

# **Palm Sunday and The Passion of Our Lord**



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**April 2, 2023**

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# Palm Sunday

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## + GATHERING +

### Greeting

**L** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

**L** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

**L** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; though the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We select a palm from the basket in the hallway and gather at the Bell Tower.*

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**L** <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**L** Let us go forth in peace,

**C in the name of the Lord.**

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

*A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between  
Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience, and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## + THE PASSION OF OUR LORD +

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

**L** <sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choir Anthem

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5-11*

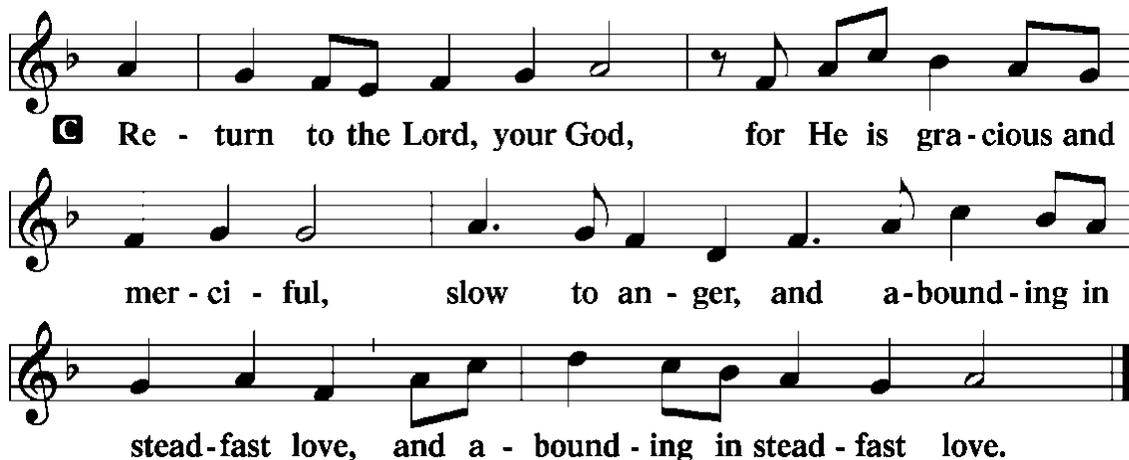
**L** <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Lenten Verse — *Return to the Lord, your God.*

*LSB 157*



**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

Matthew 27:11-66

**L** The Passion of Our LORD according to St. Matthew, the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.** *Please be seated*

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "**You have said so.**" <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come

down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**" that is, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Apostles' Creed** *Please stand*

**L** 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.**

### **Catechesis: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*As the head of the family should teach the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in a simple way to their household.  
(From the Small Catechism)*

#### **Part Three**

How can water do such great things? – **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”**

#### **Part Four**

What does such Baptism with water indicate? – **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

Where is this written? – **St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”**

*Please be seated*

# A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

**The Message** — Mr. Mark Keyl ~*Baptism – New Life in Jesus*

**The Prayers of the Church and The Our Father**

**C 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.**

**+ SENDING +**

**Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing**

**L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us,  
Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to  
obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our  
enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

**L Let us bless the LORD.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**L 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.**

**L 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 + give you peace.**

**C Amen**

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

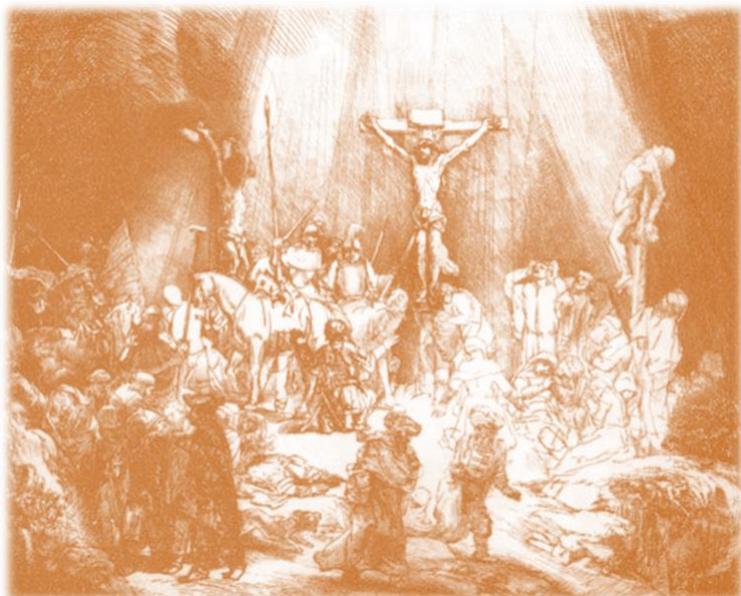
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1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly


  
 tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to


  
 sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.



THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Palm Sunday</u> <u>10:30am</u> <u>Worship</u>				<u>Maundy Thursday</u> <u>Worship 6:00 pm</u>	<u>Good Friday</u> <u>Worship 6:00 pm</u>	

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## Take Home Announcements — Sunday, April 2, 2023

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### Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Gary Weier 228.256.2791 <a href="mailto:garyweier@yahoo.com">garyweier@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Organist</b>	Jason Sims
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Patricia Davenport & Christina Keiper
<b>Lector</b>	Christopher Longman

#### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am-12:00pm

**Altar Flowers:** John Blair in honor of  
Donna Blair's Birthday

**Eternal Candle:** Available

#### **Scriptures Next Sunday:**

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

### Today's Theme

*Crowds pursue Jesus to see Him, hear Him, ridicule Him, and finally crucify Him. The sequence from popularity to persecution unfolds on this Sunday of the Passion. Hosanna accolades would be stifled by jeering mockery. The imagery of palm branches would be obscured with the bloodied palms and wounded head of Jesus. Within a week, Christ is adorned in beauty and fame, scorning and shame. For us, He decidedly unravels death's hideous sting!*

#### Birthdays

Donna Blair April 7

#### Baptisms

Wayland Johnson. April 1  
Pat Potesta. April 2  
Joyce Coll April 7

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Lee & Maggie McMichael. April 9  
Damian & Pat Potesta April 21

**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.

**Good News Newsletter for April** is now available on our website

[www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com) and printed copies are available near lobby mailboxes.

**Kaffee Klatsch** – meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

**Avenues Study Group** – meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**LWML MITES** - will be collected TODAY. Thank you for your prayers and generous donations to the "What's Your 80?" and MITES to the Gulf States District and National Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

**Easter Sunday Coffee** – The LWML will host an Easter Sunday Coffee in the church narthex from 9-10 am prior to the Resurrection worship service. Come and share this joyful day by greeting our visitors, friends, and fellow members with "yummy" baked items, juice, and coffee! There will also be an Easter craft and something sweet for every child. If you would like to help or bake something special, please contact and LWML member. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!



<b>Prayers Needed</b>			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (FL)	Son of Norbert and Trena Thiel	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (NC)	Son of Norbert and Trena Thiel	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas (Germany)	Son of Norbert and Trena 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
Bailey Walters	Serving Overseas	Member	10/31/18
Darrin Torrey	Serving Stateside	SIL of Jerry & Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
John Krahlung	Recurring Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Eric Martin	Cancer	Member	10/6/19
Kenneth Johnson	Prostate Cancer	Brother of Wayland Johnson	10/18/20
Lisa Case	Upcoming parathyroid surgery	Member	3/22/23
Warner Boortz	Health and Strength	Member	12/1/18
DuWayne Lemke	Lung Cancer	Brother of Shirley Thone	3/24/21
Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland, Judy Lacey	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	1/26/22
Faye Hill	Health and Strength	Mother of Chris Keiper	10/19/22
Campus Mission	For its advance and increase	For all students and educators	4/20/22
Pastoral Leadership	For wisdom, discernment, and	Transition and Calling of Next Pastor	7/26/20
Caregivers	Strength, Support, Encouragement	All those in need	7/26/20
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
Keri Allen	Stage four liver cancer	Niece of Dennis & Lillian Smith	12/20/22
Pete Harris	Cancer	Friend of Susan Perkins	1/3/23
Lynne Longman	Expecting: health/strength for mother and baby	Wife of Christopher Longman	1/3/23
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and strength	Member	2/12/23
Family of Bob Schneider	Died in the Lord	Member	2/12/23
Family of Marsha Rogers	Died in the Lord	Close friend of Shirley Thone	3/14//23
Doris Schneider	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	2/22/23
Cheyenne Thiel	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/3/23
Julie Radavich	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/13/23
Peter Vasselais	Recently died unexpectedly	Nephew of Elaine Kersh	3/14/23
John Hojem	Health and Strength	Cousin of Chris Noffke	3/23/23