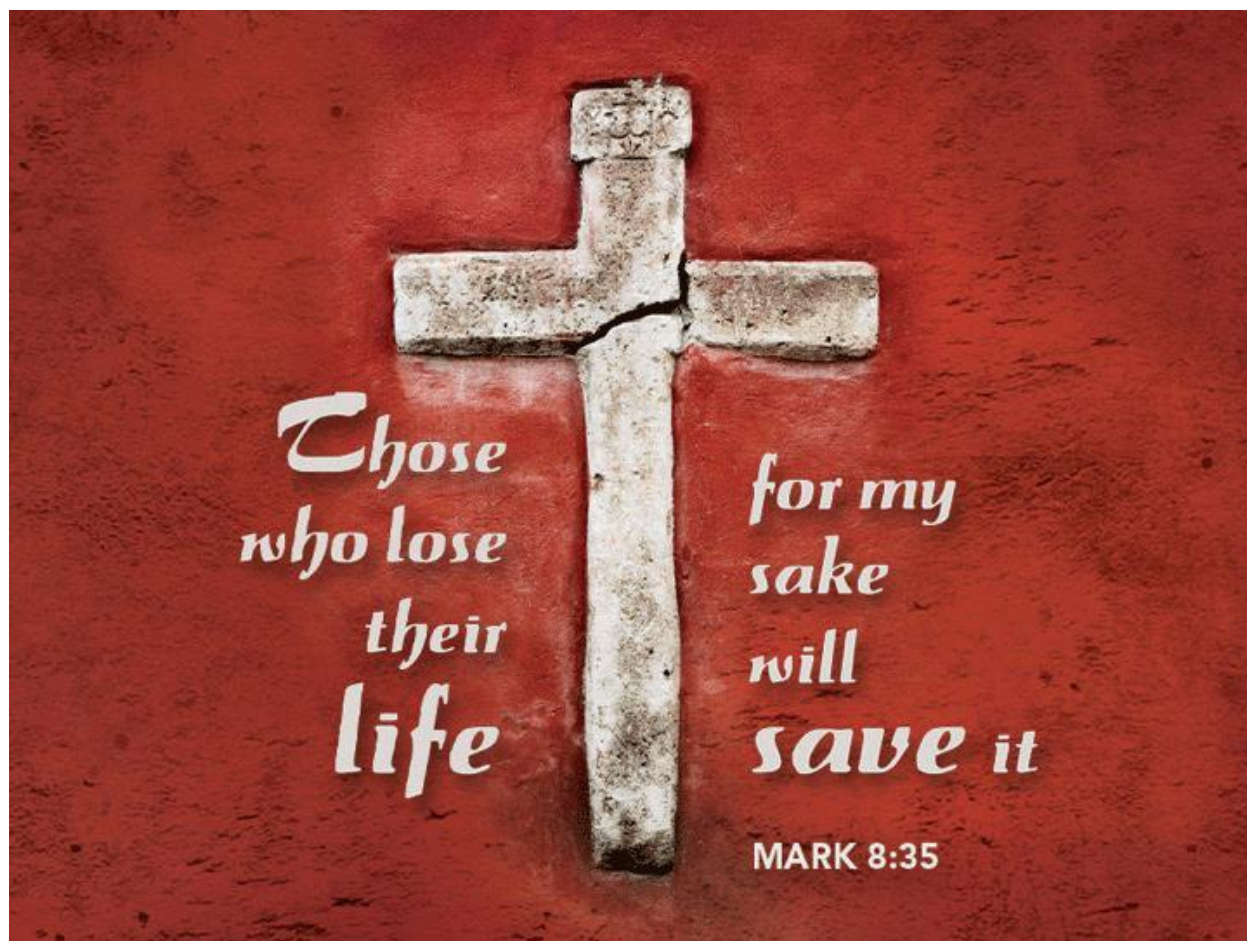


Second Sunday in Lent
ELW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, February 28, 2021



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Introduction to the day

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ZOOM NARTHEX TIME

9:50-10:05 am

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisette Branscomb
Congregational President

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

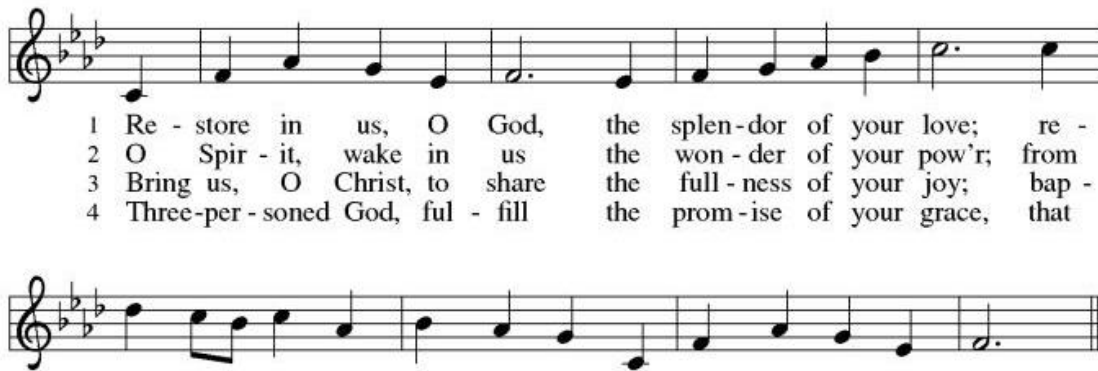
the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✚ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that

new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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GREETING**Pastor Ruth Hamilton**

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.**PRAYER OF THE DAY****Pastor Ruth Hamilton***Let us pray.*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.**---WORD---**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**Amy Cauble**

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

A reading from Genesis.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

John Womack

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! R

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, “The | LORD has acted!” R

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Amy Cauble

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited

patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

HYMN OF THE DAY

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Amy Cauble

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being.

Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace,
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you,
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name,
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine.

(Here specific places of need may be named.) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression.

Holy God, we pray especially for:

- Al Kates; JoAnn; Scott Beal; Barbara Aiken; Sharla Hanson.
- Manuel Ibarra; Jack Bergeson; Leisa Wiggley; Maddy Faass.
- Jeff Miller; Margaret Shortreed; Pastor Ruth Hamilton; Jeff Smith.
- Jackie Szalkowski; Charlene Adams; Officer Max Brewer; Julie Boyer.
- The family of Genet (Gun-net) Johnson; Buster Lanham; Cindy Murphy.
- Robert and Betty; Sister Roberta; Sandy Staven; Cherie Mason.
- June Hix; Trudy Hanson; Patti Austin; Charlie Kuni.
- Steve Robinson; Rick Robinson.
- Sue and Russ Silver.
- All healthcare workers.
- The underemployed and unemployed.
- All family members and friends who have COVID.
- Children, parents, teachers, and school administrators.
- All Saints' Call Committee.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. *(The congregation's ministries and community services may be named.)* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, especially Hilton Austin, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

---MEAL---

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

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OFFERING of Bread and Wine

Preparing your bread and wine

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OFFERING PRAYER

Amy Cauble

Let us pray.

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,

and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life

with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

+DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 (ELW p. 108)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

John Womack



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.
You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.
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.
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: **Amen**

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)

John Womack

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 peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Amy Cauble

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

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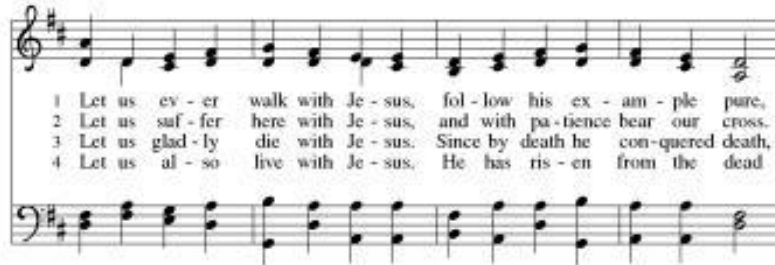
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Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

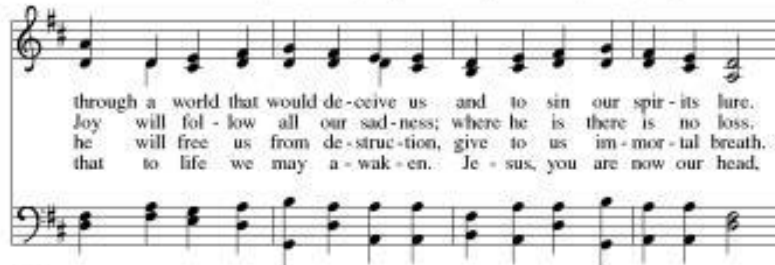
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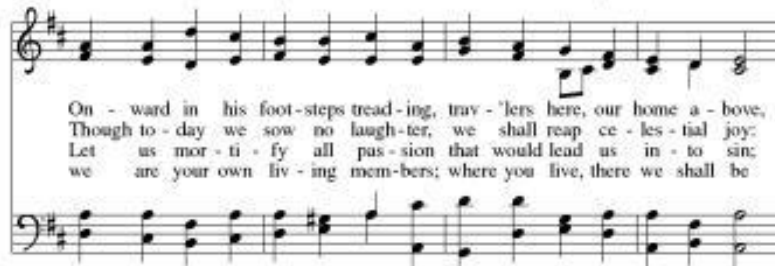
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath,
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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---PRAYER LIST---

- ❖ Al Kates, for healing and recovery from knee replacement surgery this past week.
- ❖ JoAnn (Martha Wooden's sister-in-law), for healing and recovery from pneumonia and COVID. JoAnn also has Parkinson's Disease. Now in rehab, COVID is not contagious and pneumonia is not affecting her breathing.
- ❖ Scott Beal (brother of a co-worker of Kevin Swanson), for healing from a broken back sustained in a serious auto accident. It has been difficult to stabilize him as he is on a ventilator due to his lungs filling with fluid. Still in ICU.
- ❖ Barbara Aiken (87 year old friend of Rica Kelly), for healing and relief from pain while recovering from a broken femur as a result of a fall. She will be in rehab for a month. Prayers for her family as Barbara is very confused as to what has happened and where she is.
- ❖ Sharla Hanson (sister of Sheila Wagner), for diagnosis, treatment, and healing of internal bleeding. Sharla went home last weekend but is now hospitalized again.
- ❖ Manuel Ibarra (Casa de Dios para la Naciones Church), for recovery from COVID and pneumonia.
- ❖ Jack Bergeson (brother-in-law of Sue Martinson), thanksgiving for successful heart valve replacement this week after a recent heart attack, prayers for healing and recovery.
- ❖ Leisa Wiggley, (sewing friend of many at ASLC) for strength and courage in her ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer.
- ❖ Maddy Faass, who has a wonderful internship opportunity which is exactly what she has been looking for. Prayers for a good outcome as the opportunity is very competitive.
- ❖ Jeff Miller (nephew-in-law of Sue Martinson), thanksgiving for successful surgery for recurrence of bladder cancer, prayers for healing and recovery.
- ❖ Margaret Shortreed (friend of Laura Trittin), that a living kidney donor be found as she has stage four kidney disease.
- ❖ Pastor Ruth Hamilton, thanksgiving for progress and healing in her recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- ❖ Jeff Smith (cousin of Joann Rosselle), strength and courage in dealing with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- ❖ Jackie Szalkowski, for healing and recovery after breast cancer surgery. Thanksgiving for good progress and positive post-op report.
- ❖ Charlene Adams, patience in waiting for knee replacement surgery to be scheduled and dealing with loneliness.
- ❖ Officer Max Brewer, thanksgiving for healing of his left leg; for patience and resolve in dealing with further surgery on his right leg - earlier surgeries were not successful.
- ❖ Julie Boyer, prayers for healing and recovery from breast cancer surgery.
- ❖ Protection for the family of Genet (Gun-net) Johnson (Blandon's wife), who have been caught up in violence in Ethiopia. Her parents and siblings are still not out of the woods, but have necessary medications now. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family of Genet's cousin, a government worker who was shot and killed in front of his wife and children.
- ❖ Buster Lanham (brother-in-law of Angela Kates), for positive test results from daily radiation for inoperable Stage 2 pharyngeal cancer.
- ❖ Cindy Murphy, recovering from back surgery; PT is going well; determining treatment for kidney issues.

- ❖ Robert (nephew of Betty Bradford), recovery after surgery and other major health concerns, including the need for a kidney transplant; also for his 85 year-old mother Betty (sister-in-law of Betty Bradford), who is his caregiver.
- ❖ Sister Roberta, for renewed strength, energy, and patience in daily activities.
- ❖ Sandy Staven, thanksgiving for her progress after hip replacement surgery January 12.
- ❖ Cherie Mason, for relief from side effects of chemotherapy - final treatment was this past Friday; for calm and reassurance for an upcoming PET scan; thanksgiving for teaching college courses again; discernment in decisions about teaching in the future.
- ❖ June Hix, for healing from recent burns sustained while working on a broken hot water heater; for help with knee pain which causes difficulty in walking; for strength in caring for her brother Carl, who needs open-heart surgery when bleeding ulcers are healed.
- ❖ Trudy Hanson, thanksgiving that she has completed chemo treatments for breast cancer; for progress in healing so radiation treatment can begin.
- ❖ Charlie Kuni, for patience in waiting to see his heart doctor on 3/15 to determine treatment; thanksgiving that he will receive the second dose of the COVID vaccine this coming week.
- ❖ Steve Robinson (brother of Rick Robinson) in a new rehab facility for treatment of diabetes.
- ❖ Rick Robinson (Sandra Robinson's husband), for healing and recovery from shoulder surgery this past week which was related to an auto accident last year; thanksgiving that surgery was less extensive than expected and that he will be in a sling three weeks rather than six.
- ❖ Sue and Russ Silver, for God's blessings as they move to Fort Collins, Colorado to be near family. They will leave for Colorado on March 4.
- ❖ Prayers for children, parents, teachers, and school administrators, for guidance, wisdom, and cooperation in making wise decisions for all.
- ❖ Prayers for All Saints' Call Committee, as they move ahead to the "matching" category of the Call Process.
- ❖ Prayers of comfort and peace for the family and friends of Hilton Austin, especially his wife Patti. We thank God for the blessing of his presence in our midst and for the many lives he impacted with his faithful witness and advocacy. We ask God to be with Patti in her grief and hold her close.