

# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023



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### § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

#### Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

*How Can We Help You?* We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

## Those Serving October 8th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	

Asst. Minister	Justin Munson
Greeters	Flori Scheuermann
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	First Fruits

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The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

# Confession and Absolution

Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

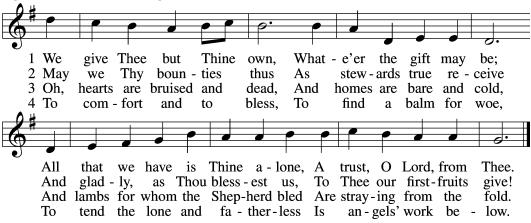
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



The captive to release,To God the lost to bring,To teach the way of life and peace,It is a Christ-like thing.

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Lord,

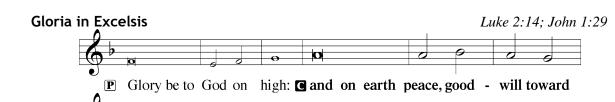
6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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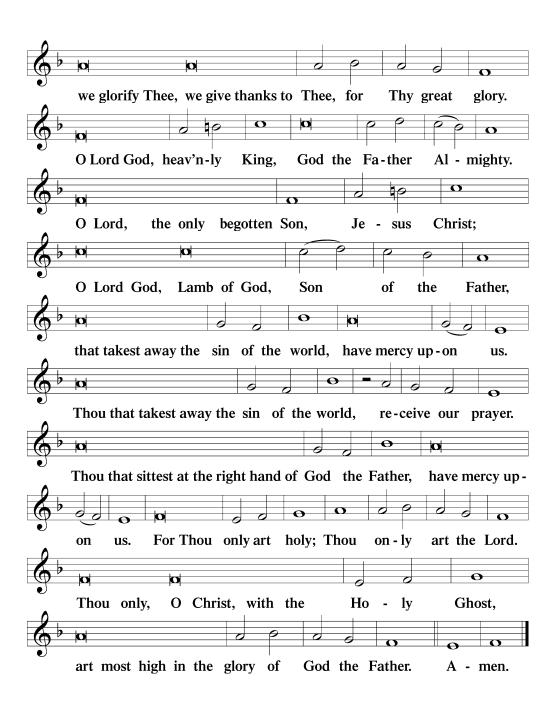




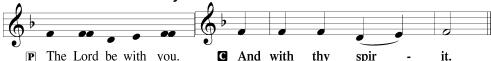
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men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

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**P** The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir



Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful **P** Let us pray. men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Old Testament Reading for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah. judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,

that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste:

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briers and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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



Antiphon Restore us, O | God of hosts;\* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;\* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*

you drove out the nations and | planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;\*

it took deep root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered | with its shade,\* the mighty cedars with its | branches.

<sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea\* and its shoots to the River.

12Why then have you broken | down its walls,\*

so that all who pass along the way | pluck its fruit?

<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest rav- | ages it,\*

and all that move in the field | feed on it.

<sup>14</sup>Turn again, O | God of hosts!\* Look down from | heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine, <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand | planted,\* and for the son whom you made strong | for yourself.

<sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have | cut it down;\*

may they perish at the rebuke | of your face!

<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,\*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

<sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn | back from you;\*

give us life, and we will call up- on your name!

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts!\* Let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Antiphon Restore us, O | God of hosts;\* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

# Epistle Philippians 3:4b–14

The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 3.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please rise.



The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.



Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33–46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

<sup>&</sup>quot;The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

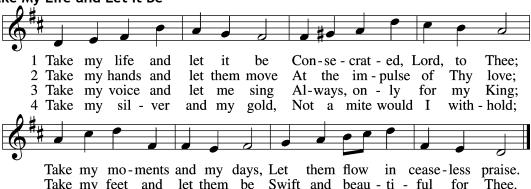
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

# 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne. 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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#### Sermon

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Please rise.



Please be seated.

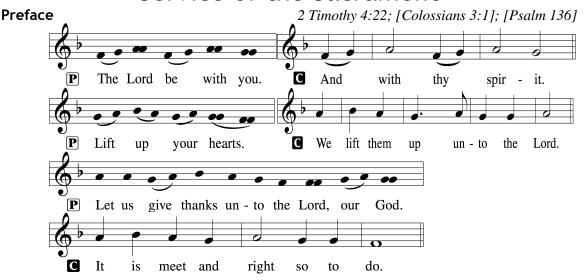
# Offering

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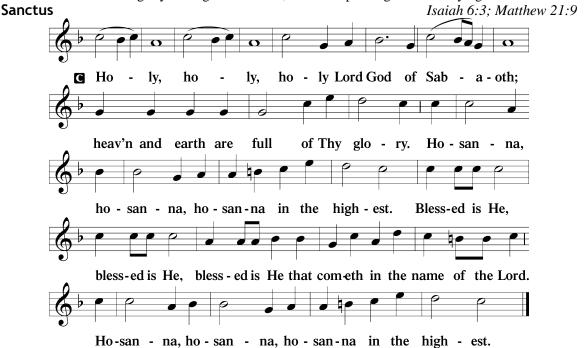
## Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that by the sacrifice of Christ and the comfort of His Spirit, she may yield much fruit for His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For confidence to share in the sufferings of Jesus Christ, who died to make us His own, that we may also know the power of His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all orphans, that they would be given a safe place in which to grow and thrive; and for generous couples, who will give them permanent homes through adoption, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed leaders, that the light of the Lord may shine upon our nation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For strong hearts to heed the pruning Law of the Lord, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds but look to the rainfall of His grace for our source of life, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For zeal directed by the Gospel of Christ and hands strengthened to accomplish the fruitful work of God in this barren world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who commune, that faith may be strengthened and love renewed until at last we feast with all the saints in His everlasting presence, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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 Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20: 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."



#### Communing at Faith

#### Please see our Communion Statement on Page 2.

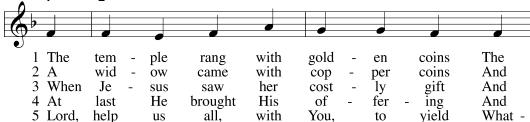
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### 785 We Praise You, O God



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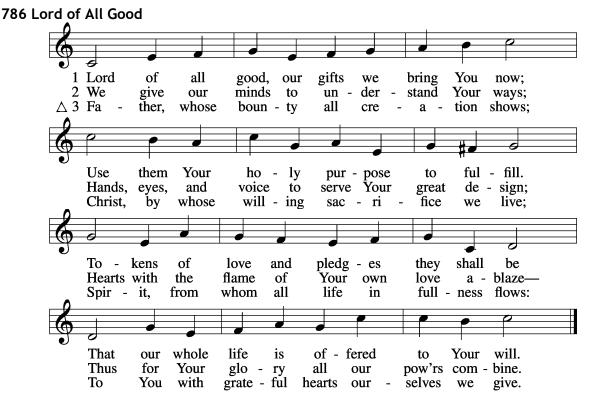




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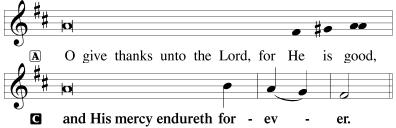
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

Please rise.



Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



#### 736 Consider How the Birds Above

- 1 Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease— Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility— If God clothes these, which quickly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
  Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
  About such things the godless think,
  Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

- 4 Be on your guard against all greed,
  For life is more than what we own.
  Our Father knows our ev'ry need
  Before our needs to us are known.
- Be not afraid to suffer loss
   Of all the things for which you pray,
   For He who faced for you the cross
   Will give you strength to live each day.
- Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
   His holy name in all you do:
   Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
   All else will then be given you.

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#### FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

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Sunday	9:00 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation				
	10:30 AM	Divine Service				
		Stewardship Luncheon				
Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	PieceMakers				
	3:30 PM	Gospel of Matthew				
Tues-Fri		Professional Church Worker's Conference @ Osage Beach				
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Study with Pastor Ben				
Wednesday 9:00AM-11:00A		MOPS				
	1:00 PM	Widow's Lunch @ Ruby Tuesday's				
Thursday	9:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study – 1&2 Kings				
Friday	12:00 PM	Beginning Greek				
Saturday	9:00AM-3:00 PM	LWML Rolla Zone Fall Rally @ Faith, St. Robert				
Sunday 9:00 AM		Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation				
	10:30 AM	Divine Service				
		PPC Meeting				

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Tom & Faith Dunn in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ALL LADIES** of the congregation (and their friends) who are interested in setting up an afternoon for Bunco, card games, fellowship, etc. should contact Bev Richard @ 573-855-1937

**PPC MEETING** will be held after worship on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is for officers and heads of boards. Please make every effort to attend so that we can properly plan for the **Voter's Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.** 

**HONEY SUNDAY** In conjunction with our LWML Rolla Zone Fall Rally (October 14<sup>th</sup>) we will host '*Honey Sunday*' on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Angela Kargbo from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will be here to talk about the mission work being done at the ranch and how they put their grant money to work. Honey from the ranch will be available to order.

FELC'S ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST will be Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship. This event is a 'Thank You' to our local and federal civil servants; Military, First

**Responders, Teachers, etc.** The Men's Club has asked Gene Newkirk to provide the delicious BBQ again. Please sign up to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share.

**REFORMATION POTLUCK** will be Sunday October 29th after worship. Join us for food and fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

THE LADIES AID ANNUAL BAZAAR will be Saturday, November 4th, from 9am until 2pm.

We are asking anyone (Guys and/or Gals) who like to do crafts or bake to please consider a donation of an item or two to our Bazaar. This is our big fundraiser & the funds we make are used for projects and activities that support our mission. We also serve a delicious lunch of soups (chili, chicken noodle) with delicious pies & coffee or tea at a reasonable price. PS... there will also be a table of new or gently used items for sale, so come take a look, contact Liz Joyce with any questions at 573-336-7331 (no text messages, please).

**VOTER'S MEETING** will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> after worship.

# Requesting Prayers Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser†Franklin LaLonde†Chris MacMurray†Jacob Gan†Anthony Isaac †Laramie Yancey †Geoff Gronewold†

†Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†

†Michael Parris (China) †Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)

Curr	ent	Events	S	
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†Pray that we and the nations put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus †Natural disasters recovery †Prayers for Peace and Justice †Prayer for Nation's Leaders and illness; prayer for the Lord to do His will through local, state, and national elections †Health Workers †Educators & Students

families
Thanksgivings

†Ethyn & Hanna Boorom – Graham Alexander born July 22 †Dylan & Angie Cleeton – twins born in March

†All new military visitors and

†Geoff & Brittany Gronewold – Benjamin born Aug 17

†Anthony & Nicki Isaac – Twins born in April

†Nathan & Rebekah Pauls –

Eden born May 15

†Samantha †Shelby

†Colin & Christine Strange – Clark born August 1

†Free Women's Center

**COVID-19 Thanksgivings** 

†Thankfulness for Vaccine

Immediate Needs
†Kenneth Drees

†Marcia Euren †George Garber †Peggy Gregor

†Mary Jones †Judy Keeth

†Irene Leitgeb †Tim Matthews †JD Mattison

†Dawn Kubinski

†Ingrid Ozee †Karl Sutterfield

†Roberta Thornsberry †Chaya Velasquez †Dave Wainio

Long Term Needs

†Timothy Wolf

†Kristine †Sheri

†Sheri †Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)

†The Boettger Family †Barb BonGiovanni

†Dan Boorom

†Ray Crosby

†Madison Ford †Duane Green †Finnigan Heine

†Mary Jones †Liz Joyce

†Marge Kohl †Burnell Le Blanc †Marie Matthews †Ken Merrill

†Sydney Merrill †Jenny Miessler

†Marion Munson

†Judy Neff †Lili Osorio †Dwayne Richard

†Susan Rostad †Helen Rostad †Melvin Rust

†Pastor Ben Schumacher †Ben Paul Schumacher

†Mary Smith †Donna Thomas †Becky Vogel †Ron Weaver †Jerome Welliver

†Lisa Weinhold

Comfort Facing Death

†The Family of Allan Brown †The Family of Karen Garber †The Family of Sharon Greene †The Family of Herb Houser

†The Krueger Family

†The Family of Marian Kubinski †The Family of Clark Mullins †The Family of Steven Munsie †The Family of Velda Myers

†The Family of Renate Phillips †The Family of Gisela Sundell

†The Family of Donna Wogan