

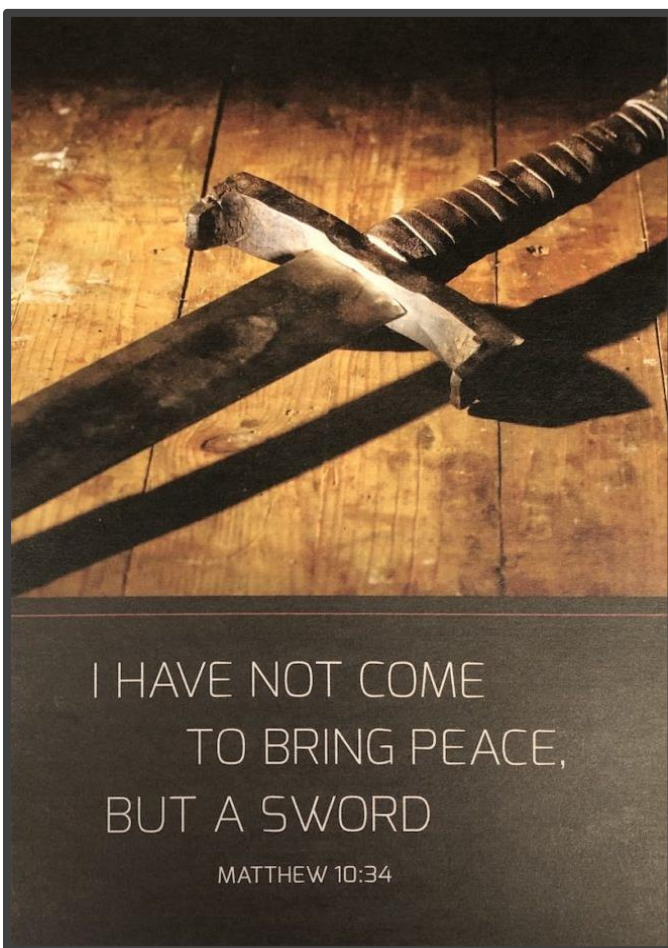
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023



I HAVE NOT COME
TO BRING PEACE,
BUT A SWORD

MATTHEW 10:34



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July 2, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy God, we have earned Your anger by giving to other things the first place in our hearts that You demand and deserve. But for that very reason, Your Son Jesus went to war for us against Satan. Jesus' answer from the Scriptures to the devil's enticement revealed His resolve to give the first place in His heart to You alone. Instead of surrendering to Satan to gain the glory and power set before Him, Jesus obeyed You, endured the cross, and earned our salvation. May we not fall prey to the arsenal of worldly power and glory which Satan used in his attempt to rob the world of its Savior and thus be robbed of our salvation. The devil still lines the path to heaven with the world's treasures and its pleasures. When Satan tempts us to forsake You for fleeting earthly treasures, may we seek Jesus, the living Word in Your written Word, and find in there life's priceless treasure. In Your Son's name. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1



I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever,*
with my mouth I will make known
your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**

who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**For you are the glory | of their strength;*
by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.**

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever,*
with my mouth I will make known
your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:5–9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36



**Oh, the depth of the riches and
wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!***

**How unsearchable are his judgments and
how inscrutable | his ways!**

**For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
To him be glory forever. | Amen.**

Epistle: Romans 7:1–13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for

God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:31



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,

**very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sermon

"Not Peace, But a Sword"

Text: Matthew 10:34-42

Stand



Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)



Service of the Sacrament



Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Stand

Preface

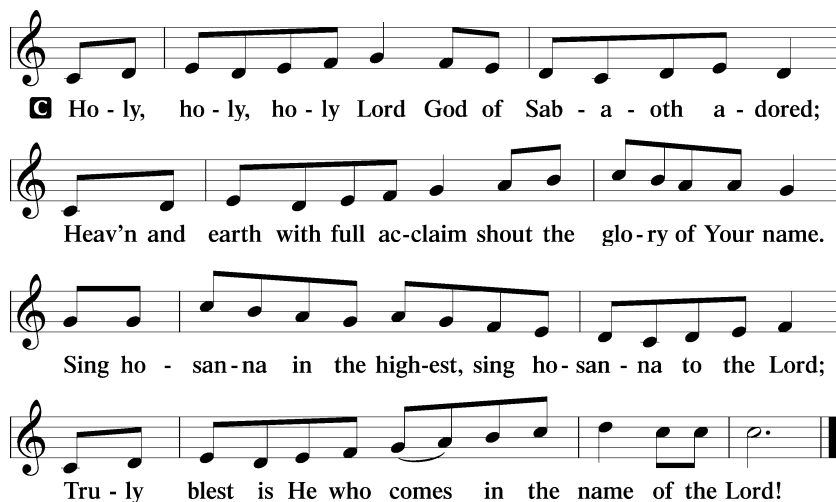
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin

and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C 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.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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 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."

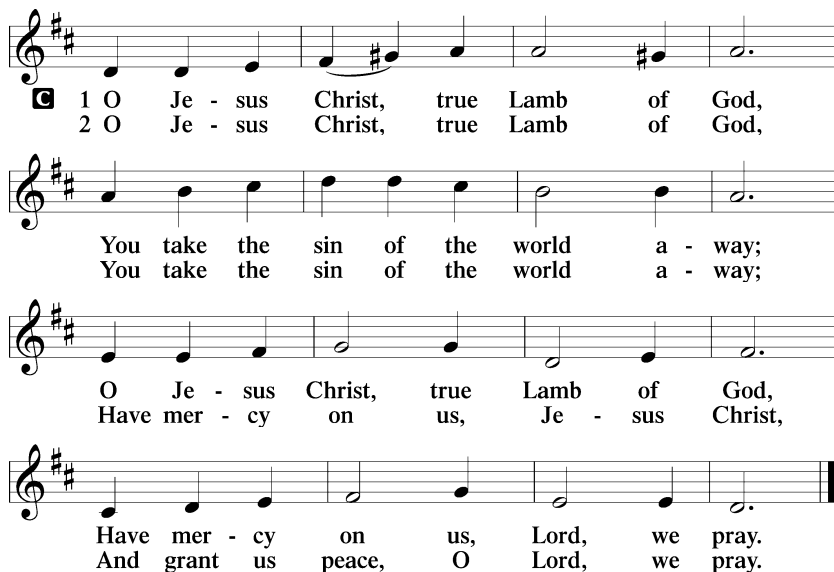


Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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.

Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Stand

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 be - 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 Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.
G Amen.

965 God Bless Our Native Land



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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***Portals of Prayer for
July-September 2023 are out!***

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!

Announcements



Assisting Elders:
8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, we give You grateful thanks on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for the priceless blessings of liberty that with Your help were won for us by our ancestors. Grant enduring peace to our country so that Your Gospel turn the hearts of men from the bondage of sin to the freedom won by the blood of our precious Redeemer. Amen.



For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

U O J K E Y S T A N D A A L E
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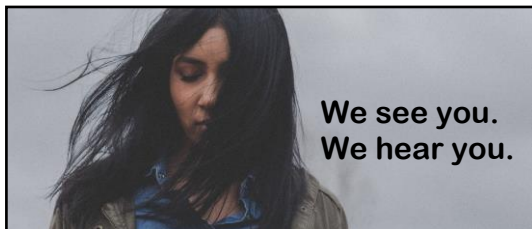
July/August Mission Project

For the months of July and August, we are introducing the congregation to a charity that is new to us. As you most likely are aware, human trafficking is at an all-time high in recent history.

The local Denver based organization we will be helping is formally known as Street's Hope. They are now called Voluntad (/bolun'tad/ - referring to free will.) They were originally founded in 2004 as a street outreach project to women working in the commercial sex industry along the Colfax corridor in Denver. Over ten years the program grew and changed, adding services and providing a safe space for over 300 women in that time period. In 2018, a shift was made to a community-based program that serves all people in the Denver metro area who have experienced human trafficking.

If you use a computer, please visit their website: Voluntad.org. We can best contribute by utilizing their on-line link to their Amazon wish list. For those of you who would like to contribute but are not utilizing a computer, we will have a box to contribute gift cards, cash or checks.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers for all those that have been and are suffering human trafficking.



As Street's Hope/Voluntad connects human trafficking survivors to new housing, we know a lot is needed to make a new place feel like a home. We would love to give each survivor a "house in a box" when they get a new place.

Donate a whole box or a few of the items to give survivors the supplies they need to make their new place their home. These items can be bought and shipped through Amazon by using our Amazon wish list - <https://a.co/j6u6rip>.

Voluntad

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Voluntad: To choose with freedom and dignity.

General Needs List

- Gift cards for Walmart, Kroger, Target, Lyft, Amazon, and Visa (highest need)
- Pepper spray
- New blankets
- Dishes
- Tupperware containers
- Kitchen utensils
- Kitchen spice set
- Laundry baskets
- Hangars
- Laundry detergent (pods) and dryer sheets
- New Sports Bras (all sizes)
- Women's & men's white v-neck t-shirts
- Women's & men's sweats-shirt and pants
- Women's & men's underwear
- Women's & men's socks
- Women's & men's flip flops
- Sunscreen
- Body lotion
- Hair products for different hair types/textures
- Combs and brushes
- Women's & men's shampoo and Conditioner
- Face wash
- Women's & men's body wash
- Women's & men's deodorant
- Children's hygiene products
- Diapers
- Kleenex Boxes
- Tampons
- Flashlights

Amazon Wish List

Amazon has made donating to Voluntad even more simple!
Purchase items on our [Voluntad Wish List](#) and Amazon will directly ship them to us. Scan the QR code to shop our wish list!



******* If you would like to contribute, but don't use the computer, please utilize the black box on the table in the narthex. You may put cash, gift cards from the list, or make out a check to church and we will use the funds to purchase from the Amazon list on your behalf. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts.

Petitions and Prayers: Even when we are weak and lacking the right words, God the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You took our flesh upon Yourself: You know our weaknesses because You bore them on the cross. We pray that You would deliver those with illnesses and afflictions. Likewise, enable them to believe that Your grace is sufficient for them in all circumstances. Thank You that we can look to You for hope and healing. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Jenny, Paul and unborn daughter Ivy who has a heart defect and will need surgery upon birth (family friends of Marie McQuarrie)
- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Dillon (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell - health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris –waiting for heart transplant
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life July 2, 2023

“We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, ‘All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness’ ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen.”

*Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

***Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit
of the Lord is, there is freedom.***

2 Corinthians 3:17



***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!***

Psalm 33:12

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our country; the Savior
gave all for our soul!
Celebrate your freedom!**

