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Today's theme:

Unexpected Truths: Real Repentance Looks Different

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.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God or want to livestream a service, visit our website www.lambofgodlafayette.com, like us on Facebook, Instagram and/or YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS (www.wels.net) est.1850. WELS is a group of nearly 360,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations united by a common faith in Christ's saving love.

Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... we're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word, "Let the little children come to me." If your child becomes distracting to other worshipers, you may take your child to our fellowship hall which is located to the right at the back of the sanctuary and through the doors.

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.

Real Repentance Looks Different - It might be expected for someone to look sorry when they are caught doing something wrong. You might even see tears and hear words of apology. But you might not be surprised if the shock of being caught wears off and so does the intensity of the repentance.

Real repentance looks different. God doesn't want us to simply go through religious motions like some sort of show. God's desire is that our repentance would demonstrate sincere sorry over sin. It might be unexpected, but God wants us to see the grace and forgiveness he has shown us in Christ, and in response, to love him back deeply and sincerely.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

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

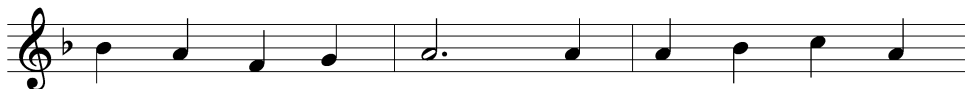
Amen.

Opening Hymn

CW 737 | Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Confession & Absolution

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



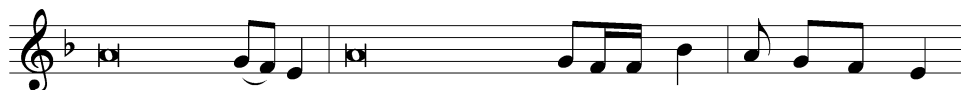
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



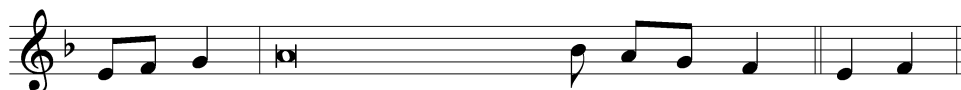
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

[A strong warning to Christians who have grown dismissive of their sin.]

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

The Word of the Lord.

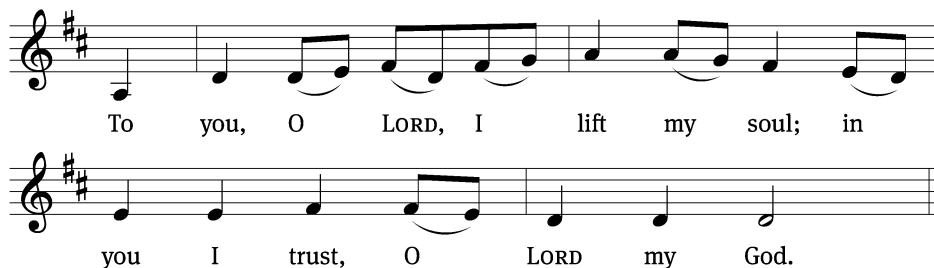
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25A | To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

**Congregation will sing the refrain and bolded text. The soloist will sing the verses.*

Refrain



Tone



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,
for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.
Look on my affliction and / my distress
and take away / all my sins.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

[Moved by Christ's love and empowered by the Spirit, we seek to imitate the humility of Jesus.]

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years.
 Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]*

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 51:17

**Congregation will sing the refrain. The soloist will sing the verse.*



Refrain



My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

[Sincere love for God involves not just saying what God wants to hear but doing what God wants done.]

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

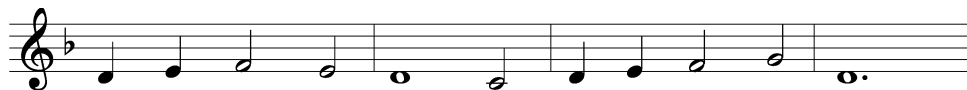
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Sermon

[Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.]

Hymn of the Day

CW 547 | At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 thro' all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 cher - u - bim in heav - en, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true.
 Crown him as your captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again
 in his Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

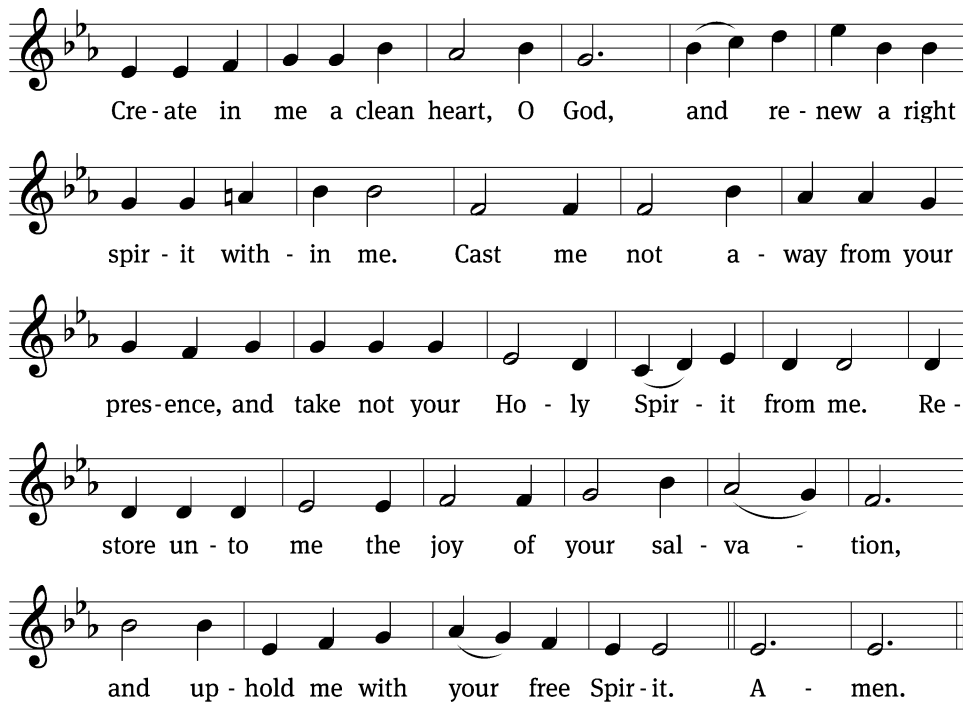
Sermon

based on Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

“The LORD Is Deadly Serious About Life”

Hymn

CW 942 | Create in Me a Clean Heart



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Prayer for the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

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.

Offering

If you wish to give an offering:

- place it in the offering plate
- scan this QR code
- text any dollar amount to **84321**
- mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North, West Lafayette, IN 47906
- go to the church website www.lambofgodlafayette.com and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner.



Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 on you with favor and $\text{||}\text{||}$ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

CW 927 | Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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Serving at Worship (9/27)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Lisa Graves

Usher/Greeter: Hartzell family

Acolyte: Dax Graves

Livestream: Graves family

Serving Next Sunday (10/4)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Dawn Sanders / Diane Brady

Acolyte: TBD

Livestream: Volunteer needed

Refreshments: Volunteer needed

This Week's Activities

- Sun, Sep 27
 - Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – 9:15am
 - Worship Service – 10:30am
- Tue, Sep 29
 - Breath Led Body Flow – 6pm
- Wed, Sep 30
 - Purdue Campus Ministry – Held weekly at HAMP 2110 at 8pm
- Thu, Oct 1
 - Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am
 - Online Bible Study – 6:30pm (Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300; Passcode: 384569)
- Fri, Oct 2
 - Breath Led Body Flow – 10am

Save the Date (More info in 'Announcement' section or via the weekly e-newsletter)

- Sun, Oct 11
 - Clay Shooting Outing in Kokomo after Service
- Thu, Oct 15
 - Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am
- Sun, Nov 1
 - Hiking at Turkey Run – after service
- Thu, Nov 5
 - Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exploring Luther's Large Catechism – Join us this fall as we dive deeper into the core truths of the Christian faith in Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*, a cornerstone of the Reformation with wisdom for pastors, parents, and all students of God's Word today. Together, we will explore the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, learning how these teachings guide our daily life and deepen our understanding of God's Word. Come ready to read, reflect, and discuss how the timeless wisdom of the *Large Catechism* can inspire our walk with Christ today.

Exercise Nights @ LoG – Join us for light yoga and breathing exercises **Tuesday's at 6pm** and **Friday's at 10am**. No cost. All are welcome. See Ivy for more details.

The next **Mornings with Mommy (MwM)** will be **Thursday, Oct 1st** from **10-11:15am**. MwM meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. All children from birth to age 5 are welcome even if they don't attend Lamb of God. To register, scan the QR code or visit the Lamb of God website at <https://lambofgodlafayette.com/ministry/mornings-with-mommy/>.



- Oct 15 – Fall Fun: Pumpkins and Leaves
- Nov 5 – Flags, Parades and the USA: Thank you Veterans
- Nov 19 – Harvest Time: Apples, Corn and Gourds

Join us Thursday nights at 7pm as we study Exodus. Learn who our God is, what it means to be his people, and how he interacts with us and with the world around us. See also the pattern of redemption and marvel at God's master plan for our salvation! You can join us on Zoom using the link in the LoG weekly newsletter or scanning the QR code. * Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300 * Passcode: 384569



Clay Shooting - Council is planning a clay shooting outing on **Sunday Oct 11th in Kokomo**. We would live right after the church service. Course is 100 rounds. Talk to Eric Becker if someone would like to participate but doesn't have a gun. This event is weather dependent.

Area Reformation Service and Oktoberfest - Every year at the end of October, we remember the glorious grace of our God in preserving the good news of Jesus Christ. God has preserved his Word, and he continues using that Word to reform his Church one heart at a time.

We have two opportunities to celebrate this year, both on **October 25**. We will hold our regular **Sunday service at 10:30 am**, followed by some festivities as we prepare for the afternoon. Then we will host an **Area Reformation Service at 4:00 PM**. Come and celebrate the rich heritage of the grace of our God, the joy of Jesus, and the fellowship of neighboring congregations.

Following the service, **stay for our Oktoberfest Celebration!** Enjoy delicious food, lively fellowship, and fun for all ages.

Hiking at Turkey Run – Join us **Sunday, Nov 1st** as we go **hiking at Turkey Run State Park**. We plan to leave right after the service. This event is weather dependent.

Would you like to receive the weekly e-newsletter? Lamb of God communicates with its members and friends through a weekly **e-newsletter** and via the **GroupMe** phone app. If you're not already receiving these communications, add your contact information in the red friendship register located in your row or contact the church office at loginlafayette@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all those in our midst who continue to deal with physical ailments or are home bound, including: Bryant and Linda Monk, Linda's aunt and her family, Mike and Bev Beights, Jim Holmes, Joan Bonnet, Pastor Paul Jansen, Carrie May, and Dustin Humphrey.

For all those who are suffering from abuse in the home that they might seek help.

For teachers, staff and students and their respective classrooms.