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**Sunday, July 1, 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*



LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,  
LET GOD IN,  
BE AMONG FRIENDS

## WELCOME . . .

We are privileged to have you as our guest in the Lord's house this morning. We pray that the time you share with us will be meaningful for you and that God will bless you through it. If you have a question that is not answered here, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

**Registry:** Please take time to complete the registry/attendance sheet found in the pew in the black folder at the center aisle. It is important to us that we know who is worshipping with us today. Thank you.

**Worship:** This booklet is our order of worship for today. Hymns are found in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnals located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. Everything else is printed in this booklet.

Our worship includes **Holy Communion**. As Christians in the Lutheran heritage, we believe that our Lord Jesus is physically present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we receive. However, if you believe that Jesus' body and blood were given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, you are welcome to commune with us, regardless of your faith background. A white grape juice is available at the center of the tray for those who do not wish to receive wine.

If you desire to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the communion rail, inform the usher of such and communion will be brought to you.

**. . . WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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Ministers: The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Crossroads

Pastor: Pastor Creighton

Greeters: Andy and Lisa Westerfeld

Accompanist: Andrea Westerfeld

Acolytes: Damon and Cole Rippetoe

Assisting Minister: Laura Nicholson

Communion Assistant: Darrell Nicholson

Sound System: Darrell Nicholson

Offering Counters: Brandon Borgman

Altar Committee: Gary Westerfeld

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

**ELW 733**

## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and assembly greet one another.*

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.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Led by the assisting minister*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!**

*A canticle of praise may be sung by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**♪ Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27**

A reading from the first chapter of 2 Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

<sup>17</sup>David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. <sup>18</sup>(He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

<sup>19</sup>Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

<sup>20</sup>Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;  
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,  
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

<sup>21</sup>You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

<sup>22</sup>From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

<sup>23</sup>Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles,  
they were stronger than lions.

<sup>24</sup>O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

<sup>25</sup>How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

<sup>26</sup>I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
greatly beloved were you to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

<sup>27</sup>How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 30

*The psalm is read responsively by verse.*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

A reading from the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to acclaim the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**♪Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-48**

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome

with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: *Healing Power***

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**ELW 886**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing, especially those listed in the bulletin and prayer book, and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and all for whom we have forgotten or neglected to pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 7/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 7/8 time signature. The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.'

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads a prayer.*

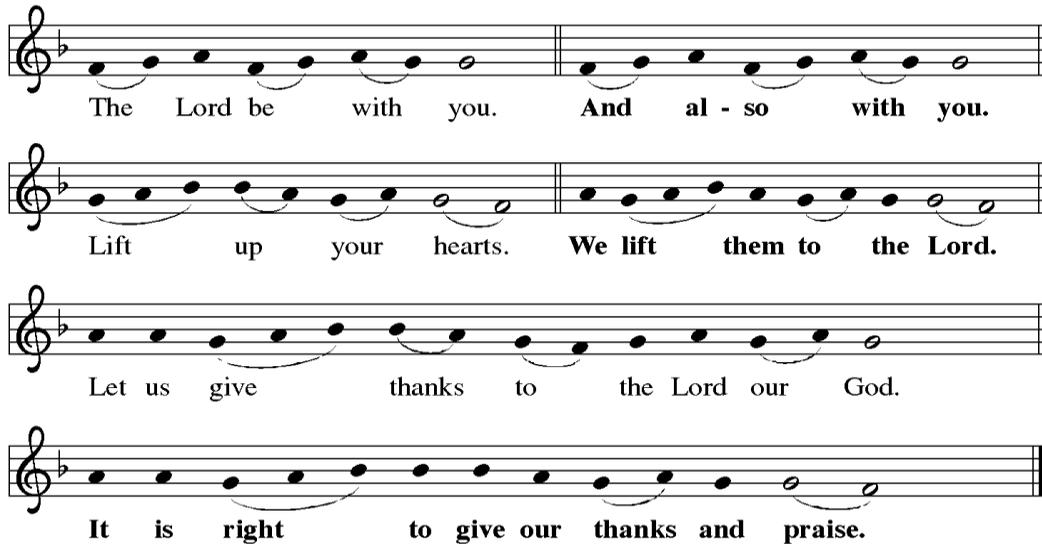
Let us pray together.

Merciful God,  
**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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.

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

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in invitation.*

*The assembly is seated.*

*All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.*

## COMMUNION SONG

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**♪Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*After Holy Communion has been distributed, the assembly stands and the presiding minister may say:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE NATION:**

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**ELW 547**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may address the assembly.*

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**We are a family of believers who meet to:**

**enjoy life together**

**worship and learn about God**

**make a difference in the world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **We remember in Prayer:**

Carol Bergman  
Angela Siebert  
Sarajane Wilson

Daniel Narwold  
Mikayla Siebert  
Art and Karen Salvitti

Cole Nuhring  
Todd Siebert  
Marlin and Julia Siebert

Edith Mascheck (Paul Gausman's sister)  
Stella Long (Paul Gausman's sister)  
Mike Trenkamp (Tim Mack's brother-in-law)  
Travis Wenning (son of former BHS Ag teacher)  
Ruth Booster (wife of former pastor)  
Melody Briner (Marilyn Gausman's daughter)  
Zach Briner (Marilyn Gausman's relative)  
Lois Bastien Brown (Tim Salvitti's grandmother-in-law)  
Marie Dierckman (Ginny Low's mother)  
Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)  
Bonnie Haughn (Sabrina Salvitti Haughn's mother-in-law)  
Leonard (husband of Lisa Gausman's friend)  
George Lerosé (Art Salvitti's brother-in-law)  
Tessa Mayer (wife of Wanda Siebert's principal)  
Bekah Netherton (daughter of Debbie Mack's friend)  
Ronnie Nicholson (Darrell's brother)  
Barry Norman (Lisa Gausman's former principal)  
Carol Rayve and Ron Price (Karen Salvitti's mother and friend)  
Ted Rayve (Karen Salvitti's brother)  
Beverly Richardson (Laura Nicholson's mother)  
Kristina Salvitti (Art's daughter)  
Gary Schopmeyer (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)  
Charlie Seibert (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)  
John Ward (Eunice Sisson's brother-in-law)  
Jasmine Westerfeld (Sharon Brown's great-granddaughter)  
Melinda Wilson (wife of Ben Wilson)

anyone affected by natural disasters, warfare and violence  
all who serve in the military

## **Honored Members:**

Paul Gausman          Allen and Mary Lou Narwold          Bill Westerfeld

**Our members at St. Andrew's:** Julia Siebert          Ruth Thackery

**Our Partner Churches:** Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia and St. John Lutheran Church, Bellaire

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## **Today:**

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV). Let us join in worshiping our faithful God.

We welcome **Pastor Joe Foster**, retired United Church of Christ minister, as our presiding minister this morning. Pastor Creighton is returning today from the Youth Gathering in Houston.

Please stay for **fellowship** in the Fellowship Room after worship this morning. Spend some time catching up with the events in each other’s lives.

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