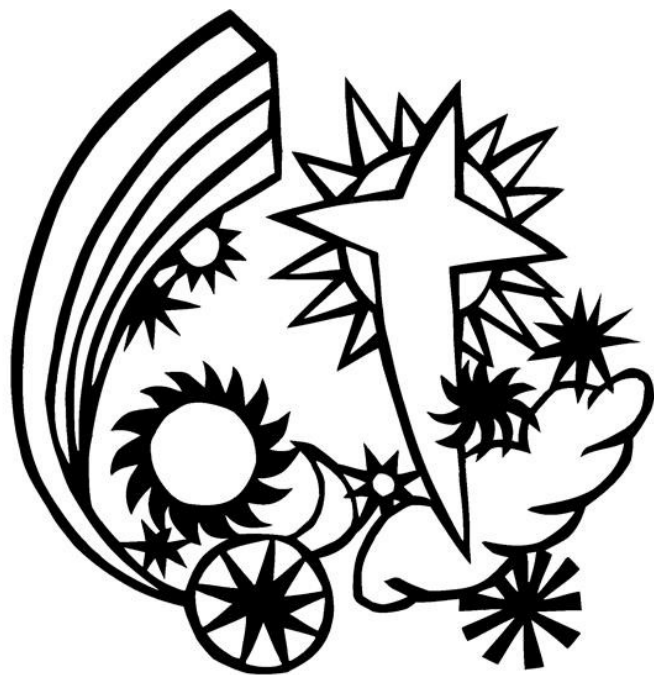


Sunday, November 13, 2022
The 23rd Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose love is unconditional and eternal.
Amen.

Together let us acknowledge our failure
to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and truth,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our companion and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
in Jesus Christ, ☩ your sins are forgiven,
and you are made whole.
Continue your journey in love and hope
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

ELW #327

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain — All *Fine*



Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

In peace, may we assemble. In peace, may we unite.
In peace, may we be whole. Move within each heart. **R**

For all who suffer in war, for all who struggle for comfort,
for all who slumber in ease. Move within each heart. **R**

We are broken, longing for peace, forgiveness, flow among us.
May we be reconciled. Move within each heart. **R**

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957
Music: MERCY, WE ABIDE, Bret Hesla
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INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our guide, we may live through all that is temporary without losing that which is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

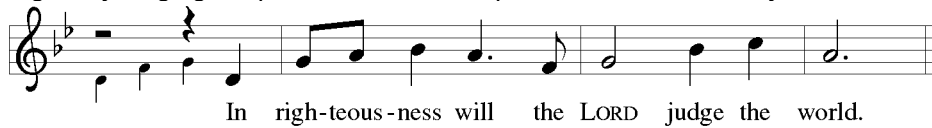
¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Congregation begins by singing the psalm refrain and repeats when indicated by "R"



¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. **R**

⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Congregation begins by singing the Allelulia refrain:



Choir: Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Congregation repeats the "Alleluia."

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The good news of God's love according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

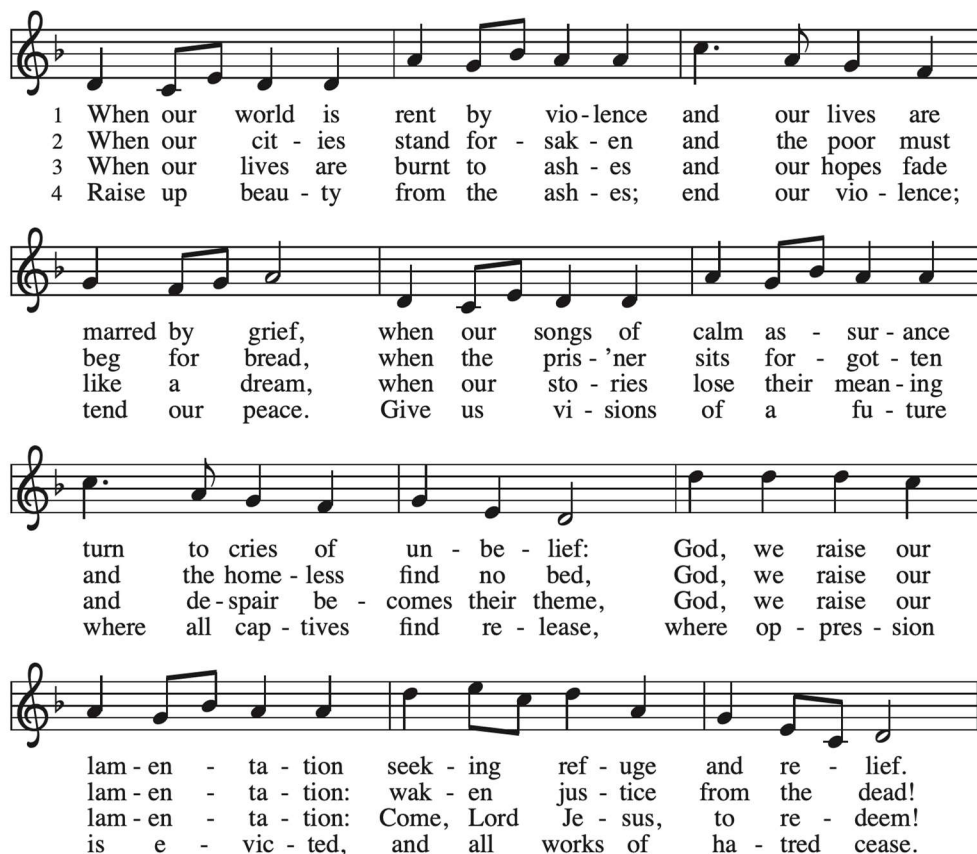
¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



1 When our world is rent by vio-lence and our lives are
 2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
 3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
 4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;

marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
 beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
 like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
 tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture

turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
 and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
 and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
 where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion

lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
 lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
 lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
 is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints in all times and place, we pray for our shared world.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF PEACE

We will not be passing the offering plate during the offertory music.

*You can use the QR code printed on the next page to make a contribution on our website;
or you can drop off your offering as you leave at the end of worship.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: *God Alone Be Praised*

ACS #1023



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46
Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979
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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

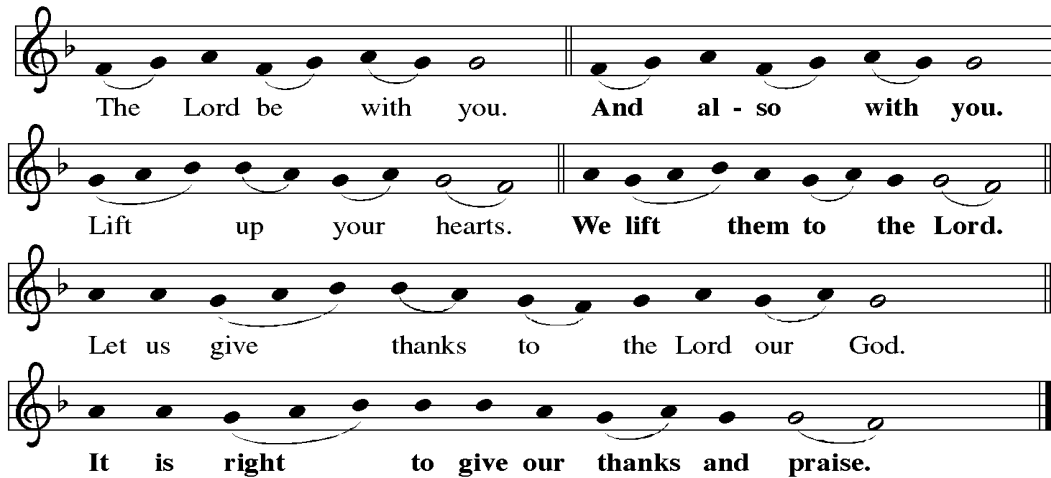
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



^{1*}

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**

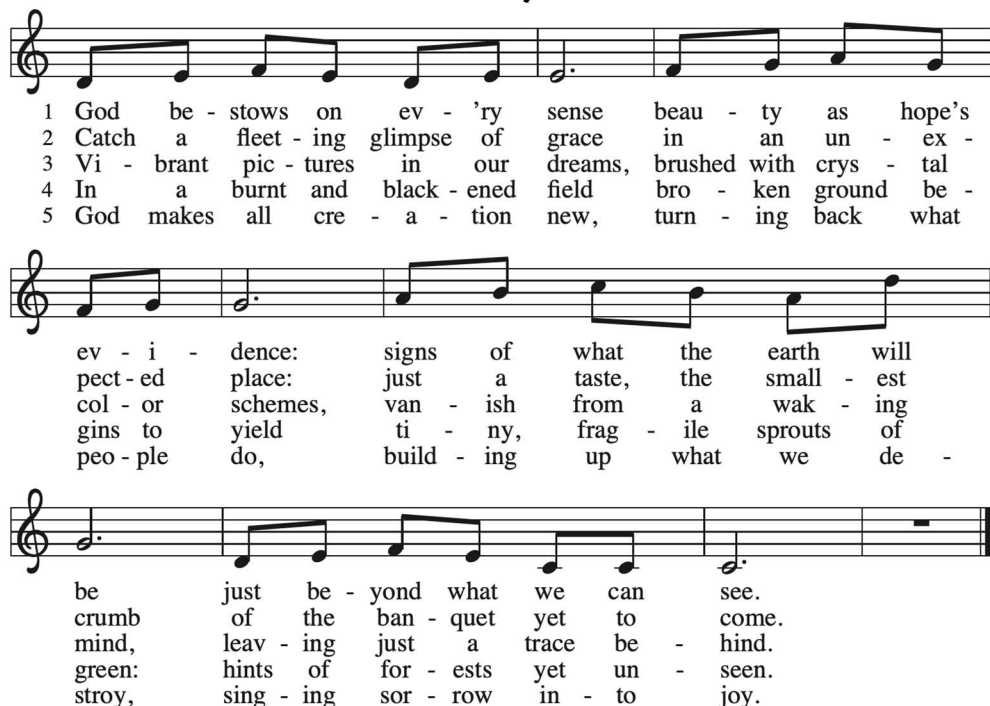
SHARING OF COMMUNION

(see instructions for opening)



LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's
 2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -
 3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal
 4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -
 5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what

ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will
 spect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est
 col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing
 gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of
 peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -

be just be - yond what we can see.
 crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.
 mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.
 green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.
 stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: ALL CREATION NEW, Anthony Giamanco, b. 1958

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace,
 who creates all things and calls them good,
 who makes us alive in Jesus,
 and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
 ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *If You but Trust in God to Guide You*

ELW #769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, walking with Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

 [Recording ends]

Join us for coffee and a time of fellowship after the service in the Van Horne Fellowship Hall.

Last Week:

Attendance	Giving
64 (in person)	Current: 3068.50 Dedicated: 100.00 Total: 3168.50

Thank you to those serving this month:

Service	Ushers/Greeters	Lector	Altar Flowers
11/06	Barb, Janet, Matthew, & Violet	Phil Rearick	Lisa Johnson – In honor of wedding anniversary
11/13	Paul, Jan, Lisa, & Matthew	Jacque Bishop	Ted Hunt – In loving memory of Marie, Bill, & Dan Hunt
11/20	Barb, Janet, Lisa, & Alan	Brenden Hall	Matthew Reitz – In memory of Rebecca
11/27	Carol, Violet, Alan, & Arlene	Teresa Zeoli	Ted Hunt – In loving memory of Marie, Bill, & Dan Hunt

Birthdays this week:

- none -

Anniversaries this week:

- none -

Prayer List:

Pastor Paul and his ministry here
Lynne Tallon and her ministry here
Brenden Hall and his ministry here

Bill Diefel – Continued healing & strength
Kevin Mowrer – Health & strength
Michael William Brodfuehrer – Healing of injury
Kim Snyder – Health & strength
Kevin Boyd – Recovery from surgery

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon

For those homebound:

Doris Bertoluzzi
Lorna Holder

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Friends and family of Priit & Judy Rebane
Friends and family of Gus Stavros
Friends and family of Don Rolander
Friends and family of Rev. “Buz” Van Horne
Friends and family of Allen Denham

*Prayer requests will remain active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.
Please request a renewal if required after 3 months.*

Are you visiting? Tell us about yourself!
Do you have a prayer request? Let us know!
Do you want to receive emails from us or give us updated contact information?
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