

# LAMB OF GOD

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**Today's theme:  
He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory**

**Welcome, guests!** God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God, visit our website [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com), like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)) est. 1850.

**Children’s “My Worship Notes”** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

### **He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory**

The Church waits. The Church in Jerusalem waited for ten days between Christ’s ascension and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. The Church today waits through the millennia between Pentecost and Christ’s second coming. We are waiting for the gifts that Jesus promised. We live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by early suffering. Rather, our current sufferings only remind us of the glory that awaits us. We are simply following in Christ’s footsteps. First comes the cross, and then comes the crown. Knowing what is coming lets us view our current troubles as light and momentary. They cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. While we wait in the time between Christ’s ascension and return, we live knowing that we will suffer persecution for our faith in Christ, but God will work it for glory.



## INVOCATION

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Christ Begins

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*\*The soloist will sing the stanzas. The congregation will sing the refrain.*

*Please stand*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

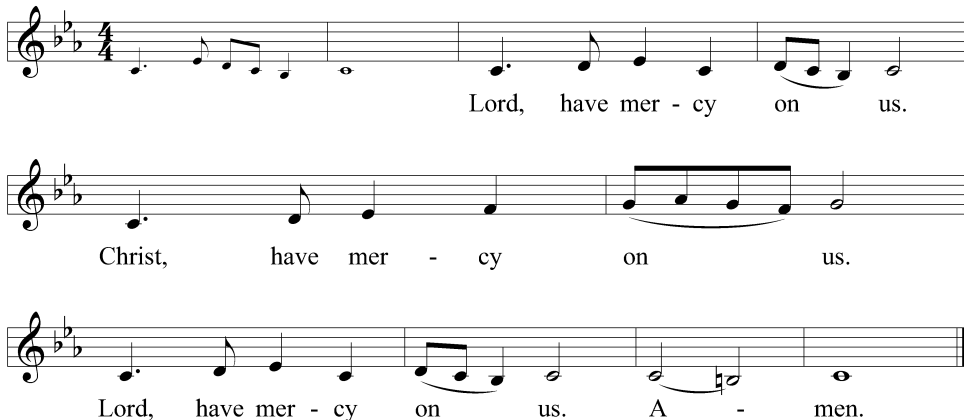
**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*[Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.]*

### Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mer - cy on us.

Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

## ABSOLUTION

*[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?) See John 20:21-23]*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GLORY TO GOD (Gloria in Excelsis)

[Throughout this order of service, we will hear and tell the story of our greatest brother, Jesus. As we sing the Gloria, we are reminded of the song the angels sang at Jesus' birth, a song the Christian Church has sung for almost 2,000 years.]

\*The soloist will sing the stanzas. The congregation will sing the refrain.

### Gloria

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and  
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

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 God the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

[The Prayer of the Day summarizes the theme of the day.]

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Be seated*

# THE WORD

## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

*Forty days after his glorious resurrection, Jesus gloriously ascends into heaven, to rule over all things for his Church. He will come back to bring us to be where he is.*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.

### God Mounts His Throne to Shouts of Joy

*Psalm 47C Ref*

*Refrain*

God mounts his throne to shouts of  
joy, to shouts of joy! God mounts his  
throne to shouts of joy, to shouts of joy!

1 All people, clap your hands, cry out to God with joy!  
For the LORD Most High we revere, great King over all the earth.

***Refrain***

2 Our God goes up with shouts of joy to the trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing out praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise.

***Refrain***

3 God is the King of all, sing praise with all your skill.  
God is the ruler of all the lands, God reigns upon the throne. ***Refrain***

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## Second Reading 1:15-23

*Ephesians*

*The post-ascension disciples no longer had their teacher with them walking the roads of Israel as before. We end time disciples do not have Jesus' visible presence with us either. Yet there is no ascension sadness, because the Church knows exactly where Christ is. He has taken up his power and has begun to reign with might that knows no limit and glory that knows no bounds. With a head like that, what foe have we to fear?*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]

\*Congregation will sing the refrain. The Leader will sing the verses.

## Proper

Matthew 28:20

### Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.

### Refrain

## GOSPEL 24:44-53

Luke

Ascension marks the coronation of our Prophet-Priest as King. Today we see his enthronement in glory and power to rule all things for the Church.

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on

the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*\*The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel reading.*

**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

*CW 472 sts. 1-4*

## **SERMON**

**based on Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Jesus Ascended To Use His Power For You**

# CONFESSION OF FAITH

*+Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com) and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to **84321** to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906, or you may scan this QR code:



## **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

*[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

*Isaiah 6:3 This is the song of the angels in heaven. \*Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.*

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of pow-er, God of might: heav-en and

earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! 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.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*+As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PAX DOMINI (John 20:19,21,26)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

John 1:29 \*Jesus is God's Lamb (Latin: Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

## Agnus Dei

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.  
*a tempo*  
A-men. A-men. A-men.

## DISTRIBUTION

\*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

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Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

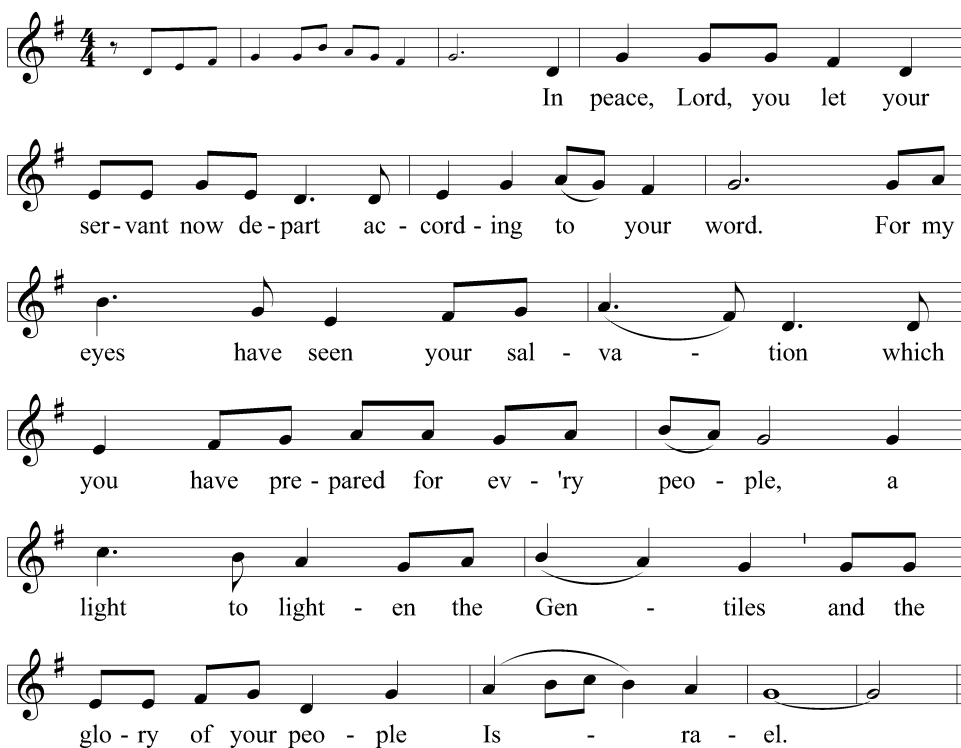
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## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON+ Luke 2:29-32

*+The Nunc Dimittis ("Now Dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*

### Nunc Dimittis



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In peace, Lord, you let your ser- vant now de- part ac- cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el."

## PRAYER

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
And his mercy endures forever.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*[This blessing has been spoken over God's people for the past 3,500 years, when God commanded Aaron, Moses' brother, to bless the Israelites, "...and so I will put my name on them." Numbers 6:22-27]*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**

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### **Serving at Worship (5/21)**

Pastor Paul Horn  
Vicar Jonah Schlomer  
Piano: Liz Schmidt  
Flute: Laura Sanford  
Percussion: Henry Horn  
Vocal Leader: Bethany Price  
Usher/Greeter: Arvanitis family  
Acolyte: Dax Graves  
Livestream: Amanda  
Schoonmaker  
Children's Sunday School  
Teacher:  
Julie Becker  
Refreshments: Schlomer family

### **Serving Next Week (5/28)**

Pastor Paul Horn  
Vicar Jonah Schlomer  
Usher/Greeter: Bednarski family  
Piano: Bethany Price  
Acolyte: Lauren Schoonmaker  
Livestream: Henry Horn  
Refreshments: Diane Brady

## **SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

**Family Bible Study Hour - Sunday Mornings at 9:15am**

**Adults and Teens - Our current class: Prepared to Answer**

**Pre-K—8th Grade - Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!**

**Worship Service - 10:30am**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bible Basics - Beginning Sunday, June 25 at 9:15am**

Bible Basics is a 12-lesson course that takes a fair, honest look at the main teachings of Christianity as they are found in the Bible. *No matter what your religious beliefs or spiritual background, this class is intended for you!* Before you make up your mind about church or religion, you owe it to yourself to hear what the Bible actually says - about God's love for you, and about his plan for your life. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and explore the Bible in a relaxed, non-judgmental setting. We'll start with Lesson 1 on Sunday, June 25 at 9:15am.

**Do you receive the weekly update email from Lamb of God?**

If not, please provide your email in the Friendship Register on your row or contact the church office at [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com).

### **Service Opportunities**

If you have the time and ability to serve God's kingdom, please consider these opportunities as a way to serve!

- Livestream slide production (training provided)
- Run the Sunday morning livestream (training provided)
- Assist with Installing new skirting around fellowship hall / spreading gravel
- Weed flower beds / mulch beds
- Lawn care
- Clear out "baptism woods walk" sign areas

Please contact the church office for more information at [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com).

**Music and Art Camp, June 12-16<sup>th</sup>** - At Music and Art camp, kids ages 5-12 will learn music theory, how to play the ukulele, art techniques, drumming rhythms, build their faith in Jesus, make new friends, and have tons of fun!

- Dates: June 12th-16th
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: Lamb of God Lutheran Church
- Cost: \$75 for first time campers (includes t-shirt, ukulele), \$50 for repeat campers (includes a t-shirt)

Music and Art camp concludes with the kids performing their songs on the ukulele and bucket drums during the Sunday service following camp (**June 18<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am**) with a cookout to follow... and... your child will take their ukulele home with them after camp!

For additional information and to register your child go to: <https://lambogodlafayette.com/event/art-and-music-camp/>.

*Note: Scholarships are available. Please contact the church office at [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com).*

### **Kitchen Items Needed**

The following items are needed in the church kitchen by mid-June:

- Large stock pot (1)
- Medium and large crock pots (2+)
- Pizza pans (2+)

If you have any of these items at home or see them in a garage sale or on sale, please consider donating them to the church. *Note: A serving platter, serving trays, baking pans, strainer, dish rags, and a power strip have already been donated. Thank you!*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **Keep in your prayers this week:**

For all those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, including Rob Smith, Kyle Correll, (son of Judy and Don), Jim Holmes, Joan Bonnet, Stacy (daughter of Mike and Bev Beights) and Dianne Degner; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help.

That the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday. That our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

For all of us to reach out to those struggling with mental health that we might be a listening ear and compassionate voice of encouragement.

Since each of us is called to proclaim the good news of Christ crucified and risen, that the Holy Spirit would help us to build bridges to the unchurched so that we might build a bridge to Jesus; that we see in our FRAN network (Friends, Relatives and Neighbors) these opportunities to

build those bridges and have the courage and joy to bring them with us to bible study, worship or a church event.

For all military families who are separated by deployment or other training/ schools.

For the graduates of Martin Luther College who received their assignments to our Lutheran schools; for the pre-seminary student graduates as they continue on to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; for the vicars and pastor graduates who will be assigned to their congregations this week from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

For our missionaries in the Lutheran Church of India, Taiwan, Australia and Indonesia and their families and congregations.

That as we pray "give us our daily bread" our Almighty King would grant us good government, honest and faithful leaders, judges, a strong armed forces to defend and protect us, health of body and mind, good neighbors, godly spouse, godly children and Christian friends.