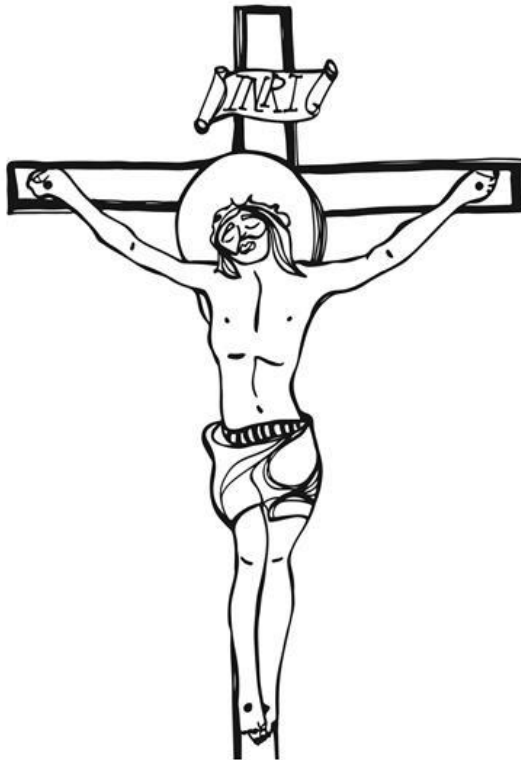


# You're Welcome...



**Lent 4: March 10, 2024**



## The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



### GATHERING

#### Announcements

**The Prelude:** *Lift High the Cross*, Robert J. Powell

P. We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

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

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

*(stand)*

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C. And also with you!**

**The Entrance Hymn: #660 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS**

**The Apostolic Greeting:**

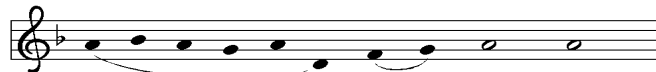
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

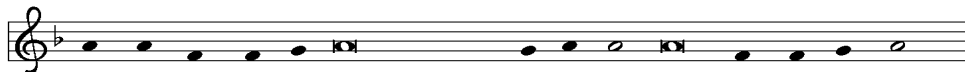
**The Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



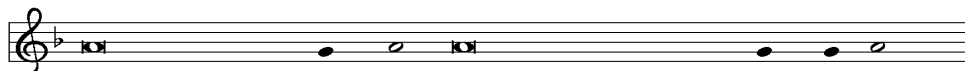
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



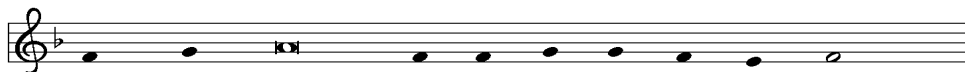
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



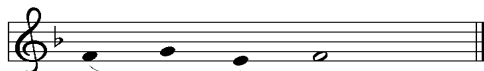
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## **The Prayer of the Day:**

P. O God, rich in mercy,

**C. by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **The First Lesson: Numbers 21: 4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 107:1-3,17-22 (read responsively with the lector)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10**

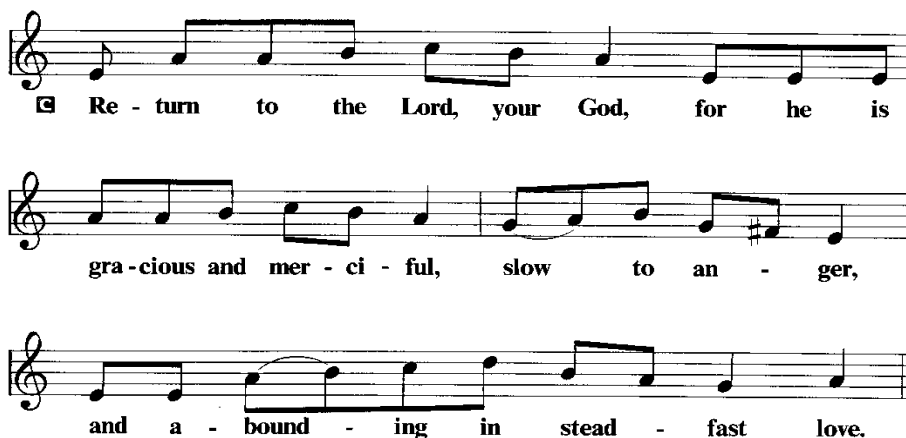
<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

### The Lenten Sentence



### The Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

P. The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and

people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Mark Luscombe

*(silence) (please stand)*

**Hymn of the Day:** #715 CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**Apostles' Creed**

P. Let us affirm our faith in the words of the 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**

**The Prayers** *(kneel or sit as able)*

A. Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*(Kneel) (after each petition, please respond)*

A. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

P. Gracious God, during these times of fear, grief, and uncertainty that weigh heavily on our hearts and minds, we pray to you for comfort and strength. As we look towards the future of our beloved congregation and its ministries, we seek your guidance and help in faithfully setting aside our desires and placing our trust in your unending love and the certainty that it is your will that will be done. We ask you for the wisdom to accept your will with faith in your life-giving grace.

P. Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

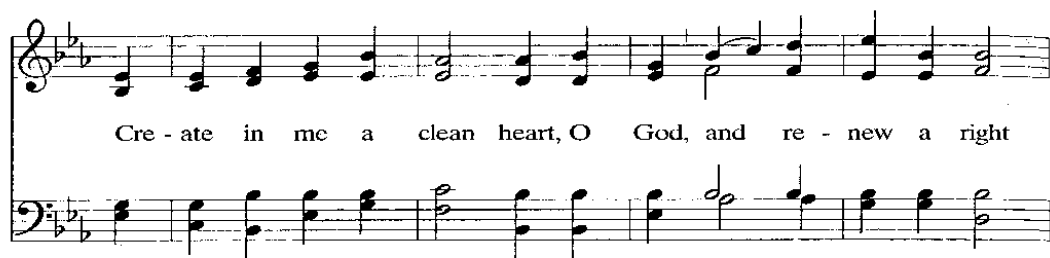
**C. Amen**

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Offering: Sr. Choir:** *Everlasting Love*, Lloyd Larson

*(Please stand)*

## The Offertory Hymn: *Create In Me A Clean Heart*



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



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



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



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

## The Offertory Prayer

P. Merciful God,

**C. 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**

## The Preface Dialogue

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Proper Preface for Lent

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

## The Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

The musical score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. Slurs are used to group notes across measures. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The final staff ends with a double bar line.



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. In the night in which he was handed over, 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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P. O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P. With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men'.

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
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For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## The Fraction:

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

C. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## Lamb of God:

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

*(Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.)*

## The Distribution:

*[All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful].*

#779 AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

#593 DRAWN TO THE LIGHT

#323 GOD LOVED THE WORLD

#332 I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

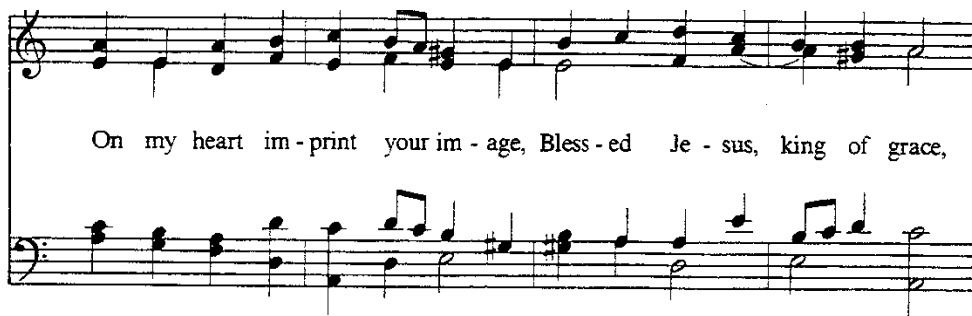
#714 O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

## The Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

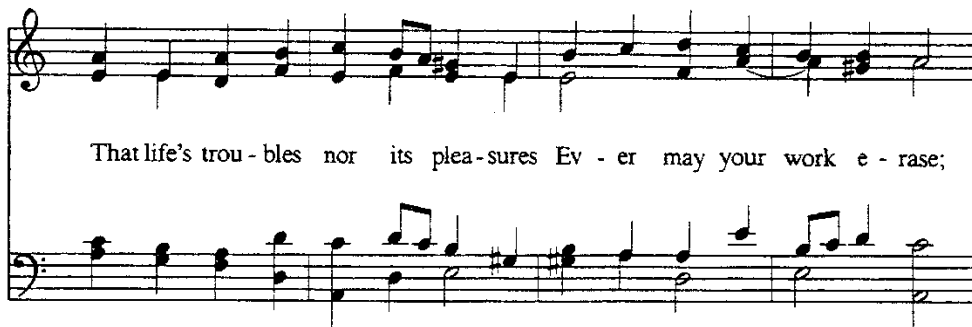
C. Amen

## Post Communion Canticle:



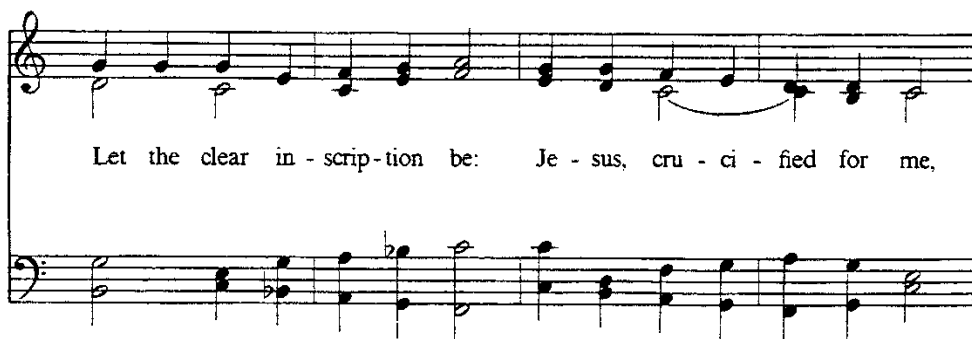
On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



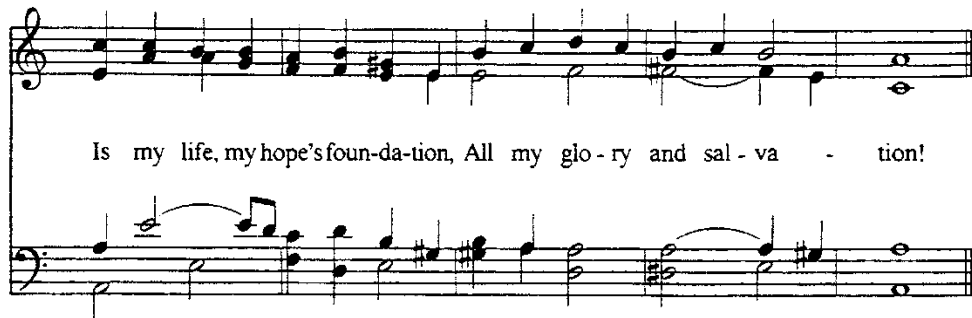
That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line, maintaining the same musical structure.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment, with a slight change in the bass line's harmonic support.



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

The final system of musical notation concludes the canticle with a final cadence in both the treble and bass staves.

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

P. We give you thanks almighty God,

**C. that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **The Benediction:**

P. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

### **The Dismissal:**

A. Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *What God Ordains is Good Indeed*, Johann Pachelbel

## OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

### **LECTOR**

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

### **COUNCIL TEAM**

9:00 John Weiss, Bill Spitzer

### **ACOLYTES**

9:00 Anya Gilbert

### **AV**

Live Stream

### **ALTAR GUILD**

9:00 Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman,  
Lisa Garrett

### **USHERS**

9:00 Ron & Calrene Kerschner,  
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

**Launder Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Deliver Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman

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**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR  
FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

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✠ To the glory of God.

We give back to God's church as a reflection of our gratitude to God for the gifts He has generously given us. It is our consistent stewardship and our financial offering that funds and makes possible the ministries of our church. Therefore, live generously and faithfully share the blessings that God has abundantly gifted you.

### **Make Your Regular Offering Electronically**

You can give your regular offering, Special Appeal, building fund, or Homes of Hope fund donations by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



## Prayers of the People

The family of Michael Bowers – Dave Bower's brother  
Les Doremus – Dan Doremus' and Marti Nissley's brother  
Christina Clement – Judy Williams niece  
Matt Dickersheid – Tom & Kitty Dickersheid's son  
Sue Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543  
Helen Ludke – 300 St. Mark Ave. Apt. 518, Lititz, PA 17543  
Roy Rettew – Phyllis Doughty's son-in-law  
Judy Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522. Carpal tunnel surgery on February 1  
Michael Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522. Hip replacement surgery on Feb. 12  
Mary D'Agostino  
Norm Wangman – 445 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Apt. 2, Lititz, PA 17543  
Phyllis Peters – Calvary Homes  
Tony Perella – Judy Williams' nephew  
Terry Gehman – 11 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
Brian Sweigart – The Gardens at Stevens, Rm. 313, 400 Lancaster Ave. Stevens, PA 17578  
Dave Bowers – 66 Brookfield Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522.  
Hank & Pat Kajetzke – friends of Judy & Michael Williams  
Alysha Fassnacht – Daughter in law of Sharon and Kurt Fassnacht  
Connie Hutchinson – 1010 James Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522  
Candice Walker – 270 Stevens Rd. Stevens, PA 17578  
All people affected by war  
Victims of natural disasters  
Shut-ins of the Parish  
President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation  
All outreach ministries, serving those in need  
All those who have suffered losses during the current pandemic and all those front line and essential workers keeping us safe.



*If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.*

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna  
Emmalyn Mulvenna  
Linda Hutchinson  
Janet Brunner  
Andrew Campbell  
Michael Spennath  
Asher D'Agostino  
Paul Naffin

COL. Eric Bowers  
Dan Wierbiki  
Jacob Hinkle Jr.  
Karen Woerner Kim  
Kim Harnish  
Rick Gerhard  
Wyatt Geisthweit  
Sue & Denis Rowe  
Theresa Cimino

Jim Weik  
Heidi White  
Johnny White  
Jacob Connelly  
Sally Wise  
Scott Zimmerman  
Walt & Helen Stever

Brent Stever  
Alan & family  
Dori Hoch  
Cindy Stahl  
Grant Hummer  
Bruce Snader  
Martha Becker  
Crystal Perry  
Amy Pasili

John Surdich  
Elle Pogreba  
Sue James  
Ava Berkosky

