



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 7, 2025 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

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### **PRELUDE:**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Stand*

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN: *Oh Jesus, I have Promised***

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**GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Bible p. 163

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods..*

A: The First Lesson is from the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Bible p. 970

*Onesimus, a new Christian and Philemon's slave, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a brother in Christ.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the Letter of Paul to Philemon.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-33**

*Bible p. 850*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor Amy*

*Stand*

**HYMN: *Be Thou my Vision***

*Blue Hymnal #776*

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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:**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**P:** . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C:** Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:**

*We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Sit*

## **OFFERING:**

*We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the prayer, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The music ends with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

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.

## OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.

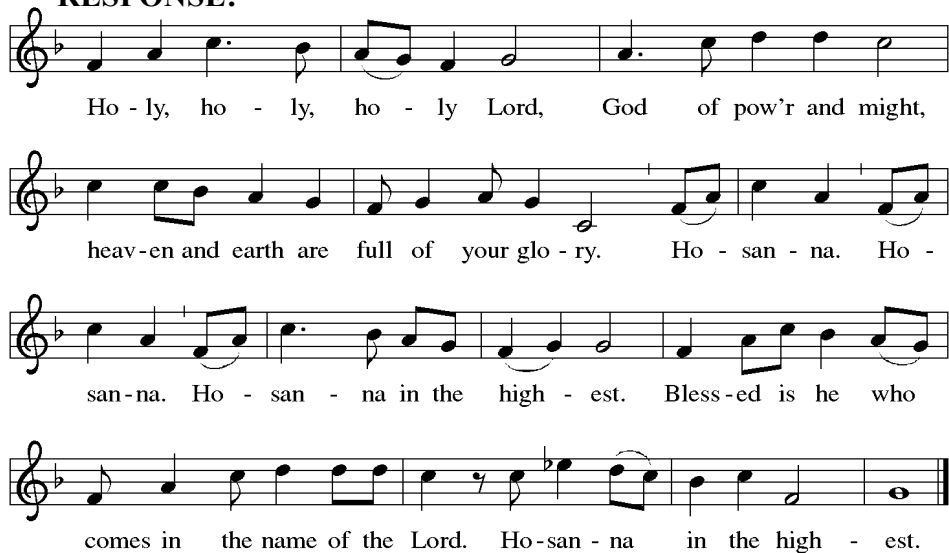
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs connecting groups of notes.

## PREFACE:

P: 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; who on this day overcame  
death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened  
to us the way of everlasting life.  
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:

## RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

## 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

### LAMB OF GOD:



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.

### COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

*For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

*If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

*Stand*

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

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

### PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen**

### BLESSING:

♪ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Sung Response:* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

**HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal!**

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## **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE:**

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### **OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

#### **Today**

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

#### **FUTURE MINISTRIES**

**Mon-Sep 8 9:00a**-Quilters

**Tues-Sep 9 2:00p**-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

7:00-Traditional Choir Practice

**Thurs-Sep 11-6:30** Traditional Choir Practice

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#### **Congratulations**

**Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and Abbegayle Weber on your wedding! May God guide you on your new journey together and bless you every day!**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

**Attendance last week:**

**Sunday Worship: 8:30-40; 9:45-70; 11:00-44**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Howard & Annabel Clontz on their heavenly birthdays by Dennis Clontz.

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**Pentecost Season Devotions: “Reading through Genesis, Part Two:** Genesis 12-35, God, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.” Hard copies are in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website. Let’s open our Bibles and read God’s word together!

**Our New Organ has arrived!!! Mark your calendars now . . .** Dedication of our new organ will take place on **Sunday, September 14** at **3 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to this glorious and festive afternoon of music. Reception to follow. Plan to attend!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!** Sunday school will begin on **September 14 at 9:45 a.m.** Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and youth helpers will gather in the fellowship hall, one room schoolhouse style. There will be class September 14 and 28. We encourage parents to bring their children to worship on September 7 and 21 and help them to use the bulletin and participate as they are able.

**New Bible Study group begins Thursday, September 18,** from 7p to 8p in the Fellowship Hall led by Nate Weber. We will be meeting every other Thursday. Our study begins with the Gospel of Mark. All are invited to attend.

**YOUTH Jr/Sr High 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Event! Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>:** After the football game!!! Join us for pizza, snacks, and games!

**First Confirmation Event of the School Year-Sunday, September 21,** 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**First Senior High Brunch of the School Year-Sunday, September 28,** after the 9:45 a.m. service.

**FAMILY EVENT: FALL BONFIRE-Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** At 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner around the bonfire, music, and kids’ activities!

**It's time for a NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY and it won't be complete without you!** Photos will be taken Wednesday thru Friday October 22-24 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday October 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up now--online at UCDIR.com by clicking "Photography Session Sign-up". Use code: pa1200 and password: photos. Sign-ups will also be available before and after worship services beginning September 21.

**Bus Trip to see *Noah* at Sight & Sound . . . Wednesday, November 12.** Morning departure from DuBois with lunch at the Shady Maple smorgasbord restaurant. The show is at 3 p.m. The cost includes transportation, lunch and show ticket is *estimated* to be \$160 per person, depending on the number of people that sign up. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Friends are welcome. ***SIGN UP TODAY.***

**New Organ Donations.** . . If you would still like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

**September Mission of the Month: Pentz Run Youth Services:** This group home and emergency shelter provides services for adolescent males and females, ages 10 through 17. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe, secure, nurturing environment for youth that require short or long-term alternatives to family living. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write "*Pentz Run*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Food Pantry Items** for September are CORNED BEEF and/or VEGETABLE BROTH.

**USHERS:** 8:30-Emma & Taylor Roy

11:00-Jeff & Donna Bush

**LECTORS:**8:30-Bob Mortland

11:00-Lois Haag

**ACOLYTES:**8:30-Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo

11:00-Grace Prontock

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 8:30-Beth Ann Roy, Lindsey Bernardo

11:00-Donna Bush, JoAnne Fitzpatrick

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ September 7, 2025

### **Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:**

Linda Berry ~ Paul Bojalad ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

### **Those Serving in the Military:**

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

### **Long Term Prayer Requests:**

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Phil Bosnick ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodody ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Mickey ~ Bob Moline ~ John Moore ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Opper ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Wanda Ward ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

### **Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:**

Bill Clyde, Max Little, The Family of Denny Brubaker, Theresa Sheets, Ashley Knox, George McCurdy

***To add or remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.***