

# **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**March 17, 2024**

# Welcome!

*"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).*

We are thankful that you are joining in the worship of the people of God this day. Ushers at the door are glad to assist you at any time.

- Please check that cell phones are silenced.
- Restrooms are located on the right in the lobby and down the bell tower hallway to the right towards the fellowship hall.
- Prayer requests may be written on the white cards in the pew rack and given to an usher before worship begins, or as you leave.
- A self-staffed nursery is available to parents as needed, passed the wooden double doors on the left.
- Activity bags to help keep young children occupied during the message are provided in the back right corner of the sanctuary.

**Notice to Worshipers:** Today's service is livestreamed and recorded. It is available for public viewing and playback at [www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com](http://www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com) by clicking on the 'Watch Live' button.

## About the Offering

An offering is gathered today during the worship service. Here the people of God bring their tithes and sacrificial offerings as an expression of their discipleship, and for the continuation of Jesus' mission work, both in this community and to the ends of the earth. Guests are not expected to bring financial gifts but are welcome to join the congregation in offering their prayers and praises.

## About Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. In this, we remember that the divine is united with the created as one in the person of Jesus.

This altar is the Lord's table. Here all are welcome who acknowledge their need for a Savior and look to Jesus. We believe what he simply says about the bread – "This is my body, given for you." – and about the wine – "This is my blood, shed for you." Thus, the Lord Jesus is truly present for his redeemed people in this holy meal. In this we retain the divine mystery in the midst of his ordinary creation. From the many seeds of wheat come one loaf. From the many grapes are pressed one cup. His many diverse people constitute one body and community of faith.

Young children are welcome to this altar to receive a blessing, as are those who have not been instructed in the Christian faith. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest or by simply asking for a blessing.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray have white grape juice for those who desire it. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

*We are imperfect people, and we live in an imperfect world. We are all in this together. So when we believe or act wrongly towards someone, or when we feel that another has wronged us, we commit ourselves to the humble teaching and forgiving pattern of Jesus in Matthew 18.*

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## + GATHERING +

**Prayer As We Begin** — *Please stand.*

**C** Heavenly Father, as we come before you this morning in Jesus' name, we pray all that we say and do in our worship will give you glory. Help us, Lord, to focus our thoughts on you, so your Word will find fertile ground in our minds and hearts. May the worship service today accomplish in us the purpose you desire. Amen.

### The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination. Then the confession.*

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers, and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**P** Amen.

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation and Collect Prayer

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people, that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ,

**Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## + WORD +

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

☒ *The Old Testament Reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is from Jeremiah, Chapter 31, Verses 31-34. Through the prophet God foretells the new covenant, which he brings to pass in the Messiah.*

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

☒ This is the Word of the LORD.

🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem** ~ *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

### Epistle Reading

*Hebrews 5:1-10*

☒ *The Epistle is from Hebrews, Chapter Five, Verses 1-10. Jesus is the perfect priest for us, who offers prayers and supplications on our behalf, and sacrifices himself as only the Son of God can.*

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being

made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Lenten Verse — *Please stand.*

LSB 157

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the Tenth Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

<sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Childrens Message

### My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.  
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

**The Message** – Pastor Scherbarth ~ on *Mark 10:35-45*

**The Prayers of the Church** — *Please stand.*

### Apostles' Creed

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## **+ MEAL +**

*This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. In this meal we truly receive the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a great and divine mystery! Here we are joined with God and all the saints, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Young children and those who would prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward.*

*The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.*

### **The Preface and Hymn of Praise**

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the LORD.

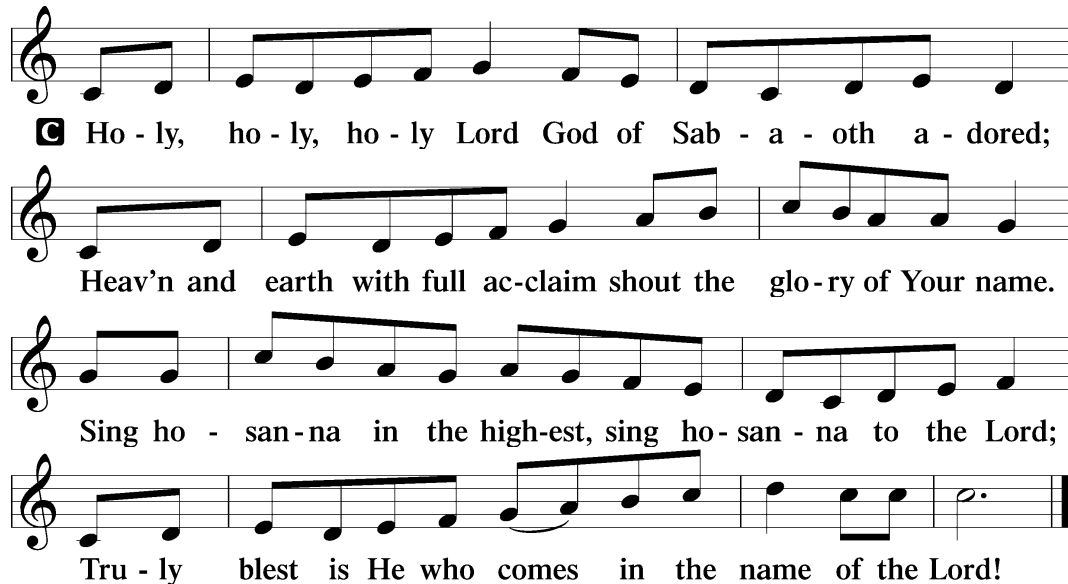
**P** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

**Our Father** who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Institution and Agnus Dei

LSB 962

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 Your  
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution Hymns

### Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
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 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:







Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*LSB 685*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus. And with pa - tience  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**+ SENDING +**

**Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing**

**P** Let us bless the LORD.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**P** We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

**May the God of HOPE  
fill you with all JOY and PEACE  
as you TRUST in him,  
so that YOU may overflow with HOPE  
by the POWER of the Holy Spirit.**

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G Amen**

**God Loves Me Dearly**

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



*Refrain*  
There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

<b>THIS WEEK</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>10:30am</u> <u>Worship</u>			<u>1:30pm</u> <u>Kaffee Klatsch</u>	<u>6:30pm</u> <u>BOD</u>		
<u>Elder's Mtg</u>			<u>Midweek Lent</u>			
<u>5pm</u> <u>Bell Choir</u>			<u>4pm</u> <u>-SOUP-</u>			

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# Take Home Announcements — Sunday, March 17, 2024

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## Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chet Scherbarth 619.385.2094 pastorscherbarth@gmail.com
<b>Pastor's Office hours:</b>	Tue-Thu 9-1, Fri-Sun, by appt; Mon-off
<b>Pianist</b>	Lewei He
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Debbie Frederick & Diana Rymarz
<b>Lector</b>	Lillian Smith
<b>Acolyte</b>	Paul Scherbarth

### **Altar Flowers:**

**Eternal Candle:** Christina Keiper  
Grateful for new beginnings

## Today's Theme

*It is the Lord's commitment to forgive iniquity, remembering sin no more. This is possible only through the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus. As our priest, Jesus offers up Himself on our behalf, praying, pleading, dying. He sacrifices divine life to abolish eternal death. His Church takes hold of this blessed promise in the waters of Holy Baptism and the bread and wine of Holy Communion. From the beginning, God in Christ serves all and ransoms those who believe.*

### Birthdays

Lynn Pye	3/18
Myla Scherbarth	3/20

### Anniversary

Warner & Darlene Boortz, 42yrs	3/20
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### Baptisms

Warner Boortz	3/15
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**Live Streaming of Worship Services** — [www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com).

**Online Giving** — Online giving is available to members and friends of Saint John via the 'Give' tab on our webpage. Thank you for supporting our work together in Jesus' name.

**Midweek Lenten Schedule** – services at 4pm. A soup supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**Easter Plants** – Order forms are now available. Please have money and forms turned in by March 24th.

**Lay Readers** – The April – June signup sheet is now available. Please signup to read and share the Word of the Lord with everyone.

**Easter Coffee Fellowship** - On Easter Sunday, the LWML will host a Coffee Fellowship in the church narthex from 9:00-10:00am prior to the Resurrection Service. Please make plans to come early to greet our neighbors, visitors, and members with the Joy of Easter. There will be some yummy home baked sweets, coffee, and juice. Also, there will be something *special* for the children. If you would like to bake something or help in any way, please contact Lillian Smith. Alleluia! Christ has Risen! Christ has risen Indeed! Alleluia!

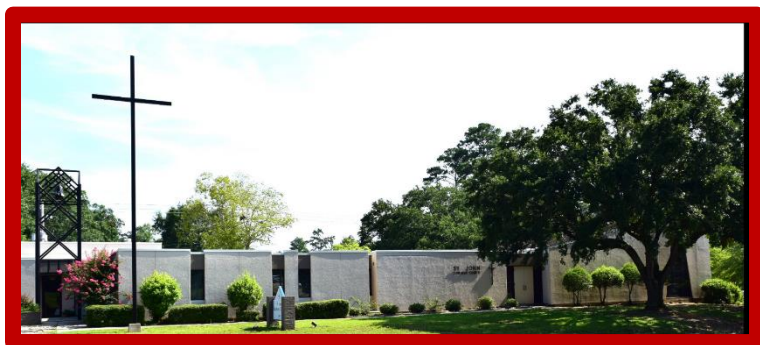
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PALM SUNDAY 10:30am Worship  Resurrection Sunday 10:30 Worship				<u>MAUNDAY</u> <u>THURSDAY</u> 6:00PM	<u>GOOD</u> <u>FRIDAY</u> 6:00PM	<u>HOLY</u> <u>SATURDAY</u> 1-2PM
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Prayers Needed			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (FL)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (NC)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas (Germany)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/22
Matt Geroux	Serving Stateside (TX)	Son of Kerry and Debbie Geroux	04.09.2022
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
John Krahlung	Recurring Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Eric Martin	Health & Strength	Member	9/17/23
Kenneth Johnson	Prostate Cancer	Brother of Wayland Johnson	10/18/20
DuWayne Lemke	Hospitalized with pneumonia	Brother of Shirley Thone	3/3/24
Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland, Judy Lacey	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	1/26/22
Yvonne Lee	Health and Strength	Mother of Patrice Lovdahl	6/29/22
Josephine Nwachuku	Prayers for Health and Strength	Member	9/11/22
Ian VanWinkle	Started infusions/Crohn's Disease	Nephew of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	10/9/22
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and strength	Member	2/12/23
Doris Schneider	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	2/22/23
Cheyenne Thiel	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/3/23
Cindy Landry	COVID	Member	3/10/24
Shelly Pardue	Strength & Healing	Doris Schneider's son	6/11/23
Ricky Myers	Now at home recovering from liver transplant	Friend of Jane & Wayland Johnson	9/10/23
Vanessa Ajayi	Breast cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Lisa Boswell	Colon cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Vic Miller	Cancer	Friend of the Lovdahl's	9/17/23
Joye McNelis	Cancer	Cousin of Patrice Lovdahl	9/17/23
Sandy Barnett	Heart concerns	Member	10/18/23
Trenia Thiel	Health & strength during recovery	Member	11/19.23

Trace Fisher	Health, Strength & Recovery/ Prayers for Tom & Erica Fisher as they care for Trace	Nephew of Pastor Scherbarth	11/21/23
Warner Boortz	Health and Strength	Member	2/25/24
Grace & Ivy	Grace-health & strength Ivy-Born 12/30/23; 2lbs, 5oz-many needs for this newborn.	Granddaughter & Great Granddaughter of Susan & W.F. Perkins	12/30/23
Kaitlyn Radavich	Post COVID problems since 2021	Granddaughter of Julie Radavich	1/17/24
Glen Stengrim	Continued strength and healing	Member	2/25/24
Mini Jasper & Family	Serious burns		1/28/24
Ruby Ezell	Mobility difficulties	Mother of LaToursha Ezell	1/28/24
Tanya	Fighting Staph infection (MRSA)		1/28/24
Aubrey Canfield	Home and still recovering	Member	2/13/24
Beth Scherbarth	Has concussion from recent auto accident	Member	2/4/24
Chloe	Recovery from foot issues	Member	2/4/24
Lisa Case	Major surgery scheduled	Member	2/13/24
Hillary Odom & Family	Had a stroke; prognosis not good		2/18/24
George Trotter	Comfort & healing	Former member	2/18/24
Kiri	Deliverance from Islam	Daughter of Josie Nwachuku	2/18/24
Bonnie Houser	Health and strength	Former member	3/5/24
Amanda Howell	Surgery recovery	Patrice Lovdahl	3/3/24
Tanya Schlamann	Surgery recovery	Beth Scherbarth	3/3/24
Julie Radavich	COVID	Member	3/10/24
Micki	Sick-health & strength		3/10/24
Jennifer Blair	COVID	Member	3/10/24
Nancy	Flu		3/10/24
W.F. Perkins	COVID	Husband of Susan Perkins	3/13/24
Jim Thone	Stage 4 Cancer	Father of Debbie Geroux	3/14/24



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Mon: off