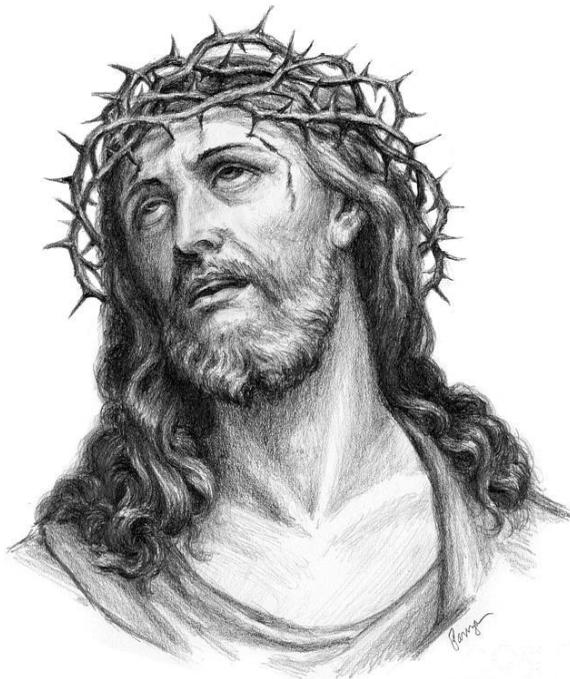


# *Midweek Lent Five*

*TRANSFORMING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT*



*“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness.” – John 12:46*

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*Divine Service*

*Setting Three*

April 1, 2020



*Our Lenten pilgrimage towards Easter began on Ash Wednesday. During this penitential season of giving, fasting, and prayer we consider God's gracious activity in transforming darkness into light. To be sure, Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12), and we are those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Luke 1:79). Without the Light we would be lost forever – lost to our own destruction and ultimately to hell. Thanks be to God, He has shown us a great Light. Today we hear the Light of the Lord has arisen in the deep darkness of the world. In Christ's fulfillment of the Law, He has lifted the veil revealing the Holy Gospel – the glory of the Lord – setting believers free, transforming them into the same image from one degree to another as we walk as children of light.*



## The Prelude

*Please stand at the singing of the final stanza.*

## The Processional Hymn:

*“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

**LSB 906**



- 1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
- 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
- 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
- △ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

## The Invocation

*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.

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

## The Confession and Absolution

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**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,

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

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

*John 20:19–23*

**C** 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### The Introit

*Psalm 119:105; 18:21–22, 25–30*

**P** Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

**C** For I have kept the ways of the LORD,  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

**P** For all his just decrees were before me,  
and his statutes I did not put away from me.

**C** With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

**P** with the purified you show yourself pure;  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

**C** For you save a humble people,  
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

**P** For it is you who light my lamp;  
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

**C** For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

**P** This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

### The Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

We praise and thank You, O God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have enlightened us by revealing the Light that never fades. Night is falling, and day's allotted span draws to a close. The daylight which You created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of Your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us. We praise You and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; through Him be glory, honor, and power to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

### The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle

*2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**The Verse**

*Proverbs 6:23–24a*

**C** For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,  
and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from evil.

**The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## The 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*



**The Hymn of the Day:**

*“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”*

**LSB 838**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

**The Sermon:** *“The Light Unveils the Gospel within You”*

*Rev. Jim Kress*

*Please stand*

**The Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**☐** 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.

*Please be seated*

### The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*“I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.” – Psalm 116:17-18*



### The Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*Response following each petition*

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Amen.

*Please stand*

### The Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### The Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The 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 Words of Our Lord**      *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**The Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**The Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



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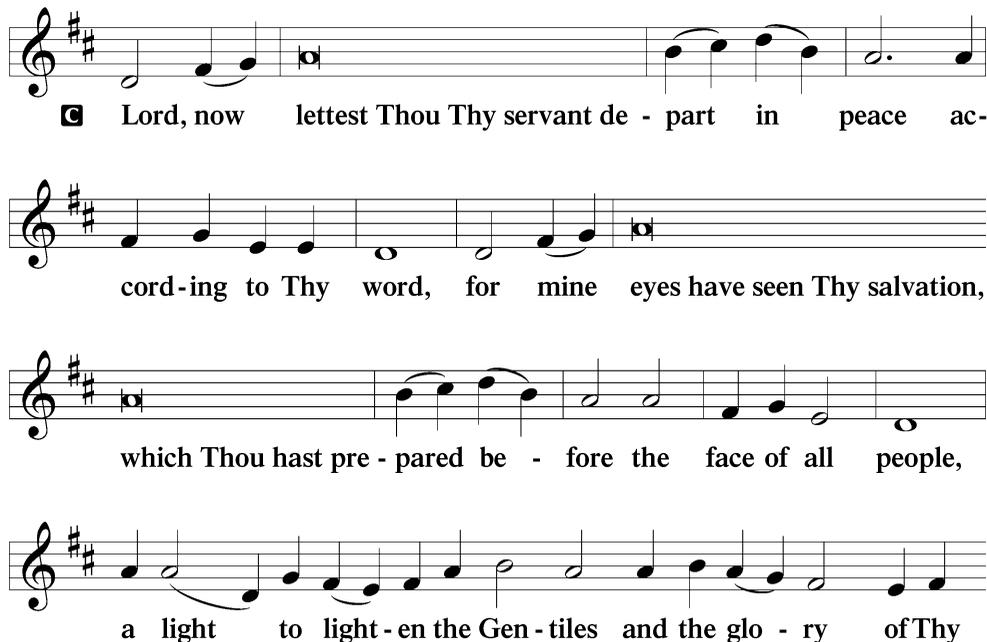


**Holy Communion Instruction:** In respect of the teachings of Holy Scripture (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*), and in loving concern for all people, we ask that only confirmed members of our congregation, members of other LCMS congregations, and Lutheran Church bodies with whom we are in fellowship commune at the Table of our Lord. God clearly says in His word that while communion is meant to bring great blessings, the unexamined and undiscerning “*eat and drink judgment to themselves*” (*1 Corinthians 11:29*). Therefore, the nature of this Sacrament requires careful administration. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor.

*Please approach the communion rail for reception of the Sacrament of the Altar*

### The Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### The Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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.

### The Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

*Psalm 103:1*

### The 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  $\dagger$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*  
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## The Postlude

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

**Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,**

Let us be reminded from our catechism of the One whom we are to fear, love, and trust in above things: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way” (Psalm 46:1-2a).

We have never faced times such as these and yet our loving Lord promises to be present with us in them. There is no perfect plan, no perfect decision regarding what is unfolding. However, we do have a perfect Savior and Lord. Let us therefore turn to Him. In humble repentance, let us continue to receive His abundant grace in both Word and Sacrament. Let us do so through the number of opportunities presented below.

In an effort to avoid mass gatherings, Redeemer is making available multiple service times.

**Drive-Up Communion Services on Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday, April 5**, Divine Services:  
7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
- **Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, April 6, 7, 8**, Divine Services:  
11:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 9**, Divine Services:  
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (*Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 p.m. service*)
- **Good Friday, April 10:**  
Tre Ore Service, Divine Service:  
12:00 p.m.: *Preaching on the Last Seven Words from the Cross*  
Tenebrae Service, Divine Services:  
4:30 & 7:00 p.m., *Service of Darkness and Closing of the Book*
- **Saturday, April 11, The Vigil of Easter**, Divine Service:  
9:00 p.m.
- **The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday, April 12**, Divine Services:  
7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



**Please pray for:**

**Shut-ins:** Judy Clasen, Susan Jahns, Rita Kaufmann, and Donna Weston

**Healing for members:** Neva Aldene, Carl Bertka, Jean Cote, Kathryn Demma, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Charlie & Pat

Finkenbine, Don Garay, Mike & Judy Guastella, Bud & Jane Harty, Marva Jonas, Chuck Malecki, Angela Mannato, Ken Mielke, Lillian Miles, Glenn Mossner, Mariana Murray, Bob Payne, Leah Payne, Tom & Sue Poyer, Dorothy Sinowetski, Russ & Carol Spooner, Ron Tandy, Caitlin Tilton, Bob Varone, Robert Vickey, and Sally Zierdt.

**Friends and relatives:** Michelle Bernard, Grace Blum, Gerry Borwick, Bill Bowers, Jr., Mary Brissette, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Diane Carr, Pat Carroll, Sally Chambers, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Donna Connors, Lisa Copeman, Martin Cressman, Molly Criely, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Donna Fancher, Darla Finkenbine, Gerald and Mary Fischer, Marla Flores, Manual Galan, Liam Garland, Barbara George, Sandra Gettings, Vinnie Giannola, Nancy Gleis, Mary Ann Guilfoyle, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Mikayla Hacksunda & her baby girl, Lily, Marlene Hagen, Jake Harper, Debbie Harrison, Dennis Hegarty, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, John Hill, Rick Hill, Robin Hincman, Roger Hinzmann, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Linda Holt, Gretchen Hull & her unborn child, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Chelsea Hutchinson, Stanley and Lynne Jablonski, Larry Jackson, Bill Jaquest, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Daniel & Michelle Kalstrup, John Kearns, Parker Kern, Rev. Michael Kettner, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Nancy Lake, Stacey Lampert, Rev. Rusty Leavitt, Ray Likowski, Janet Lixey, Victoria Malato and her unborn child, Joe Manson, Candace McGowan, Dave McMullen, Pete Mogg, Mike Morrissey, family & friends of Rev. Herbert Mueller, Ron Mullins, Esther Murphy, Louis Nanni, Bill & Jean Nesbitt, Riley Emilia Paquette, Charles Pentecost Jr., Robin Potts, Rob Powers, John Purdy, Mary Raines, Elaine Reebe, Rev. Ronald Rock, Paul Rollo, Sandra Scheel, Ed Sheahan, Nancy Sly, Don Stewart, Charles Tolley, Gwyneth Tolman, George Vespa, Jim & Judy Wahl, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gene & Donna Wensel, Gordan Winkel, Wava Zeitlow, and Martha Zimpfer.

**Military Personnel:** Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Joseph Garay, Thomas Francis Stynes II, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, and Charles D. Weishaar

Please contact the church office or Pastor Kress when circumstances change, so that we may continue to pray for your loved ones or rejoice in taking them off of the Prayer List.