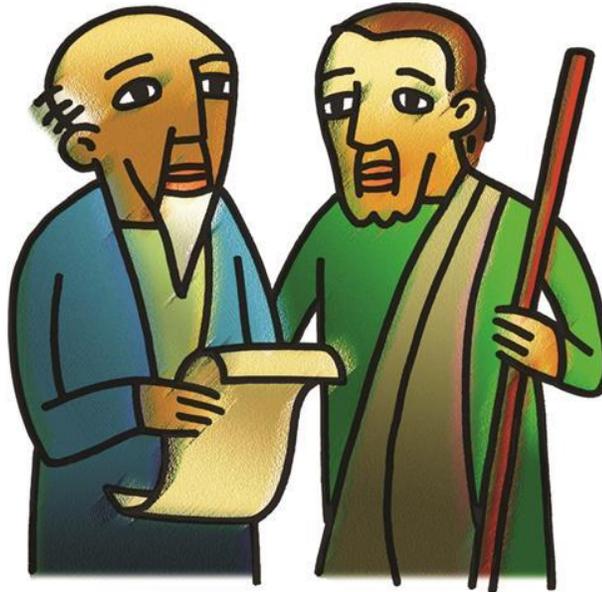


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4515 Dobie Road  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 6, 2025 10:00 AM

Pastor .....Rev. Megan Floyd  
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## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God’s beloved child, “for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

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*For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.*

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## **PRELUDE**

“How Great Thou Art”

Arr. Gervais

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of † Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN – Come, All You People (ELW 819)

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## GREETING

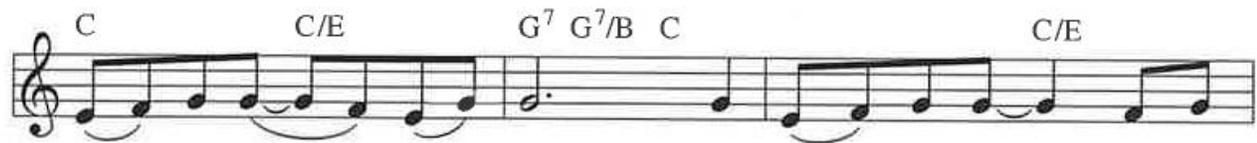
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE - How Majestic Is Your Name (WP 66)



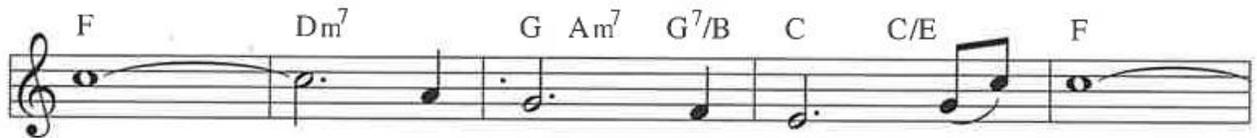
C our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your



name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -



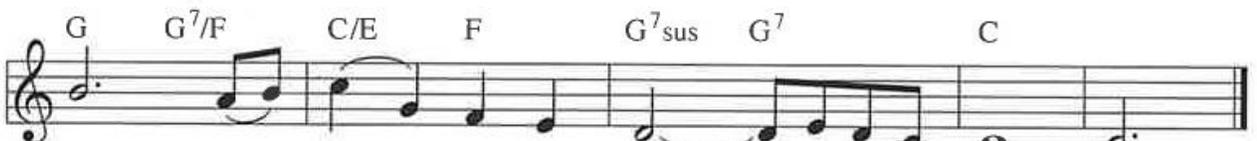
jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O



Lord, we praise your name. O Lord,



we mag - ni - fy your name, Prince of Peace, might - y



God, O Lord God Al - might - y.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM Psalm 66:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on  
foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## SECOND READING Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!

<sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Megan Floyd

*Please stand as you are able.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY – Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## **APOSTLES CREED**

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

All: **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

### Hear Our Prayer (ELW 178)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Asst: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

... God of Grace,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

*Repeat Hear Our Prayer*

### PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## OFFERING

Special Music courtesy Addie and Ryan Thompson.

## LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

*Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.*

*"I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds." – Psalm 26:6-7*

## OFFERING RESPONSE – Goodness is Stronger Than Evil (ELW 721) (Sing Twice)



Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

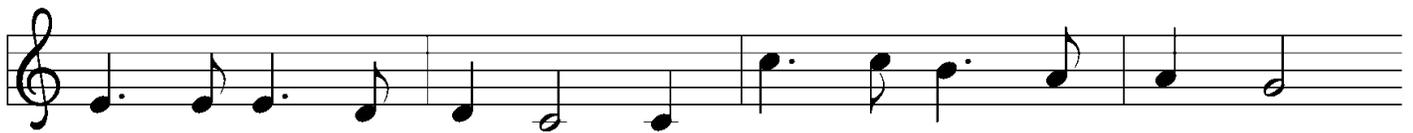
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

Pastor: 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sing English verse twice) (ELW 473)



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te\_a - do - ra.*  
*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.*



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.*  
*My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom 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 kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

*All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come to the table for a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.*

*Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer.*

*If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

# LAMB OF GOD



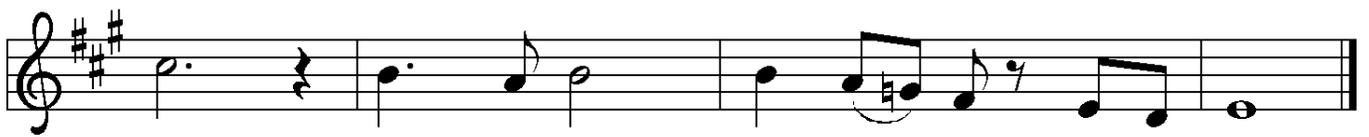
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION SONG- As A Mother Comforts Her Child (ACS 1015)



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Asst: Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name

All: **Amen.**

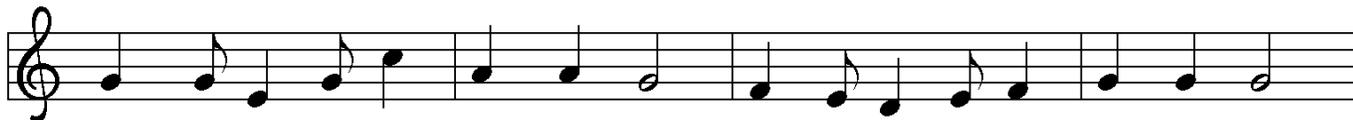
## **BLESSING**

Pastor: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**



## SENDING SONG – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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### DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Smith, Arr. Keveren

## **FLC WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, July 6**

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **4th Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Monday, July 7**

- Scouts @5:30 in Sunday School/Youth Room

### **Tuesday, July 8**

- Bible Study @12pm in Library– Hybrid
- Girl Scouts @5:30pm

### **Wednesday, July 9**

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am

### **Sunday, July 13**

- Worship Service @10:00am: **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

### **July 6**

Greeter(s): Chris & Jean Lewis  
Usher(s): Mike Eschelbach/Brenda Kopf  
Sunday School: No Sunday School  
Coffee Hour: Sollenberger Family  
Counters: John McCracken  
Noisy Offering:  
Acolyte:  
Reader: Harold Sollenberger  
Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson  
Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

### **July 13**

Greeter(s): John & Phyllis Schleicher  
Usher(s): Tammy Heilman  
Sunday School: No Sunday School  
Coffee Hour:  
Counters: Jamie Royalty/Ramona Backman  
Noisy Offering: Matt Schnizlein  
Acolyte:  
Reader: Jon Harrison  
Lay Assistant: Raymond Herek  
Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

## **FLC Prayer List**

*We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.*

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially Rosie, Janet, Kate, Marla, and Chuck.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially our synod prayer partner, Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids and their pastors, Rev. Jonathan Niketh, Rev. Daniel Schewe and Rev. Kari Fast.

***\*New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

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## **Prayer Partners Letter**

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."