



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 ~ 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

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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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**



1 When I sur - yey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM: *Worthy is the Lamb* (8:30)** ~ *Choir*  
*Lily Brubaker, piano; Sandy James, organ*

## FIRST LESSON: Psalm 95

A: The First Lesson is Psalm 95. We will read it responsively.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup> Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup> In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

**Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!**

<sup>8</sup> "Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

**<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.**

<sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray;  
they do not know my ways.'

**<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'**"

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Weekly prayer for the call process:

Dear Lord, Thank you for our freedom to worship you. May we never take it for granted. Help us to be open to your discernment as we begin the search process. We also lift up all ministers seeking guidance and discernment for their ministries. Lead us all to put our whole trust in you. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11**

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

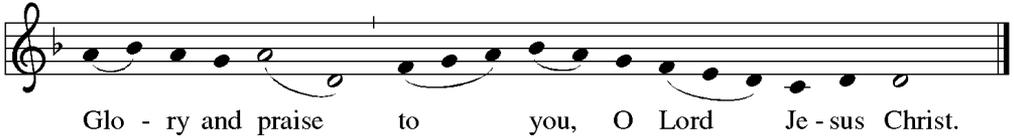
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:**



**GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:5-26**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor David Holtz*

*Stand*

**HYMN: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

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## **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:** *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY:** *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.

## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: God our provider,

**C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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.

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:



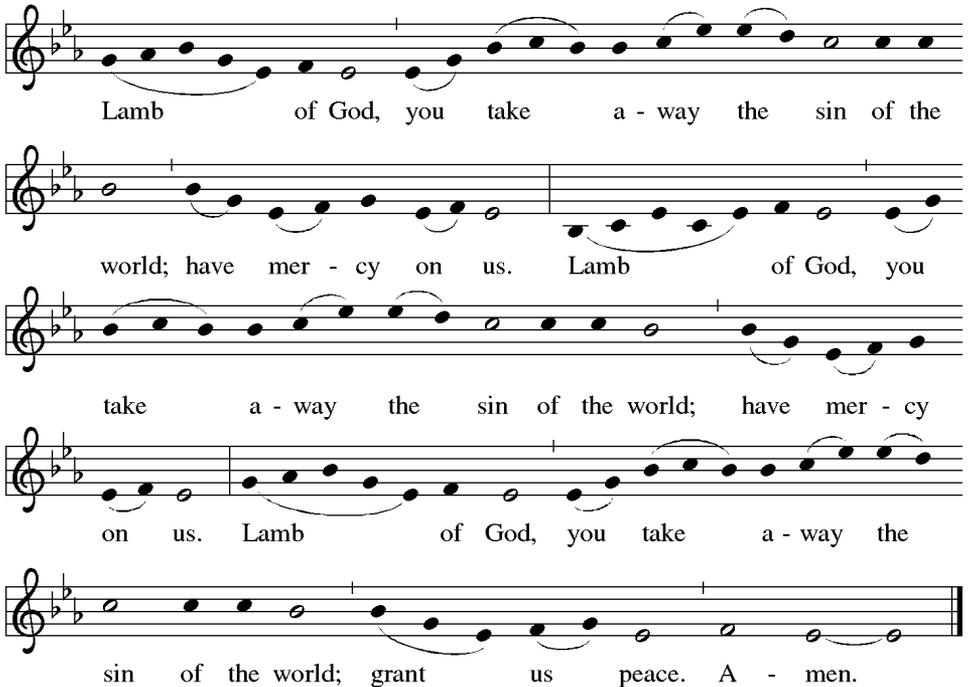
## LORD'S PRAYER:

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. A - men.

**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**

**PRAYER:**

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING:**

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

*Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen*

## HYMN: *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fav - or;  
 2. What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;  
 3. Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,  
 4. Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;  
 5. All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it!  
 6. Your king - dom come, your will be done in this world as in heav - en;

good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us  
 great woe a - rose on ev - ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -  
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this found -  
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -  
 Lord you have saved us by your grace; all glo - ry to your  
 give bread for - each new day be - gun; our sins be all for -

ne - ver. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for all the  
 veil - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as God in  
 da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord I plead; bap - tized in - to your  
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our neigh - bor  
 me - it! O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you have re - vealed your  
 giv - en, as we for - give what oth - ers do; in ev - ry tri - al

world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.  
 mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.  
 death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.  
 and sup - ply the proof that life is liv - ing.  
 sav - ing love; your bless - ed name we hal - low. A - men.  
 see us through; from ev - il save us A - men.

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:**

**+ Calendar for this Week +**

**Mon-March 9: 9:00-Quilters**

6:00-Property

**Tue-March 10: 2:00-Bible Study**

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

**Wed-March 11: 7:00-Financial Peace Class**

**Thurs-March 12: Noon-Prayer with Pastor**

6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**Fri-Sat-March 13-14: Youth Retreat at Camp Mountain Run**

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*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to  
the Glory of the Lord.*

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**The *Prelude* is part of each worship service. It signals the start of worship, setting a reverent tone and serves as a transition from the busy world into a sacred space, allowing worshippers to prepare their hearts, minds, and spirits through quiet introspection. *Please refrain from conversations during this time.***

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DUBOIS IS EMPOWERED BY  
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISHED THROUGH WORD &  
SACRAMENT TO HEAR, STUDY, AND PROCLAIM  
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-40; 9:45-71; 11:00-31**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 9:1-12; 24-25

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**+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +**

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders is **next Sunday March 15** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "The Ten Commandments"

Prayer with Pastor, every **Thursday** at **noon** during Lent. Join Pastor Holtz in upholding our Council and Call Committee in prayer.

**March Food Pantry Items:** CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP and/or CHICKEN RICE SOUP.

**Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths . . .** It's time to order flowers to beautify the church on Easter, April 5! Order forms are on the table in the narthex and are due **Sunday, March 22.**

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade YOUTH Spring Retreat Friday-Saturday, March 13-14,** 7p.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Mountain Run in Penfield. The retreat is a great opportunity to grow our friendships, play, eat, and worship together, and sleep over one night. See Abbey Weber for more information.

**Family Game Night!** Join us **Sunday, March 15** from 4p.m.-7p.m. for games and pizza in the fellowship hall. We will have dozens of games for all ages, such as Clue, Trouble, Life, Uno, Phase 10, Dutch Blitz, Jenga, Twister, and more! Bring your whole family and your friends too! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Abbey.

**Mission of the Month for March: College Student Ministry Gift Cards.** Each spring, we gift our college students with a Wal-Mart gift card to let them know we care for and are thinking about them. If you would like to donate, please use the pew envelope and write "gift card" in the other line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

**Altar Flowers . . .** There are many dates available in March to donate flowers. Please sign up in the Altar Flower Book, located on the table in the narthex. The cost of both vases is \$30.

**Worship Team-Thank you for serving today**

**8:30: Ushers: Darwin & Linda London - Lector: Linda London**  
**Communion Assistants: Linda London, Lindsey Bernardo**  
**Acolytes: Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo**

**11:00: Ushers: Bill & Debbie Fye - Lector: Tom Schott**  
**Communion Assistants: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer**  
**Acolyte: Avery Ott**  
**Altar Guild: Joyce Cramer**

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ March 8, 2026

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

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

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

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

## **Long Term Prayer Requests:**

Abby ~ Brenda Amblod ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodody ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Greg & Family ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Krista Hallowell ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ TJ Holt ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Ashlynn Johnson ~ 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 ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olich ~ 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 ~ Dan Rodgers ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Brooks Shenkle ~ 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 ~ Karen Tobasco ~ 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:**

Denny Hunter

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