



"Teacher, we  
want you to do  
for us whatever  
we ask of you."  
Mark 10:35

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 17, 2024  
8:30 am



### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday  
 Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm  
 Mar. 29 – Good Friday 7:00 pm  
 Marc. 31 - Resurrection of Our Lord

### WORSHIP LEADERS

	Mar. 17	Mar. 24
Preacher	Dcn. Arica Demme	
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Melissa Cuff	Beth Birchall
Lector	Ken Hollinger	Beth Birchall
Ushers	John & Kandi Null	Ken & Joan Hollinger
Musician	Dcn. Arica Demme	Joanne Thomas/ Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	Kathy Miller	Kandi Null
Sound Tech.	Terry Miller	John Null
Offering Counters	John Null/Ken Hollinger	Lee Mills/Beth Birchall
Livestream	Clarence Clark/ Lee & Judy Mills	Mason Tippet/ Sandy Tippet
Communion Prayers	Diana Hebda/Claire Tito	Kim & Ivan Wittel
Nursery/Class Ages 4-5	Diana Hebda/Susie Kramer	Rachel Kline/ Susie Kramer

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP LEADERS

	Mar. 28	Mar. 29
Assit. Min./Comm. Assit.	Dcn. Arica Demme	
Lector	Kim Wittel	Kim Wittel
Ushers	Jack McCarthy/ Bob Thomas	Bill & Rose Bennett
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Dcn. Arica Demme
Altar Guild	Rosemary Keller	June Kreider

**Mar. 10, 2024  
 ATTENDANCE - 54**

## **“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.***

## **TODAY'S COMMEMORATION**

Patrick, Missionary to Ireland



Patrick is one of the best-known of the missionary saints. Born to a Christian family in Britain around the year 389, he was captured as a teenager by raiders, taken to Ireland, and forced to serve as a herdsman. After six years he escaped and found his way to a monastery community in France. Ordained a bishop in 432, he made his way back to Ireland, where he spent the rest of his long life spreading the Gospel and organizing Christian communities. He strongly defended the doctrine of the Holy Trinity in a time when it was not popular to do so. His literary legacy includes his autobiography, *Confessio*, and several prayers and hymns still used in the church today. Patrick died around the year 466.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C: Amen**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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

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## 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.**

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** 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 mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through 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

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>{Thus says the LORD,} “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

**Psalm 119:9-16**

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup> **With my whole heart I seek you;**

**let me not wander from your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup> **Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

<sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup> **In the way of your testimonies I delight**

**as much as in all riches.**

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup> **I will delight in your statutes;**

**I will not forget your word.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10**

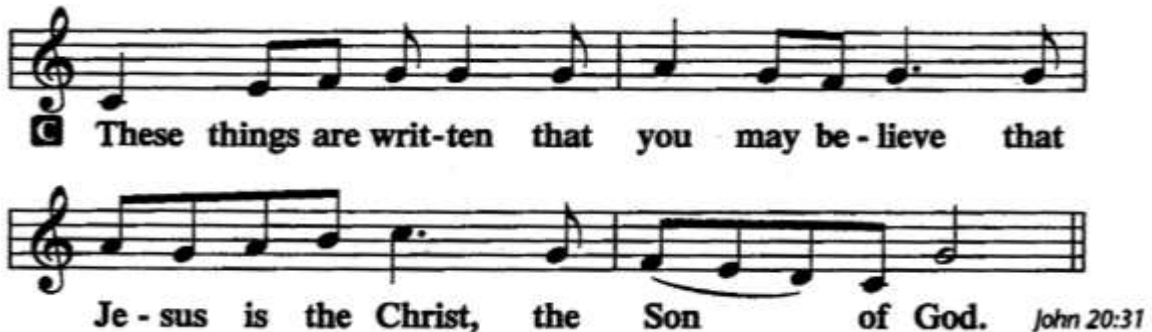
<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**



## **Gospel: Mark 10:32-45**

<sup>32</sup>{The disciples} were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." <sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

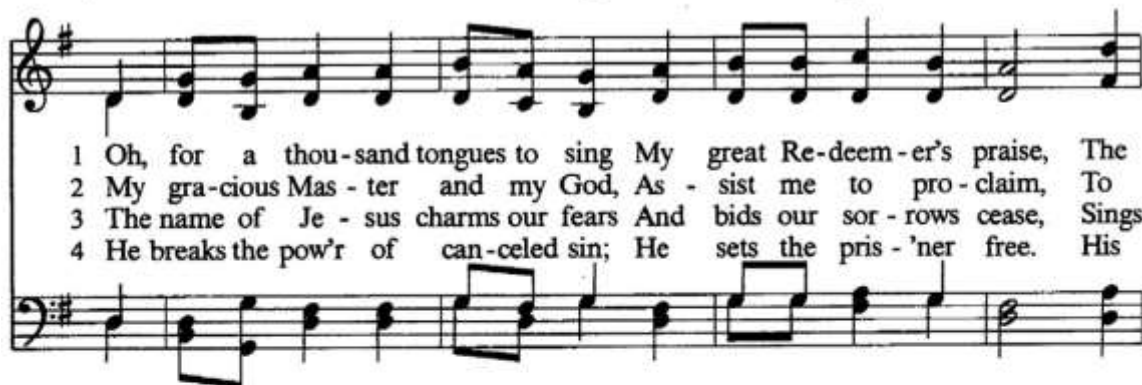
*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands (if able).*

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise, The  
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim, To  
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears And bids our sor-rows cease, Sings  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; He sets the pris-'ner free. His



glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!  
 spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of your name.  
 mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
 blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
 Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829*

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**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

*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

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

Psalm 51:10-12

**C** 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; Matt.21:9*



**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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.*



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 AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

*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.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those that are gluten intolerant. Please notify the pastor as you come forward to receive Communion that you require a gluten free wafer.

*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**



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**



# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



### Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

## 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**

**Donna Hildebeitel**

**Elizabeth Larsen**

**Sonya LaGamba**

**Earl and Janet Harry**

### Additional prayers

**Tom Scherer** - ALS

**Megahn Mills** – colitis recovery

**Patricia Stroup** – pulmonary disease

**Steven Stroup** – reconstructive knee surgery

**Candy Whitney** – recovering from shingles

**Rose Keller** – chemo

**Denise Force** – colon cancer

**Rob Zwally** – migraine headaches

**John Tippet** – recovering from strokes

**Mike Haas** – prostate cancer

**Sterling Rusher** – adjustment to new medication

**Kellen Coxey** – type 1 diabetes

**Pat McDermott** – secure diagnosis

**Keith Kline** – additional testing

**Kathy Miller** – recovering from surgery

**Walt Hebda** – recovering from surgery

**Faith Friendship Ministries** – financial difficulty

**Linda Wohlberg** – treatment for retinopathy

**Family of Bob Devenney** – mourning his death

**Rev. Ray Forsythe** – recovering from terrible fall

**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 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 on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippet (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at <https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/>.

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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

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