

Welcome to Worship!



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.


P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.


P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen


Refrain




We are God's cho - sen ho - ly na - tion, we be - long to Him a - lone



and may this ri - sing gen - er - a - tion wor - ship Christ u - pon His




throne, wor - ship Christ u - pon His throne.

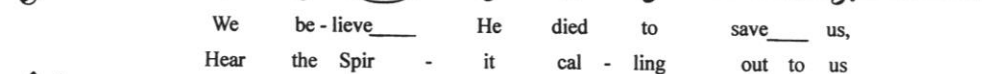


1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, and in Christ, His pre - cious Son.

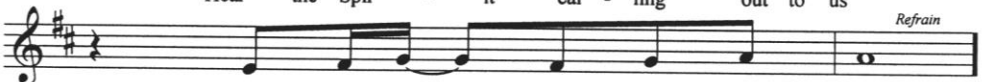
2. We be - lieve He sends His Spir - it on us now with gifts of power




We be - lieve He died to save us,



Hear the Spir - it cal - ling out to us



came to call us as His own.



where He leads us we will go.

* 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.

P: Christ is Risen. **C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Sing three times:

Our God is an awesome God,
he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow’r, and love—
our God is an awesome God!

After the third time:

Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

* Prayer of the Day

P: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A: The First Lesson is from the 17th chapter of Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of

your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Dear Lord, we lift up to you our whole congregation and all those on our church council, committees and our call committee. Please make your presence known to us, lead and guide us in following your will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of First Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who 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 lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Without God, where would you be now?

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Without God.

* Gospel: John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor David Holtz

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Song – Sanctuary
Sing 2 times

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Sanctuary'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

3
ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

The second system of musical notation, starting at measure 3. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

6
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

The third system of musical notation, starting at measure 6. It concludes the song. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

* 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.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor-ship you; O my soul, re-joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
 wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
 joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
 sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*** 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.***

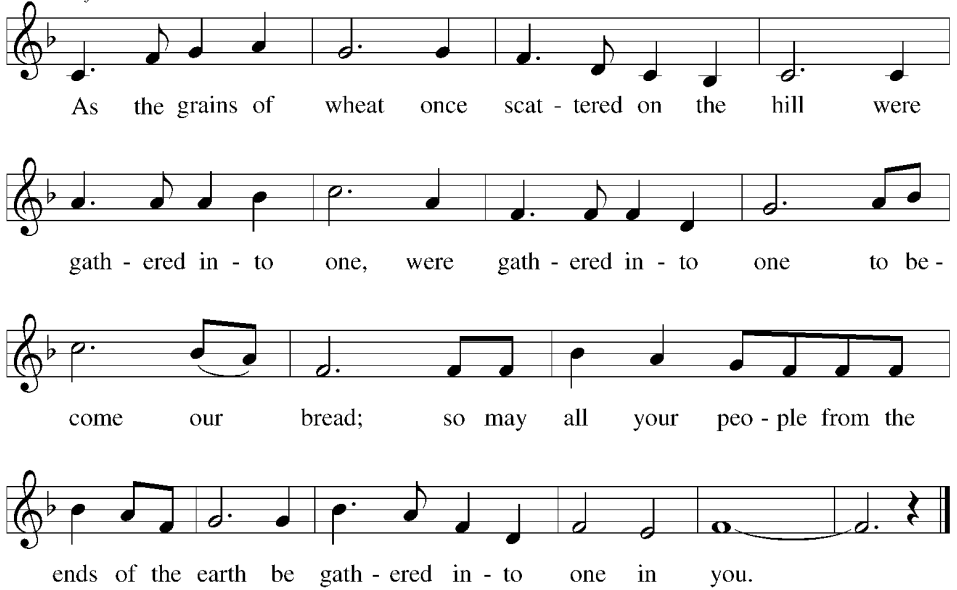
Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

* Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

* Offertory Prayer

P: Living God,

C: in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us, to use and to share. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

* Words of Institution

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.
We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love
You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You
came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:
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.

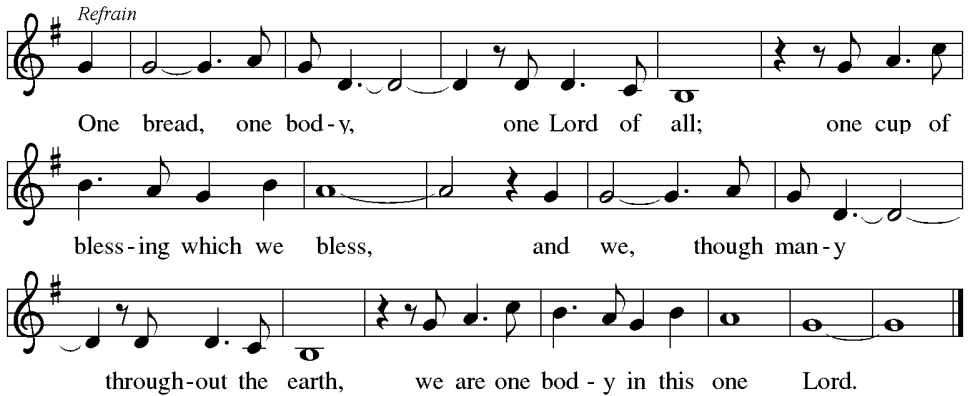
* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

* One bread, one body

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

The Meal (*Please be seated*)

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

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

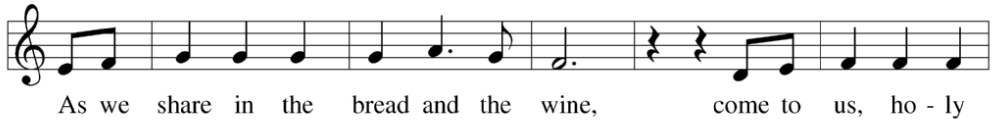
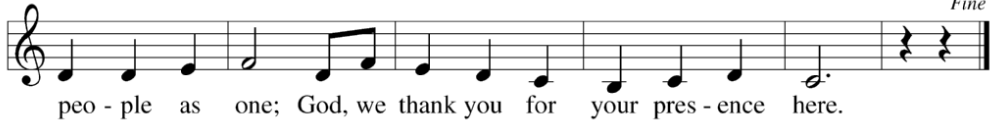
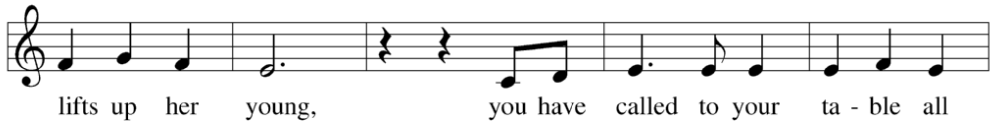
If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

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

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

A song of unity

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Baptized and set free

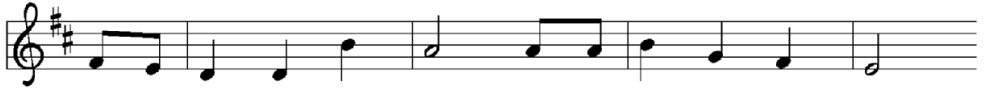
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

* Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

* Post Communion Canticle – You're Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436

I will wor - ship with all of my heart.

I will praise You with all of my strength.

I will seek You all of my days.

I will fol - low all of Your ways.

I will give You all my wor - ship I will give You

all my praise. You a - lone I long to wor - ship,

You a - lone are wor - thy. of my praise.

* 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

SENDING

* Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

* Closing Song – We are called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

* Dismissal

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

* Postlude

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
in the fellowship hall following worship.

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-42; 9:45-67; 11:00-45; SCS-9

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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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.

*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the
Glory of the Risen Lord and in honor of Marie Russell
and in memory of Doris Haag on Mother's Day by Brad
& Colleen Russell.*

Ushers: Dustin & Calix Myers

Lector: Carol Lieber

Communion Assistants: Jessica Deasey, Janet Peterson

+ Calendar for this Week +

Today-Happy Mother's Day!

Mon-May 11: 9:00-Quilters / 6:00-Property

Tue-May 12: 2:00-Bible Study

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

Wed-May 13: 7:00-Bible Study

Thurs-May 14: 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-May 16: 5:00-8:00-Family Game Night

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

Our new Church Directory has arrived! All who were photographed or submitted a photo for the Directory, please pick up your copy in the narthex; it is marked with your name. At this time we do not have extra copies. Thank you for your patience!

Family Game Night! Join us **this Saturday, May 16** from 5p.m.-8p.m. for games and pizza in the fellowship hall. Bring your whole family and your friends too! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Abbey.

Final Sunday School for the spring for preschool through 5th graders is **next Sunday May 17** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "Jonah & the Big Fish."

Confirmation rehearsal is **next Sunday, May 17** from 6-7:30; confirmation will be held on **Pentecost, Sunday, May 24** at the 9:45 worship service. All are invited to the reception honoring the confirmands at 10:30 that morning. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED ON PENTECOST!**

Youth Gathering Fundraiser . . . 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. **Today is the last day to buy tickets!!**

Check out the Road to Roanoke 100 Envelope Challenge poster in the narthex. Each envelope is labeled \$1 to \$100. Choose an envelope and place the amount labeled inside. Place it in the offering tray or drop it off in the office and watch the donations grow for our Youth Summer Mission Trip! Thank You!

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday, June 7**. We would like to know about our grads' future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. College Graduates – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

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

Mission of the Month: Youth Summer Mission Trip. There are many ways to support our youth for their upcoming Mission Trip. If you would like to contribute as a Mission of the Month donation, please use a pew envelope and write "Mission Trip" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support.

May Food Pantry Items: SPAGHETTI and/or SPAGHETTI SAUCE.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ May 10, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Robert George ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ Grace Griffith ~ 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 ~ 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 ~ 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 ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:

Marie Russell

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