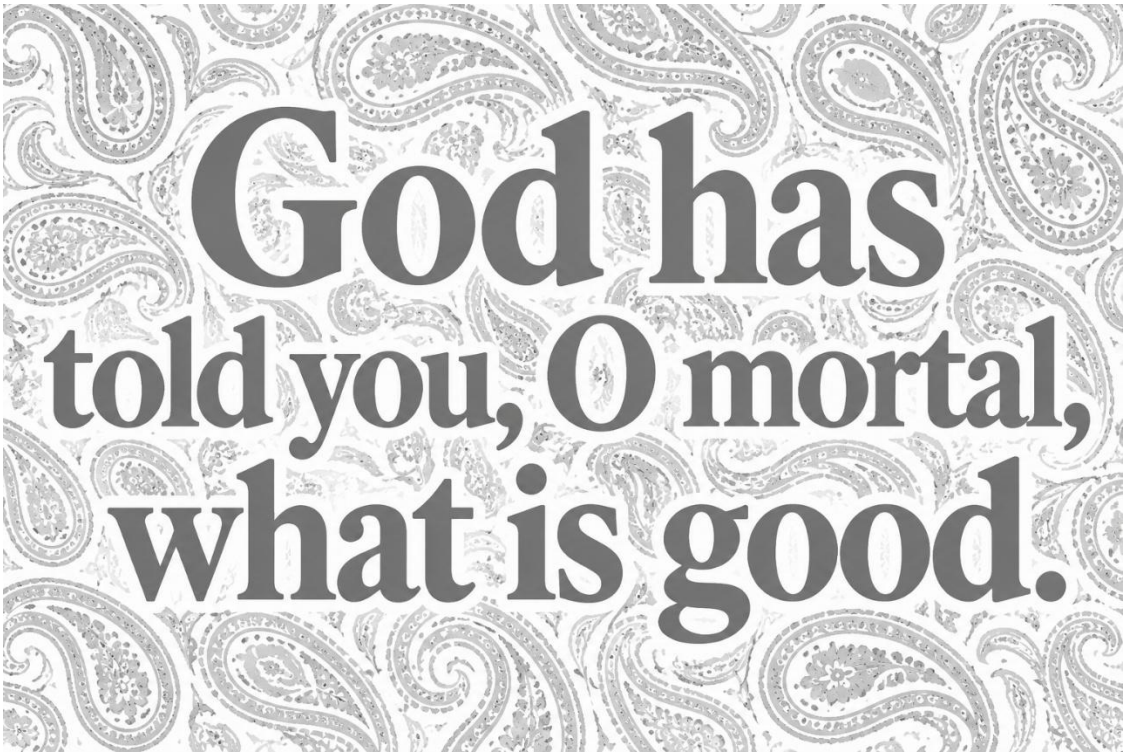


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOTHELL, WASHINGTON

WELCOMES YOU

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As voted on by the Congregation Council and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of FLC

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLC), proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at FLC welcome all into the fullness of God's love. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression**,** physical and mental ability, age, or station in life. We believe in and engage in antiracism as a primary way to recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God, worthy of love and welcome.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the good news, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of FLC, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP NOTES

+ Complete one of the cards provided in the pew card holders. For FLC members, please use the "Member Attendance Card" list each family member who is in attendance and who will receive Holy Communion. For guests, please complete the "Welcome Guests" card. Cards may be placed in the offering baskets or handed to an usher during Communion.
+ The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymnbook.
+ Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
+ Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a staffed nursery as well as a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex. Please ask an usher for directions.
+ If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
+ Public Wi-Fi: FLC Wireless—Password: MartyLuther

Serving Us in Worship Today

Organ	Lucy Kay Osborne
Drums	Eric Daane
Acolyte	Genevieve Joplin
Ushers	Randall Wampler Bruce Toycen
Lector	Susan Berg
Greeter	Jan Anderson
Sound Tech	Alain Adjorlolo
Camera Tech	Katie Pyne
Communion Assistants	Kendahl Adjorlolo Susan Berg David Osborne
Bus Driver	Carsten Thode
Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges
Fellowship Host	Cindy Bannister
Nursery	Noah Berg

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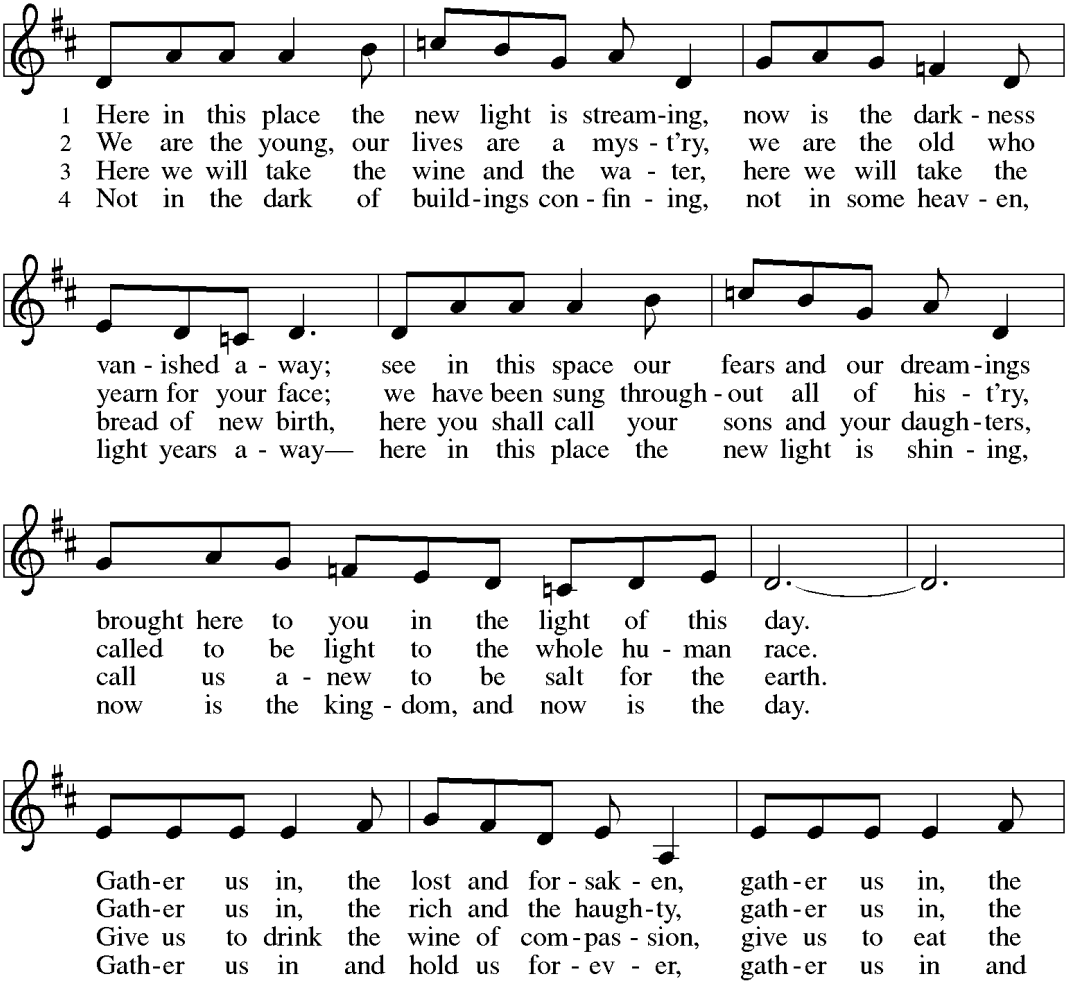
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

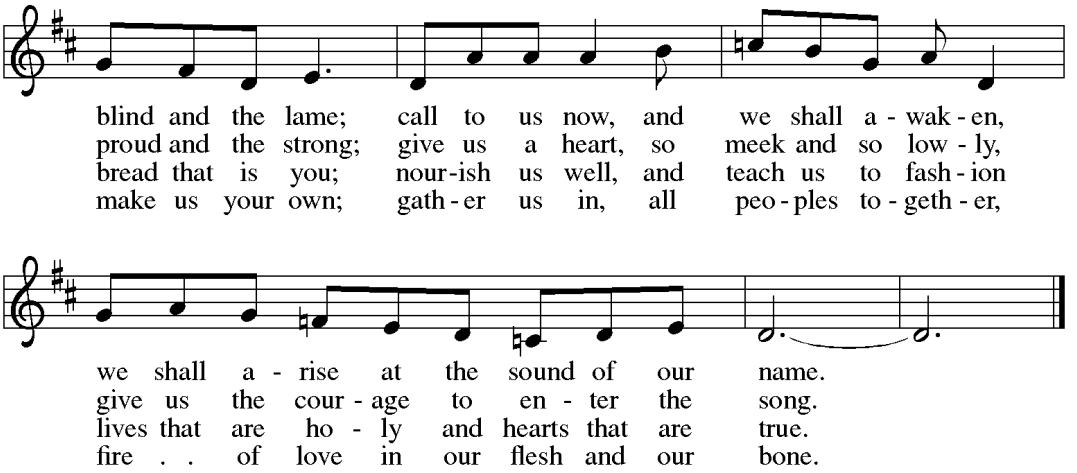
PRELUDE: ***Give Thanks (Joel Raney)***

June Condra, Piano; Cheryl Miller, Flute

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: ***Gather Us In*** **(ELW 532)**





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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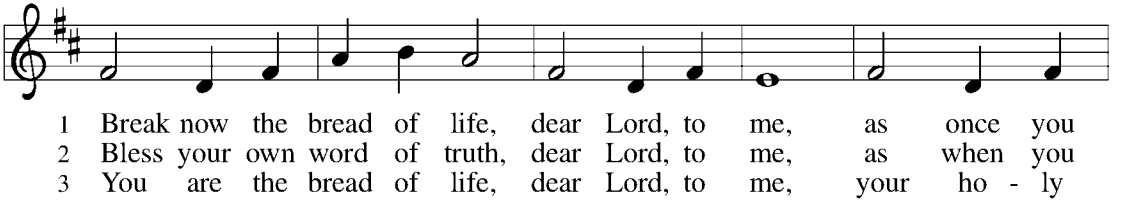
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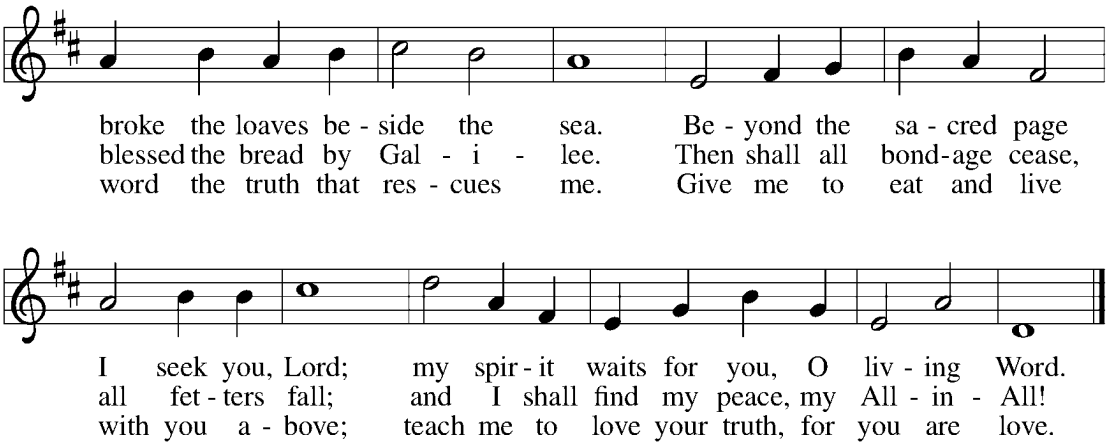
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)





Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-
collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and
followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and
sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your
teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 But when [Jesus] heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire
mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Word of God,
word of life.

ANTHEM: *Nicea (J. Purifoy)*
Patty Weston, Flute; Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano

THE WORD: Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8
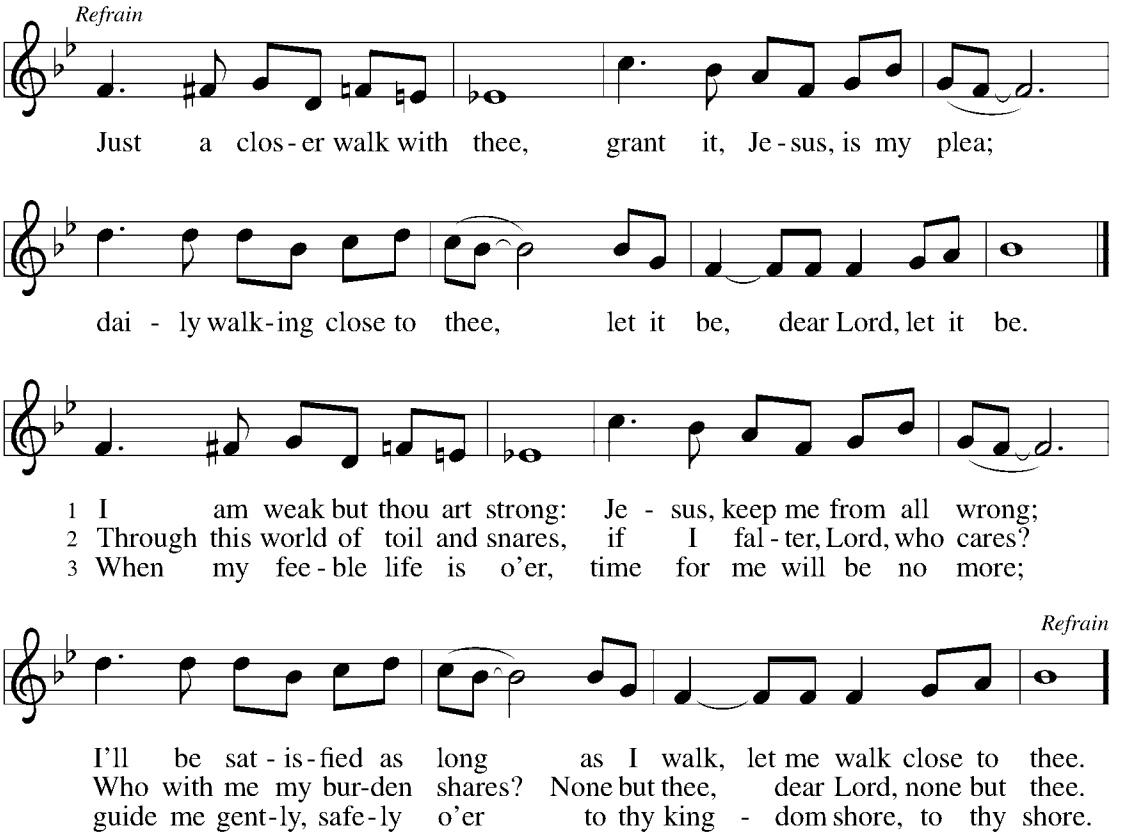
[3] For the LORD is coming out of his place
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.
[4] Then the mountains will melt under him,
and the valleys will burst open like wax near the fire,
like waters poured down a slope.
[5] All this is for the transgression of Jacob
and for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria?
And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?
[2] But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
[3] Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
[4] And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,
[5] and he shall be the one of peace.
[6] "With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
[7] Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
[8] He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: ***Jacky Schnarre***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*** **(ELW 697)**



Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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 the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. We pray desperately for Sudan and South Sudan, Gaza, Somalia, Haiti, Yemen and Mali. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. We now

offer up our prayers for those we love. *(You may name out loud or in your hearts those in need of healing.)*. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance, property, education, youth, social ministries, It/Communications, Stewardship. Library, Membership, Endowment, Audit, Personnel and Fellowship Committees. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
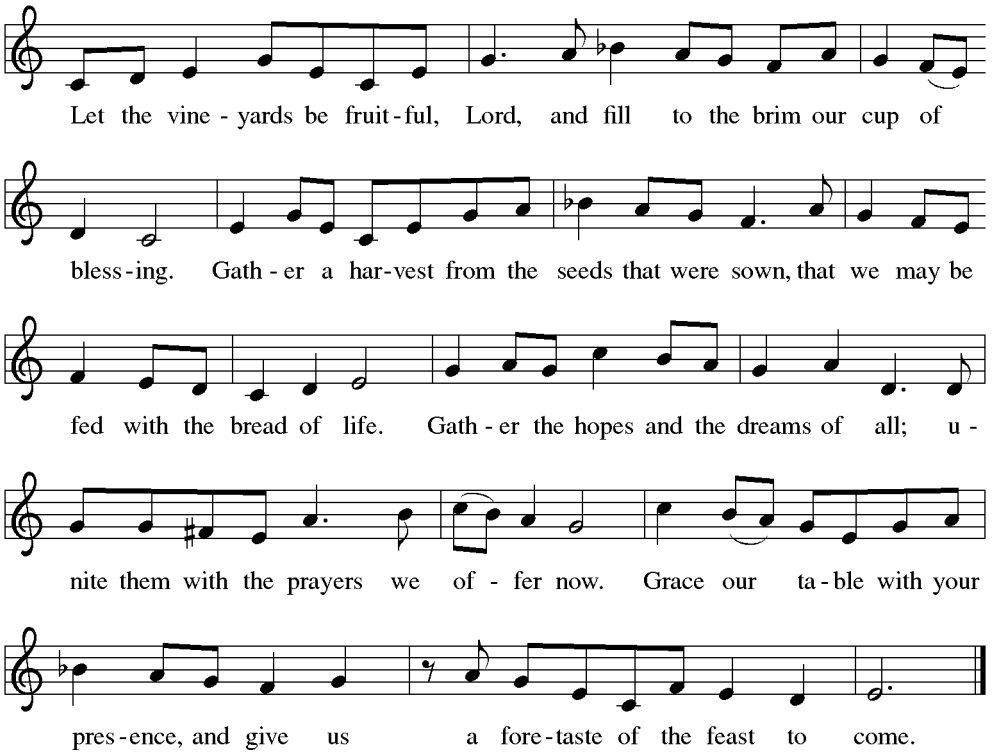
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: ***Holy Ground (Geron Davis)***

June Condra, Piano; Cheryl Miller, Flute

OFFERING: ***Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful***



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

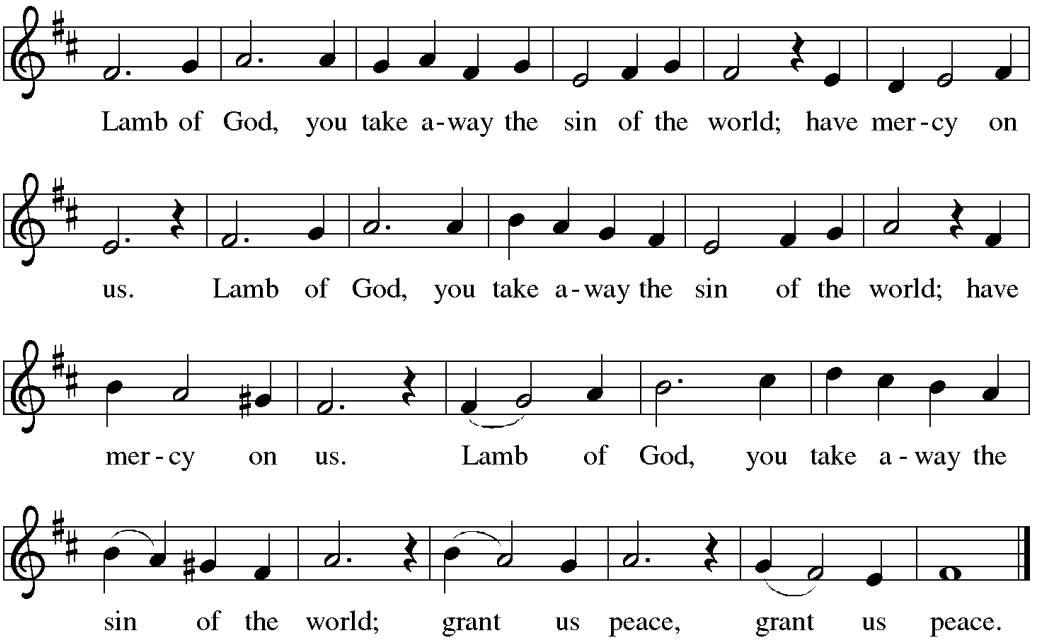
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

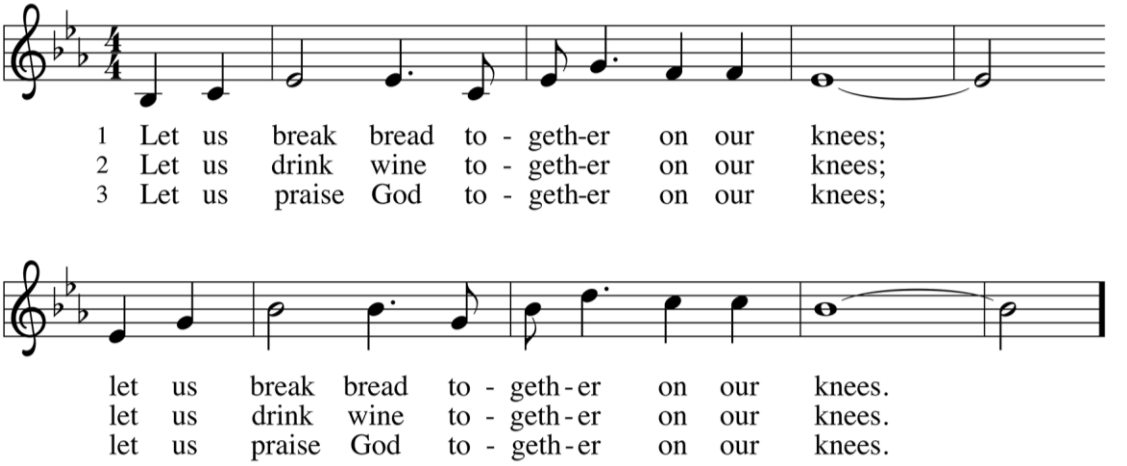
COMMUNION
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

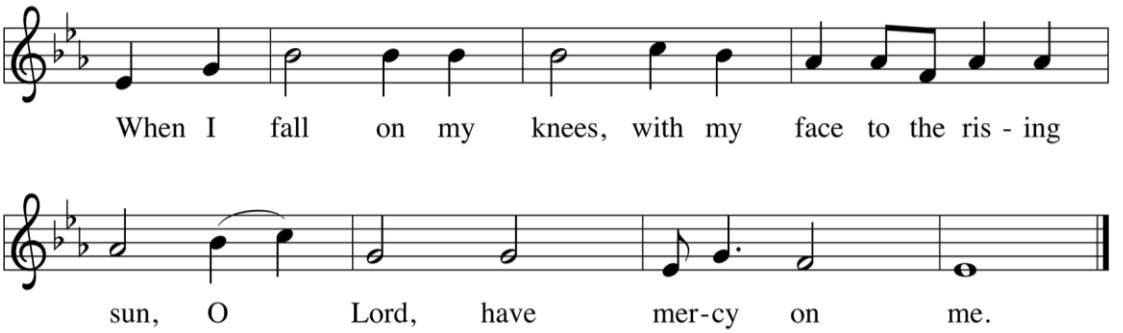
***COMMUNION**: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option that is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*
***WHO MAY COMMUNE?** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*
***DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION**: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle.* R*egister each person who will receive Holy Communion on the appropriate pew card for either FLC members or guests and hand this to an usher unless you already placed it in the offering plate.*

COMMUNION HYMNS:
Lamb of God
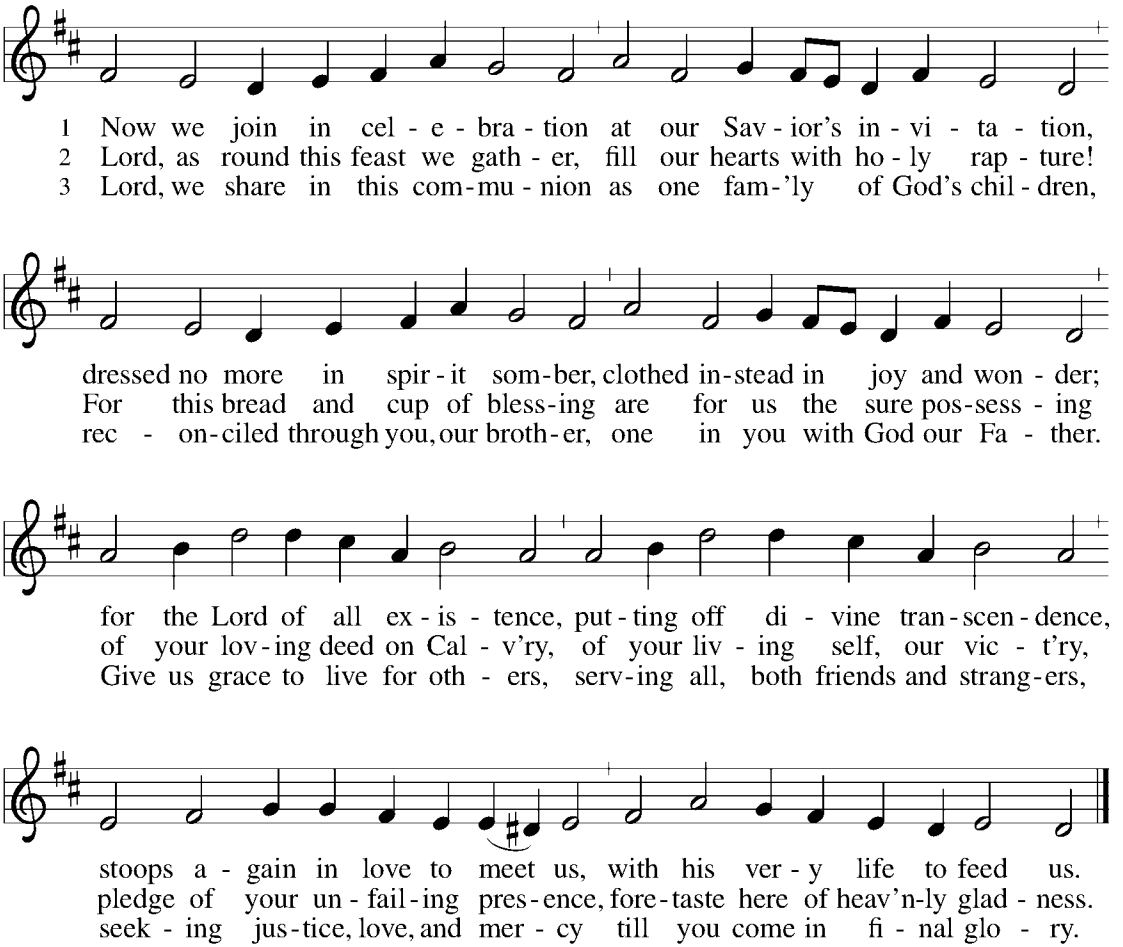


COMMUNION SONG: *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)
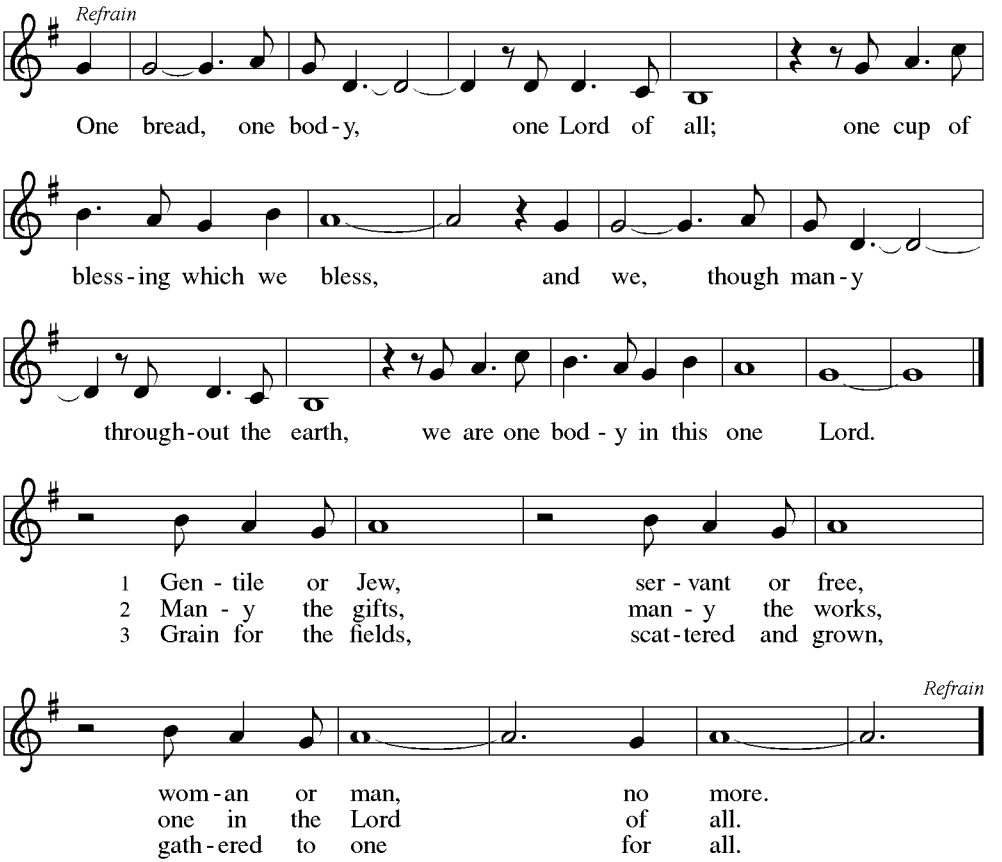




Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)



***One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING
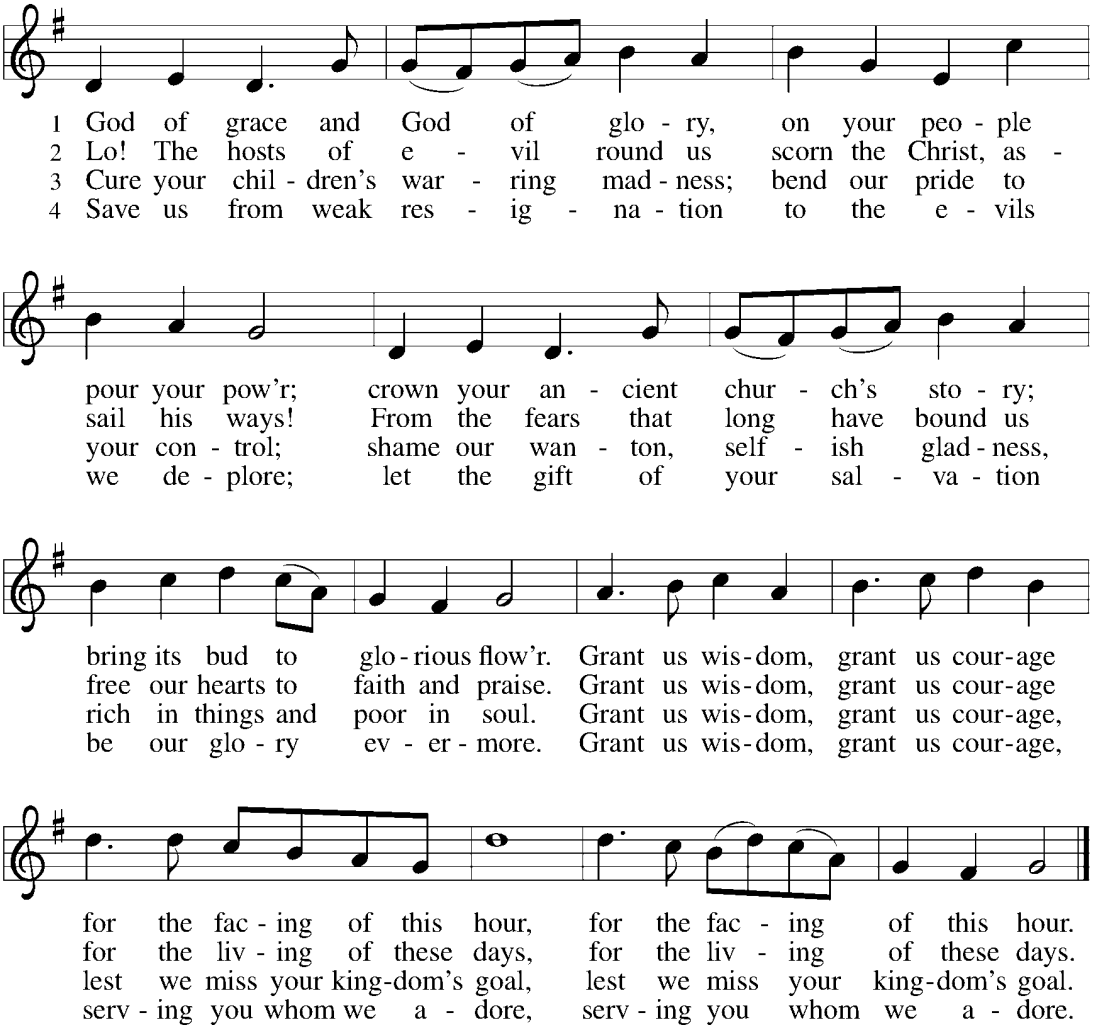
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *God of Grace and God of Glory*



DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: ***Nun freut euch, (E. Pepping)***

Weekly Financial Report for October November 8, 2026

Attendance in Person: 136 **General Offerings: $8,862**	**Online: 28** **Capital Improvement: $1,950**	**Roof Fund: $10**





CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of November 15 - 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education Classes

Monday, November 16
9:00 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
9:00 am 3,4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary Group with Pastor Berg
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
6:00 pm Fellowship Committee
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 18
9:00 am 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
10:00 am Rebecca Circle
Oral History Committee
4:30 pm Preschool Board

Thursday, November 19
9:00 am 3, 4 and 5 Year Old Preschool
9:30 am FLC Quilters
6:00 pm Personnel Committee
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 20
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 21
9:00 am Hannah Circle
Men's Breakfast
2:00 pm Audrey Fisher Memorial Service

Sunday, November 22 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
10:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education Classes
12:00 pm Game Day! All are welcome!
3:00 pm Lyric Arts Ensemble Concert - ...*Peace, Joy, Cheer*... - All are Welcome!

November 22, 2026
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 5:14
Isaiah 36:1-2, 13-20;
37:1-7; 2:1-4
Swords into Plowshares

Praying for Our Neighbors and the World

Please include in your prayers: The people of Ukraine, those starving in Sudan and South Sudan, those recovering from natural disasters in Haiti, Guam, and China.

Those living with cancer:
Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Jen & Dave** (Baker family friend), **Shilo** (Rene & Rob Baker's great-nephew), **Sue & Lee** (Beth Bowers' cousins), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Claire** (Bruce and Darlene Toycen's niece), **Vivian** (Jennifer Cleaves' mother), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Trygve Enger** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Norma** (Kristin Smith's friend), **Pete** (Paula Glandon's friend), **Robb** (Jamie Lindell's brother), **John** (Susan Berg's brother), **Gene** (Kathy Telford-Luiz' husband), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Marin** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Sarah** (Ashley Phelps' friend), **Deborah** (Vicki Shanks' cousin), **Fern** (Surya Skjonsby's friend), **Veronica** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Joe** (Barb Thieme's brother), **Ted** (Thomas family friend), **Peter** (Joyce & Carsten Thode's brother-in-law), **Arlene** (Darlene Toycen's friend), **August** (Karey Coble's friend), **Cecilia** (Dave Shogren's cousin).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:
Deb (Ross Cook's sister), **Tom Agnew** (member), **Jose Alcaraz** (member), **George** (Kris Dersch's father), **Carolyn Becker** (member), **Dick Boyce** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Jamie** (Kathy Telford-Luiz' sister), **John** (Linda Chapman's brother-in-law), **Darlene** (Richard Chester's sister), **Darrell** (Ingrid Cloud's son), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Pete** (Sally DelVecchio's husband), **Lee** (Cheryl and Elmer Fleury's son), **Teresa & Lucy** (Baker family friends), **Zach** (Trevor Coble's friend), **Patti** (Kathy Steig's friend), **Debbie** (Sandy Hendricks' cousin), **Jennifer** (Dan Hendricks' niece), **Phyllis** (Ingrid Cloud's sister), **David** (Tom Larsen's cousin), **Catherine** (Jamie Lindell's mother-in-law), **Jaimie Lindell** (member), **Liz** (Marlis Pehling's friend), **Karen Johnson** (member), **Phillip** (Karen Johnson's brother), **Marlo** (Leona Keltner's friend), **Kathy Koneiczka** (member), **Richard Konieczka** (Kathy Konieczka's husband), **Doug** (Justin LaFord's father), **Loretta** (Nora Strothman's sister-in-law), **Anjali** (frequent visitor), **Peggy & David** (Nancy McGee's friends), **Wendy Morgan** (member), **Betty** (Ingrid Cloud's friend), **Margot** (Kim McCaw's mother), **Ron** (Sandy Hendricks' brother-in-law), **James** (Andrea Peoples' father), **Dennis** (Dave Shogren's brother), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Kevin** (Trygve Enger's son-in-law), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Jennifer** (Irene Cloud's friend), **Kayden** (Karey Coble's nephew), **Bob** (Almeida family friend), **Kathy Telford-Luiz** (member), **Nick** (Kathy Steig's son), **Becky** (Ray Thomas' sister), **Clair** (Darlene & Bruce Toycen's niece), **Kristi** (Sue Toyoda's sister-in-law), **Ron Tuck** (member), **Sandy** (Ingrid Cloud's friend), **Molly** (Haley Neff-LaFord's friend), **Mari** (Sue Ebert's sister).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:
Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Diane** (Rene & Rob Baker's friend), **Ida Beth Morgan** (member), **Roger Wolter** (member).

Those Serving Our Country:
AIR FORCE: **Jake Peoples** (Andrea & Eric Peoples' son)

NAVY: **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

COAST GUARD: **Gage McIntyre** (Tamara McIntyre's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family and friends in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.