

Welcome to Worship!



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

Blessing of Youth Gathering Participants

LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY:

P: On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday that we give thanks to our Creator for our liberties and pray for His continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

P: The earth is the Lord's,

C: And all who dwell in it.

P: God is king over the nations:

C: God sits on his holy throne.

P: He rules by his might forever.

C: His eyes keep watch on the nations.

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

P: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: And make your face to shine upon us.

P: May your ways be known upon the earth,

C: Your saving power among all peoples.

P: Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen

From Song & Service Book for Ship & Field US. GPO 1942

* Glorify thy name

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1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;



glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

* 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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Opening Song: My Country Tis of Thee

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1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

* Prayer of the Day

P: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

A: The First Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

Thank you, Lord, as we celebrate this great country. May we always praise you for blessing us so richly, especially for our freedom to come together in worship. May we be led by the Spirit as we seek our new Pastor. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

* Gospel: **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

P: [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent.²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor David Holtz

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Song – Precious Lord Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

* 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.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*** 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 – Create in me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

* Offertory 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

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We are so grateful God that you welcome us to this table.

C: We have done nothing to earn your gifts,

P: we cannot claim to deserve your favor,

C: but in your mercy, you welcome us freely.

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving.

* Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For this we give you thanks. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

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: 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.**

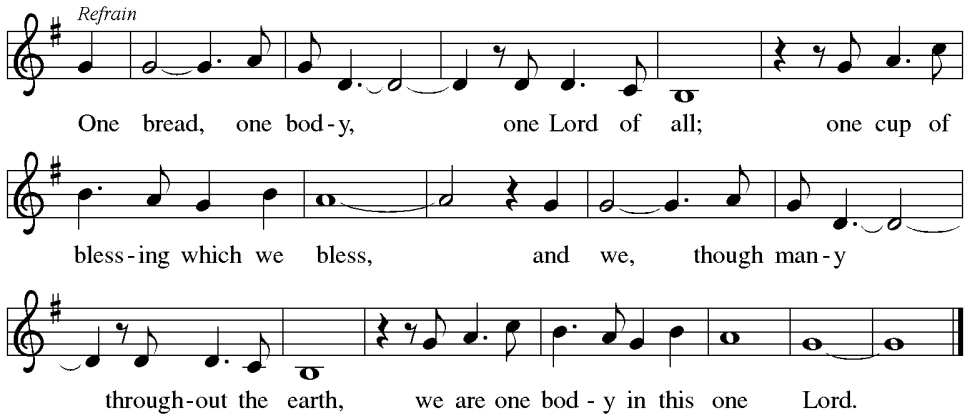
**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

* One bread, one body

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Refrain



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

May You Run and Not Be Weary

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy. And may the road you travel always lead you home." The chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, G/B, D⁶/C, C⁶, D, C/D, D, G, GM⁷, C/D, G, G/B, D⁶/C, C⁶, Am, D, C/D, D, G, G/B, D⁶/C, C⁶, Am, D, C/D, D, D/E, E, Am, C/D, D, G, C/G, G.

Song-Let There Be Peace On Earth

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father, brothers all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
 With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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

C: Amen

*** Post Communion Canticle – Give Thanks**

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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

* now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

* Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

* Closing Song – Be Bold, Be Strong

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Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with

you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with

you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.

Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,

walk in faith and vic - to - ry, walk in faith and vic -

- to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Postlude

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

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-48; 9:45-66; 11:00-35

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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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 Lord by Tim and Cindy Chelednik in
memory of Sophia Chelednik on the occasion of her
birthday.*

Ushers: Brad Finale, Zaiden Preston

Lector: Carol Lieber

Communion Assistants: Jessica Deasey, Debbie Finale

+ **Calendar for this Week** +

Mon-July 6: 9:00-Quilters

Tue-July 7: 2:00-Bible Study

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

Wed-July 8: 7:00 Bible Study

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

Mission of the Month: Youth Summer Mission Trip. This is your last chance to help with the *Road to Roanoke 100 Envelope Challenge*, located in the narthex. Each envelope is labeled \$1 to \$100. Choose an envelope and place the amount labeled inside. Place the envelope in the offering tray or drop it off in the office today. Or, 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. The trip is tomorrow, Monday July 6 -Saturday July 11. Thank you for your support!!!

On July 6th, ten youth and adults from Christ Lutheran will head off to Roanoke, Virginia for the continental youth gathering. We appreciate all the donations. Please keep the group in your prayers and thank you for the support.

Join the Tuesday Bible Study group at Hoss's on Tuesday July 14 at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship with Pastors John and Amy! Please let the church office know by Sunday July 12th if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend. 814-371-2470

Pool Party-*The pool party will be held on Sunday, July 19, 7:00-9:00pm at the city pool. Sign up now!*

Food Pantry Items for July are Black Pepper and/or Canola Oil.

We are in need of Communion bread bakers. *If you would like to help with this important ministry, please call the office and speak with Abbey, THANKS!*

REMINDER: Church office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00. Also, any additions or corrections to the bulletins must be submitted to the office by Wednesday 2:00 pm in order to have time to process requests. Thank you!!

REMINDER: Any council recommendations, committee reports or motions must be submitted by Wednesday 2:00pm the week prior to the council meeting. Thank you!!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ July 5, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finale-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Robert George ~ Grace Griffith ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Nancy Lilja ~ 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 ~ 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 ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Sherri Ball ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Sandy Bender ~ Larry Bosco ~ Leo Brooks ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ Nicky Butler ~ Gary Campbell ~ Louise Cramer ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodgy ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Mary Ann Haag ~ Krista Hollowell ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Homer ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Denny & Janie Hunter ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Chris Jendrey ~ Ashlynn Johnson ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Scott Klingensmith ~ Dave Kness ~ 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 ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ J.S. ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Sally Jo Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Jessica Spuck ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Virginia Traveny ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Sarah Williams ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term Prayer Requests:

Lindsey Bernardo
John Hopkins

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