

*Good Shepherd Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.*

*Worship from home remotely, led from Zion's Lutheran Church*

**Welcome friends and guests:** The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Worship Service:** In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all made in God's image! We gather in this time and space, breathing in the Spirit's invitation to connect, learn, and answer Jesus' call to justice and action. If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out the guest card and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your presence today. Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. *Masks will now be at the discretion of each individual. We continue to be mindful of the different ways people are health compromised that may not be known. So please continue to practice healthy community habits such as stay home when you are sick, wash hands, observe social distancing, etc.*

**Holy Communion:** The Sacrament is offered to all worshipping with us. Zoom congregants, have your bread/wafer and juice/wine ready. Those worshipping in person may come forward for the sacraments or, cross your arms across your chest for a blessing instead. Today, Lisa Rygiel, as authorized by the Bishop, will preside at communion.

**Fellowship:** Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for snacks, coffee, etc. and good conversation.

**Other Information:** Large print copies of the bulletin are available from our ushers. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary. Our ushers can direct you.

*~We Prepare for Worship~*

## **Welcome and Gathering of Prayers**

*~Gathering~*

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

**Call to Worship** (based upon Psalm 23)

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**

Though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

**Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us and we hear your voice. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: #786 O Holy Spirit, Enter In** (next page)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

**Kyrie (next page)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness know that your melody will find harmony.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs' know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know too that new questions await you.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Do not fear! You can place your trust in God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. God is your Good Shepherd and he will tenderly lead his flock. Rejoice, for you are loved by God. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*~Word~*

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

## **Children's Time**

*Children of all ages, please come forward*

**First Reading:** Acts 9:36-43 (Pew Bible Pages **\*\*\***)

A reading from Acts.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

<sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

<sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

<sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 23** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 (Pew Bible - Page \*\*\*)  
A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center



<sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily – Lisa Rygiel**

**Hymn of the Day: #782 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need***



1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.  
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.  
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;  
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.  
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

## **Invitation to Prayer**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. Accompany us during our congregational time of transition, grant us the peace that passes all understanding that only you can give us. We ask your blessings upon Bishop Gonia, our church council, and others who are involved in shepherding us through this time.

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

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys, and those affected by war and conflict, especially our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing.

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

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. We give You thanks for those who have been mothers and stepmothers in our lives, for grandmothers and aunts and all those who have been like mothers to us, who have shown us Your comfort and courage, peace and strength. We grieve with all who have lost a child, who have struggled with fertility issues, who have had to give up children to foster care and adoption. We hold tenderly the ones who have difficult relationships with their mothers, for those who have separated in relationship. We weep with those who are missing their mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives.

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

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially...Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care.

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

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life.

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

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*~Meal~*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You also can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741)*

**Offertory: #556, Morning Has Broken (next page)**



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Great Prayer of 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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **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.**

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

### **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**

*Everyone is welcomed at God's table.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **Distribution of Sacrament of Holy Communion:**

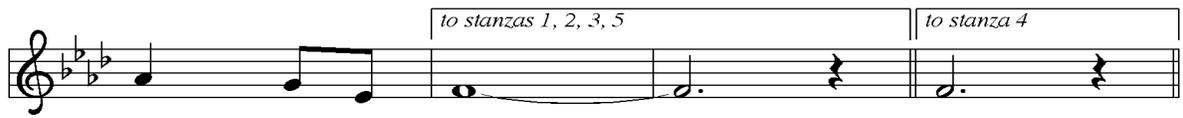
**Communion Hymns: #780 Shepherd Me, O God** (next page)

*Refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Refrain*

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Refrain*

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# Communion Hymn #471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

## Communion Blessing & Song of Thanksgiving



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done.



Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Communion Prayer**

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*~Sending~*

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

## **Announcements & Special Blessings**

### **Blessing & Benediction**

Go now, following the voice of the shepherd. Fear no evil, for God is by your side. Devote yourselves to the works of God, to words of mercy, to good deeds, , to mothering those who need nurturing, and to acts of love. And may God wipe every tear from your eyes; May Christ Jesus be your shepherd and all that you need; And may the Holy Spirit tend you with goodness and love all the days of your lives. † We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

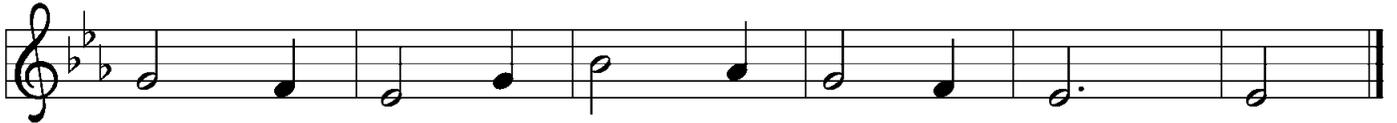
**Sending Hymn: #502, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, verses 1, 2 & 3 (next page)**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ~Announcement~

### **Announcements for Good Shepherd Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Worship Leaders: Lisa Rygiel, Julie Wersal, and John Rygiel

Zoom Leaders: Sharon Sorenson & Ernie Parker

Music: Connie Pallone and Sharon Sorenson

Ushers: Jo Moss and Hailey Bearden

Communion: Mike & Becky McNeil

Flowers: from Jeff & Carol Smith in celebration of Mother's Day.

### **Sunday, May 8:**

- Morning Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/907628370?pwd=eFVCTEVhb0xqMXcxY2xaUG5JMUZEEdz09> or dial 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 907 628 370 Passcode: 332397.
- Fellowship time follows morning worship and is in the Fellowship Hall.
- Bread & Belonging Our high school/college ministry gathers each Sunday night from 6-8 p.m. in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall.
- May 13 the Women's Bible Study begins a new study of the Psalms using Kerygma's Psalms (Discovering): Passion, Promise & Praise. There are seven sessions. Books have been ordered but please let Carol Smith or Becky McNeil know if you want a book reserved for you and if you will be joining. Join in person or via Zoom at Join Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136424723?pwd=TxksQVlIMmo2bVlSekN0dGZqbzF1Zz09> -- Meeting ID: 831 3642 4723 -- Passcode: 865505
- May 9-11 the Synod Assembly takes place in Loveland. Carol Schulzkump and Lisa Rygiel will represent Zion's.
- Church Council Meeting has been rescheduled to May 15.
- If you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers that beautify our worship space, please contact Lynn Chase or sign up on the Flower Chart that is located in the back of the Sanctuary. For a donation of \$25 you may choose to take the arrangements and enjoy them or donate. Simply place your check in the offering plate with "Flowers" designated on the Memo line.
- Temple Aaron has been nominated to become a National Historic Landmark. The National Park Service will hold the hearing regarding Temple Aaron at 1 p.m. on Wednesday May 11. The author of the nomination, Rachel Leibowitz, PhD, will present and answer questions about Temple Aaron.

## ~Prayers~

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27**

In prayer, we ask in His name: Comfort for those in mourning, including family and friends of: Oscar Saldivar (John and Lisa's friend); Jeff Klein (Amy N's cousin); David Esjornson (John Rygiel's brother-in-law & David's wife Sylvia).

We pray for and surround with God's protection the military and civilians around the world in harm's way — especially those affected by the recent wildfires, those in the Ukraine region; rescue workers, police and other first responders. We lift up leaders in our community, our country and in the world that peace and wisdom may prevail.

We pray for comfort and help for all refugees and those persons around the world crying out with needs. We also pray for the future direction of Zion's Lutheran as we face changes in our pastoral care, and as we strive to continue to unconditionally welcome all through our doors. May God's love and guidance direct each of us as we see how we can be God's hands in this world, spreading His message of peace, love, and the Good News of Easter.

We also pray for Paul Tennery and Andrea's Family; Aaron Wilson; the Anderson Family, the Nelson-Serafini family; Becky's family who lost their home in recent fire; Melodie & her son Jeremy and Natalia; the Nye family; Jeff Smith's mother (strokes); Paula's friend Lisa; Norine's daughter-in-law Tuile's family in South Africa; Marlene; Devon Sandoval (pregnancy complications); Doris' granddaughter MaLeigha; Brenda Baca; Jane's daughter; Yvette (surgery/aneurysm); Glenna McNeil; Jennifer Griffin and family; Marie Callander (heart surgery); Arthur Pierce (cardiac issues); Rita Burton; Leroy Ramos (Lisa Schrepfer's brother -- surgery); Linda N.; Pamela Serafini; Tricia (John Rygiel's sister, back injury and thyroid issues); Margaret Gumke; Mike Blackmore; JoAnn's sister Beth; Steve Karspeck's sister-in-law Deena; Wilmae & Sherry Gartside; Lisa Rygiel's parents; Loren Eigenburg; and the Sandstead family.

We surround with prayers those battling cancer, including Pastor Andrea; Gary Miller; Renee (Jill Wilsons sister-in-law); Jesse Trujillo; Larry French; Kim Brickley; James Brewer Calvat; Pastor Kevin Olsen; Joe; Ray; AnnaMarie; Polly (Ruthie's friend); Jeanine Tapia; Rick Barian (Lynn's friend); Rick Spaulding (Paula's brother-in-law); Gary Miller; Marci Guard; Lynn's brother Kenny; Nancy Wilhelm (Ernie & Sharon's family member); Linda Bounds; Jo Moss' cousin Virginia; and Francis Baldwin (friend of Mark & Jo Moss). We also pray for those affected by COVID.

Our prayers continue for Wal-reat (missionary in Sudan we support financially through Global Missions); The Way ministry; ACTS ministry; and the prison congregation New Beginnings and Pastor Schjang.

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Call to Worship and Words of Assurance (adapted): written by Nancy Townley, and posted on Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3753/worship-connection-may-8-2022>.

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