

“Hosanna!  
Blessed is he  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord, even the  
King of Israel!”  
*John 12:13*



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**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**  
April 2, 2023

# WELCOME

## UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Apr. 6 – Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 pm  
 Apr. 7 – Good Friday @ 7:00 pm  
 Apr. 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord  
 Apr. 16 – Second Sunday of Easter

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	Apr. 2	Apr. 9
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Judy Mills	Dcn. Arica Demme
Crucifer		
Acolyte		
Lector	Joanne Thomas	June Kreider
Ushers	Bill & Rose Bennett	Fred & Crystal Lepley
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	June Kreider	Barb Wisler
Sound Tech.	John Null	Chaz Stroup
Offering Counters	Ken Hollinger/Fred Lepley	Sandy Tippett/Lee Mills
Livestream	Mason Tippett/Sandy Tippett	Ray Kneisley/Kris Brill

Apr. 6 (Maundy Thurs.)		Apr. 7 (Good Friday)	
Comm. Assit.	June Kreider	Lights	Ken Hollinger
Lector	Ivan Wittel	Lector	Ivan Wittel
Ushers	John & Kandi Null		

**Mar. 26, 2023**  
**ATTENDANCE – 64**

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.**

### “CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. Cindy Berry

*The assembly stands (if able)*

### PROCESSION & BLESSING

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

### BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The assembly raise their palm branches.*

P: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

P: Let us go forth in peace, **C: in the name of the Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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## SALUTATION

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

The  
Word  
of God

The First Reading is from the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah

### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9a</sup>Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

**Psalm 118:19-29**

- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup> **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**
- <sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Philipppians

**Second Reading: Philipppians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**ASSEMBLY REMAINS SEATED DURING THE READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL.**

### **Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:66**

We will pause five times throughout the reading of the Passion to sing a verse of "Ah, Holy Jesus."



HYMN

# Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed That man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; The slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, Thy mor - tal

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; For man's a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of an - guish

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 and thy bit - ter Pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.

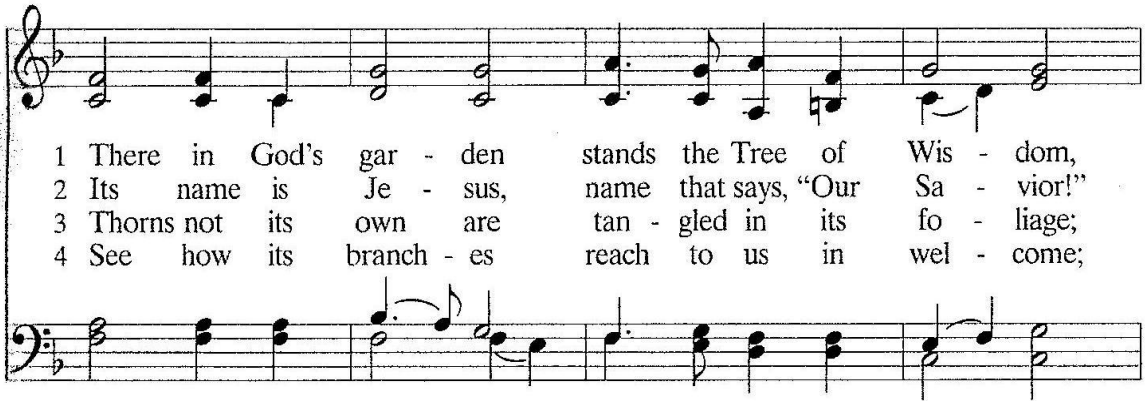
5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
 I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
 Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
 Not my deservng.

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 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

The assembly stands (if able).

## HYMN OF THE DAY

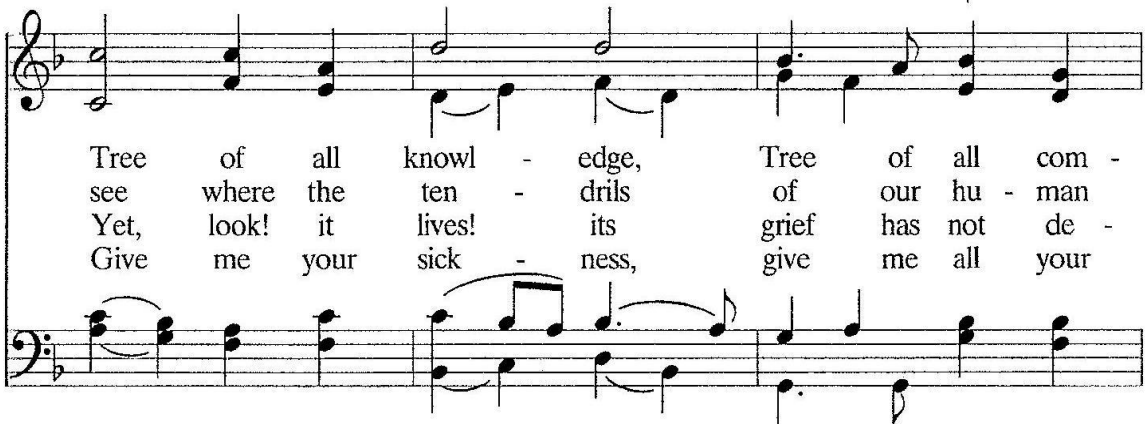
# There in God's Garden



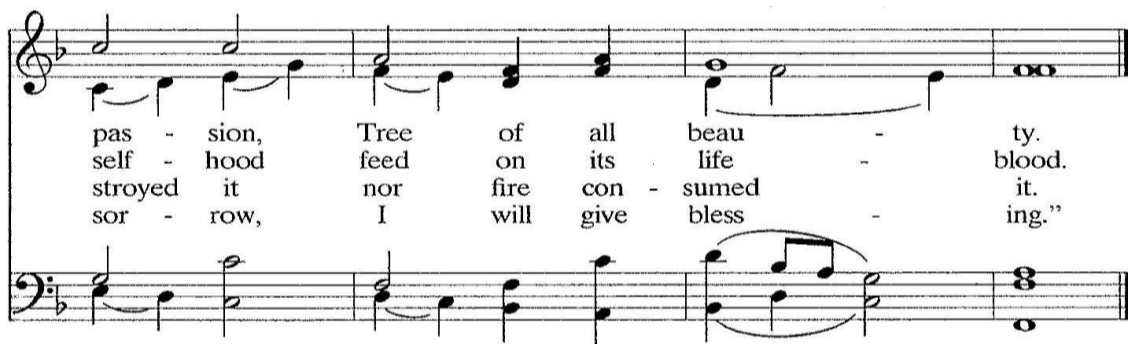
1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sa - vior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fring;  
our greed has starved it, our de-spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see where the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose Passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

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## NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
 virgin Mary, and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.           **C: Amen**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.           **C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

# OFFERTORY

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3*



**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;**



**Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.**



**Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;**



**Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.       **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

*HOW WE COMMUNE:* When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.



## BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. **C: Amen**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - dianc e stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

**Debbie Binder**

**Clair Crist**

**Donna Hildebeitel**

**Elizabeth Larsen**

**Sonya LaGamba**

**Earl and Janet Harry**

**Pastor Luke Seamon**

Additional prayers

**Ale Sgro** – recovering from heart transplant

**Tom Scherer** - ALS

**Pr. Ted Hummel** – bone marrow cancer

**Brittany Merrill** – chemo, radiation & surgery

**Donald Moyer** – chemo

**Family of Teresa Poplin** – mourning her death

**Brenda Goldsborough** – recovering from  
infection

**Hoffert Family** – mourning death of  
Amanda & Bret's recovery

**Jeff Bradley** – recovering from lung cancer  
surgery

**Rod Winkleman** – mild stroke

**Meghan Mills** – colitis

**Sylvia Piccolo** – congestive heart failure

**Neil Vital** – stem cell transplant

**Lori Fata** – recovery from surgery

**To request a prayer** during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

**Names on the additional prayers** list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)**

**Prayer Chain participants** are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

## **STEWARDSHIP**



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

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## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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