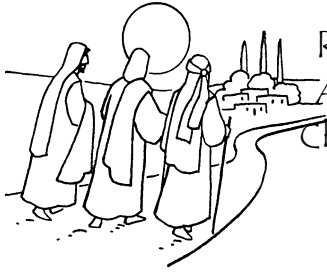


# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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: 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: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done***

**# 366**

**GREETING:**

P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

**C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

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: *This Joyful Eastertide***

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrases spanning across two staves. The final note of the piece is a whole note G, which is held over from the previous staff.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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: *Hear Him Call, "Come to Me"* (8:30)**

*~ Choir  
Lily Brubaker, piano*

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please join in saying the prayer for the call process:

**Come Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to be faithful in prayer and worship as we await with patience your guidance for our church family. Keep us on your right path. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile.<sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.<sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.<sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.<sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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 24:13-35**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said

to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor David Holtz*

*Stand*

**HYMN: *Blessed Assurance***

**# 638**

**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: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

**C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

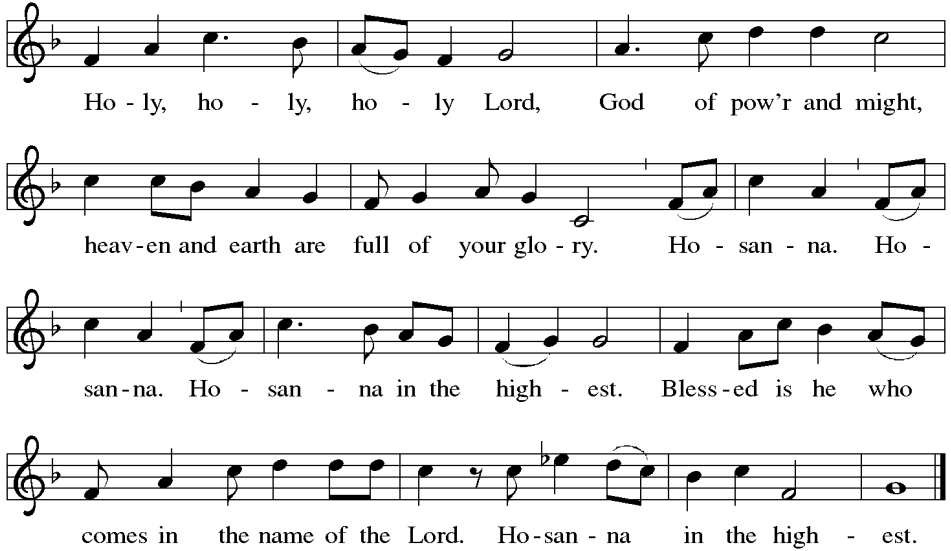
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses  
of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your 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: *Abide with Me***

**# 629**

**DISMISSAL:**

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

**POSTLUDE:**

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**Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-39; 9:45-62; 11:00-36**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 10:1-10

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**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.**

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*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the  
Glory of the Risen Lord and in loving memory of Martha  
& Elmer Hallstrom by JoAnn & Joe Kruckow.*

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**8:30: Ushers: Rick & Karen Fye**

**Lector: Mike Knobloch**

**Communion Assistants: Linda London, Lindsey Bernardo**

**Acolytes: Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo**

**11:00: Ushers: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer**

**Lector: Joyce Cramer**

**Communion Assistants: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer**

**Acolyte: Finn Hanzley**

**+ Calendar for this Week +**

**Mon-April 20:** 9:00-Quilters

**Tue-April 21:** 2:00-Bible Study

**5:30-Council** / 6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

**Thurs-April 23:** 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +**

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders is **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "David & Goliath."

**April Family Event**, Bowling at the DuBois Lanes, **TODAY** at 1 p.m.

**Women of the NALC Spring Regional Gathering**, a day of fellowship, service, Bible study, lunch and renewal, will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, on **Saturday, May 2** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$10/person. RSVP by Monday, April 20 to LSMagera@gmail.com. Contact Donna Bush (814-591-8101) with any questions.

**Youth Gathering Fundraiser . . .** Our youth will be attending the NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA in July and are holding a Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser, on **Monday, May 18** from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choice of meatloaf or chicken dinner, plus side and vegetable by Paulette Bembenic. Cost is \$12/dinner. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for information about purchasing your ticket(s). Thank you for supporting our youth!

**We are looking for someone** who can help with the church's media and Facebook. Call Donna Bush (814-591-8101) for more information.

**Seeking pictures . . .** The Call Committee needs pictures of church activities and events over the last 5 years. Pictures can be emailed (christlutheran@penn.com) or dropped off at the church office. Thanks!

**Mission of the Month:** The YMCA is committed to providing their programs and services to anyone who would like to use them. Gifts to the Strong Kids Campaign are used to provide assistance to those in our community experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write "Strong Kids" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

**April Food Pantry Items:** MAYONNAISE and/or KETCHUP.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ April 19, 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 ~ Nancy Lilja ~ George McCurdy ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Shirley Sprague ~ 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 ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Sandy Bender ~ Larry Bosco ~ Leo Brooks ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ Gary Campbell ~ Louise Cramer ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodody ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Krista Hallowell ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ TJ Holt ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Homer ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Denny & Janie Hunter ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Chris Jendrey ~ 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 ~ 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 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 ~ 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 ~ Jessica Spuck ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Sarah Williams ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

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

Grace Griffith

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