession.

- P: God of New Life.
- C: We confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith which is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under the trials and temptations of life. We want to be strong, but we know our own weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain we humanly devise. God, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes.
- P: Hear the good news of God's forgiveness. Our God is a great God and knows what we need in every area of our life. God knows our weaknesses and our unbelieving hearts. God loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness for our sin. Today the focus is not on the faith we can muster, but on the great gifts our God gives. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God. †
- C: Alleluia and Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymn 526 (stand)

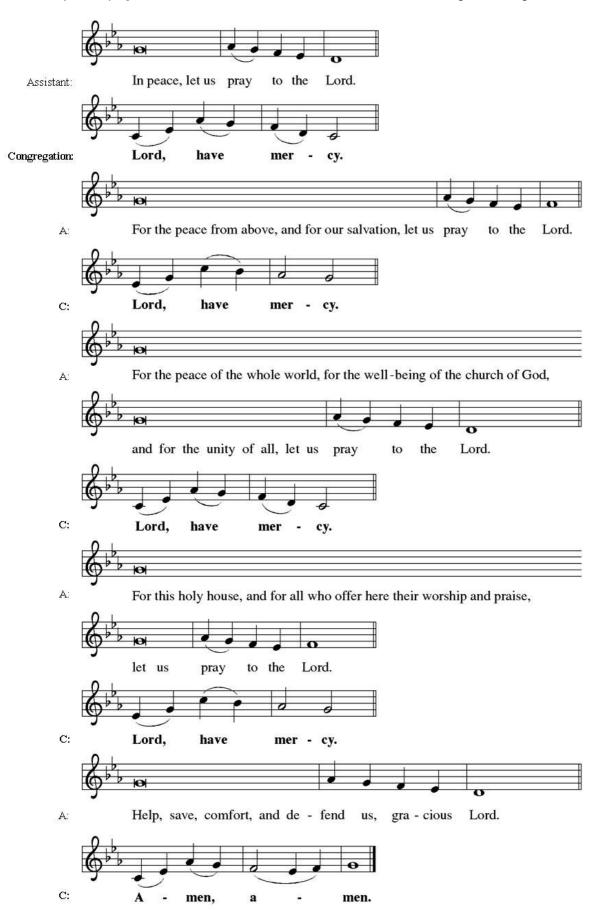
God Is Here!



GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.



This Is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in

faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 pew Bible, page 856

Merill Sizemore, Lector

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM 37:1-9 pew Bible, page 500

Lector: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

Congregation: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

- L: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- C: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- L: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- C: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- L: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
- C: do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
- L: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret it leads only to evil.
- C: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 pew Bible, page 1086

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON hymnal page 102



GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10 pew Bible, page 956

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Increase Our Faith Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY hymn 796 (stand)

How Firm a Foundation



APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS stand or kneel

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

brief silence.

Assistant: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

- A: O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

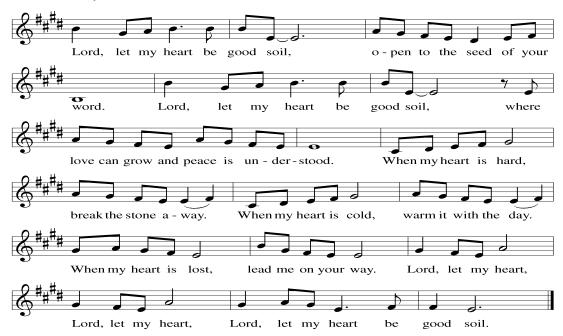
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM Chatter With the Angels Greg Gilpin

OFFERTORY hymn 512

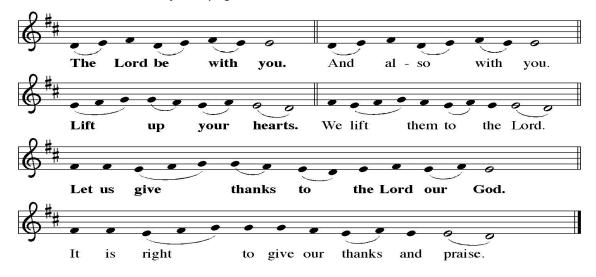


OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING hymnal page 107



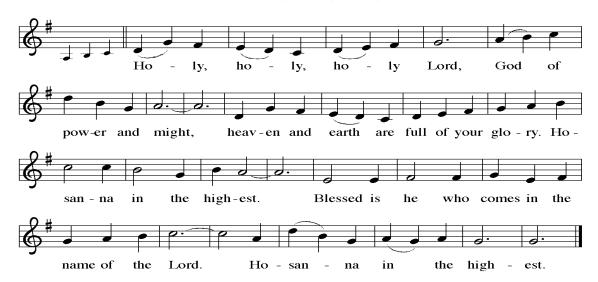
PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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THE SANCTUS hymnal, page 108

Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, O God. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

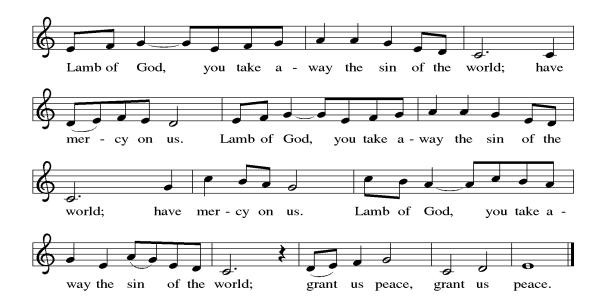
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD hymnal, page 112 (seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymn 854

Blessing and Honor

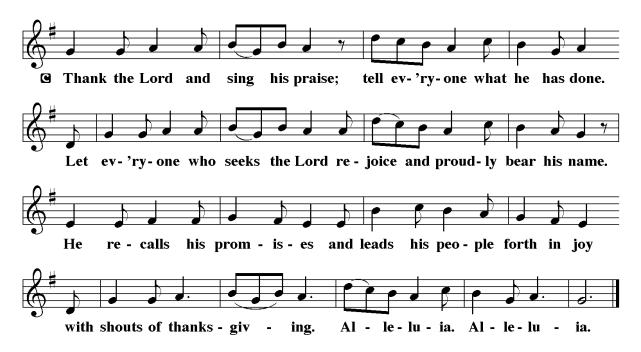


COMMUNION BLESSING stand

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

Congregation: O God, thanks for bringing us together today. We're here because we care—about this church, this mission, and the people we serve. Sometimes it's hard to see the road ahead, but we believe you've planted something good for us and in this place. Help us dream faithfully, not just boldly. Give us eyes to see what's possible and hearts that stay grounded in what matters most. Let our vision be more than words—make it a movement. And when we disagree or get stuck, remind us we're on the same team, working toward something bigger than ourselves. Lead us,

guide us and keep us open to your Spirit, Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF OUR DEACON

Jane Dakolios, October 5 — October 18

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember that by the goodness of God you were born. Remember that in the mercy of Jesus Christ you have been redeemed. Remember that the Holy Spirit walks with you every day to comfort you, to strengthen you and to guide you. Remember that while others have called you servant, Christ calls you friend. In the strength of that mighty friendship, go forth now to serve in Jesus' name. †

Congregation: Amen

SENDING HYMN hymn 781 (stand)

Children of the Heavenly Father



- Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly his bo - som gath - er; in
- God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak eth, God his chil dren ne'er for sak eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en. e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. the lov-ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Allegro" on How Firm a Foundation arr. Janet Linker

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Marj West

GREETER Jane Dakolios

USHERS Randy Stewart, Jim Hallahan

Assisting Minister Collin Kasefang

LECTOR Merill Sizemore

Loni Peters, Laura Beardsley, COMMUNION MINISTERS

Mary Beth Hallahan, Lisa Stelter

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Debbie Ragucci

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 a.m. Traditional Service with organ and choir

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Service with praise band

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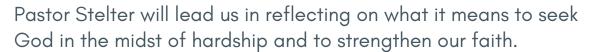
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Love God. Love Others. Serve.

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

OCTOBER 5

Theme: Increase Our Faith





DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.

Sunday School Classes held at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed - In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

NURSERY



Jesus welcomed everyone—and so do we! Children are a cherished part of our church family. Coloring pages are available near the center doors, and a staffed nursery is open on Sundays down the hall by the restrooms (with a convenient diaper changing station). For parents who'd like to stay with their little ones, our Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary offers a comfortable space with a nursing area, diaper changing station, and full view of the service so you can participate in worship together.

WELCOME

If you are new, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.





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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10 a.m. English Language Class

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

12 p.m. Sons of Norway at Community

3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, OTCTOBER 7

1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class (Open to all)

6:30 p.m. Spirituality Book Club

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 p.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting

10:30 a.m. Pantry Leadership Team

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

11 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10 a.m. English Language Class

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Inquirers Class

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Invite A Friend

- Sunday, October 12, 10:15 a.m.
- This is the perfect time to invite a friend or family member, as we are holding an Inquirers Class. It is a chance for visitors to discover how to stay connected, get involved, and meet people.

Blessing of the Pets

November 8 at 10 a.m.

Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

- December 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- We are seeking crafters, bakers, and people to help work the event.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Habakkuk 1:5-17, James 1:2-11, Psalm 3

Tuesday: Habakkuk 2:5-11, 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21, Psalm 3

Wednesday: Habakkuk 2:12-20, Mark 11:12-14, 20-24,

Psalm 3

Thursday: Leviticus 14:33–53, 2 Timothy 1:13–18, Psalm 111

Friday: Numbers 4:34 - 5:4, 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Psalm 111

Saturday: Numbers 12:1-15, Luke 5:12-16, Psalm 111

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:1-2, 7-15, Psalm 111 (1), 2 Timothy 2:8-

15, Luke 17: 19

Faithful Response

September Offerings: \$40,690 Offerings year to date: \$ 611,465

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PRAYERS



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Friends: App family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Patty Bridges, Joe Callahan, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Nadine Heilsbetz, Joy Hymer, Gerald Jenkins family, Juniper Johnson, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Anita & Steve Latham, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Tillie Meffert, Donna Moore, Josh Nicols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Susan Wymer, Gary Yonke, Aaron & Zionah, Angel, Ashley & Matty, Darcy, Jodi, Katie, Michael and those we name to You.

Spiritual renewal, Via de Cristo retreat, October 2-5: Elaine Mount, Larry Koran, Gary Mount, team members.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Elaine Gilliland, Bev Butler, Nick Leonhart.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Vicki & girls, Ted & Sandra, Grace, Tommy, Carolyn, Gerald, Trent, Kristi, Don, Charlie, Thomas, Otis, Tiffany & family, Bonnie, Richard, Ibukunoluwa, Ana, Winnie, Anna, Savannah & Nana, Jesse, Teresa, Jessica, Sue, Debbie, Rosemary *and those known to God*.

Salvation Army Friends: Lisa & Lawrence, Ralph, Willie, Chris, Cheryl, Daphne, Paula, Madeline, Elizabeth, Amanda, Annalea, Jamar, Aoora, Oliver, Jason, Brandon, James, Kenny, Pee Wee, Lisa *and those known to God*.

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Eaton, Bishop Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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