



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

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: Guide me ever, great redeemer

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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: DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Sit

ANTHEM: Come Christians Join to Sing (8:30) ~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, piano

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

A: The First Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Jonah.

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Oh Lord, as we sing songs of praise to You and offer our prayers of thanksgiving, may we continue to trust that you will provide for every need of our Church family.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Philippians.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

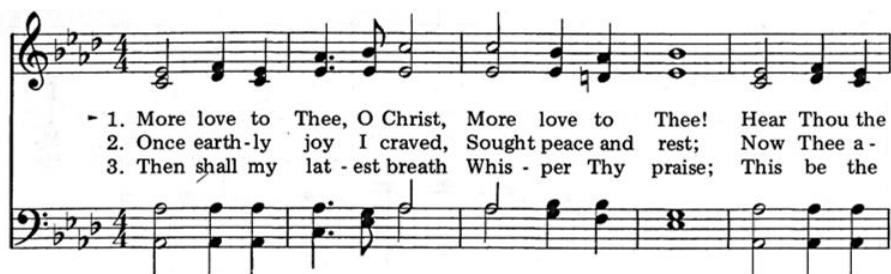
Sit

SERMON:

Pastor David Holtz

Stand

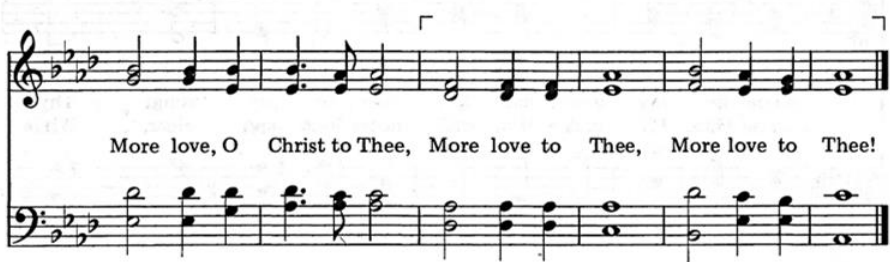
HYMN: More love to thee



1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee a -
3. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise; This be the



prayer I make On bend - ed knee; This is my ear - nest plea:
lone I seek, Give what is best; This all my prayer shall be:
part - ing cry My heart shall raise; This still my prayer shall be:



More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

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.*

OFFERTORY:



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.

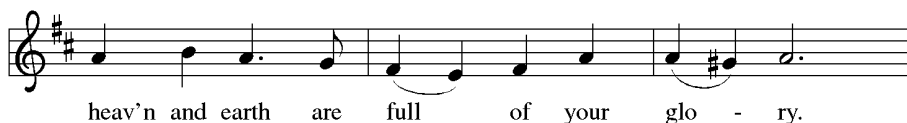
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

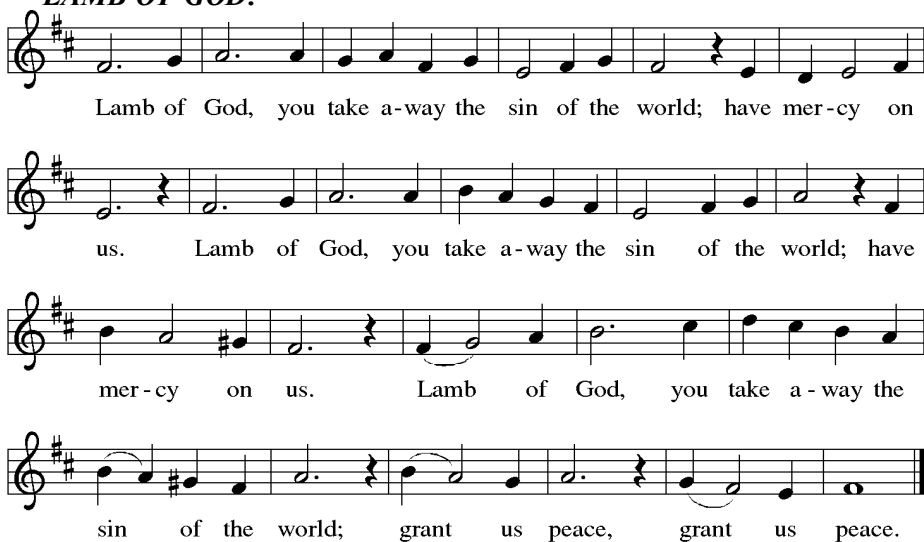
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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, 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 all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.



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:

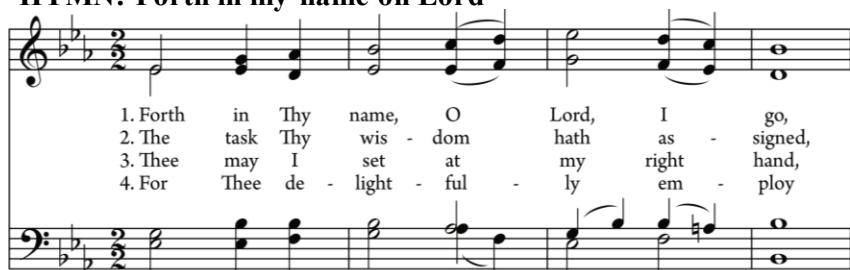
P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.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

BLESSING:

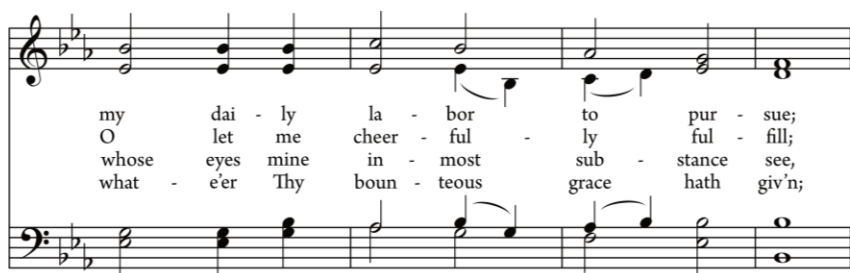
P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

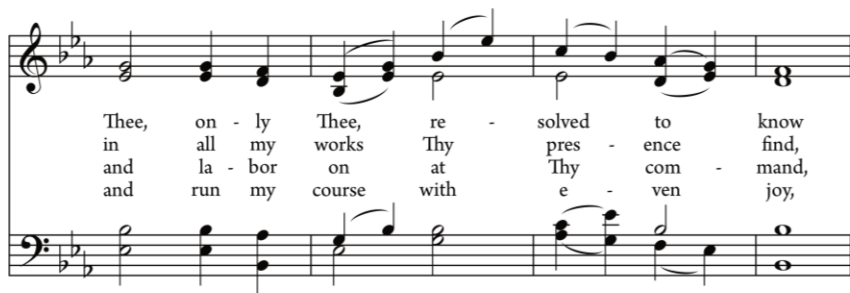
HYMN: Forth in my name oh Lord



1. Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
 2. The task Thy wis - dom hath as - signed,
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
 4. For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy



my dai - ly la - bor to pur - sue;
 O let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill;
 whose eyes mine in - most sub - stance see,
 what - e'er Thy boun - teous grace hath giv'n;



Thee, on - ly Thee, re - solved to know
 in all my works Thy pres - ence find,
 and la - bor on at Thy com - mand,
 and run my course with e - ven joy,



in all I think or speak or do.
 and prove Thy good and my per - fect will.
 and of - fer all my works to Thee. Thee.
 and close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

DISMISSAL:

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

POSTLUDE:

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-25; 9:45-70; 11:00-44

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Offering Update

Offerings needed weekly \$ 5,538.00

Offerings collected last week \$6,225.00

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 21:1-23-32

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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 Don and Brenda Amblod in honor of Family
Birthdays.*

8:30: Ushers: Rick Fye and Karen Fye

Lector: Art Keller

Communion Assistants: Art Keller, Jeff Kriner

Acolyte: Lincoln Bernardo and Bentley Bernardo

11:00: Ushers: Tom Schott and Joyce Cramer

Lector: Tom Schott

Communion Assistants: Tom Schott and Joanne Fitzpatrick

Acolyte: Finn Hanzley

+ Calendar for this Week +

Monday September 21

8:30 Quilters

Tuesday September 22

2:00 Bible Study

6:00 Contemporary Team

Instrumental

6:30 Vocal

Thursday September 24

6:00 Choir Rehearsal- NEW TIME

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

The NALC Annual Mid Northeast Mission Region Convocation will be held on Saturday October 17, 2026 in Butler PA. Anyone interested in attending, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to attend, please sign up by October 4th.

Mission of the Month - Pentz Run Youth Services is a residential program for at-risk and disadvantaged youth located in DuBois. They offer programs including a group home, emergency shelter, transitional and independent living, respite care, and family group decision making. If you would like to make a financial gift to Pentz Run, please use the pew envelopes, and write “*Pentz Run*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items needed for September are peanut butter and /or jelly.

Choir News-The traditional choir is now rehearsing for the season on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Choir will begin at the 8:30 AM service on Sunday September 20. We sing at alternate traditional services; on September 27 we will sing at the 11:00 service. We support the worship and praise of God through hymn singing and special music. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please see Chris Luckenbill for more information.

Attention worship assistants: The October schedule is available in the narthex for pick up. Thank you!

News from the Call Committee-The most common response to the question asked by the Call Committee at the church picnic was, “Being with the Christ Lutheran family”. God has given us family, although Scripture does not specifically define what a family is. Scripture speaks of family as a household, a tribe, a clan, a nation, or a community. We know that God gave us family to be with, to grow in faith with, to love and forgive, and to eat, weep and pray together. Therefore, it is not surprising that many Christ Lutheran members responded with “family first” when asked what they liked most about the church picnic. During the month of September, the Call Committee invites you to look at the wooden “story panels” that adorn the sanctuary. Each hanging depicts a carving that illustrates a part of Jesus life. These pieces of art were given to Christ Lutheran by members of our church family. After viewing the panels, please answer the following question: Which panel depicts Jesus’ life in you, or do you have a favorite verse in Scripture? A yellow card placed in the pews are for you to write your answer and return to the box labeled with Luther Seal in the Narthex. Please, no name, no gender, and no ages given.

Thank you, the Call Committee.

Men’s Group - We are trying to see if there is an interest in starting a men’s group at Christ Lutheran Church for Worship, Service and Fellowship. If you are interested in participating, please sign the list on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Rich Johnson at (814) 661-2505.

NOTE: CHOIR REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 INSTEAD OF 6:30 ON SEPTEMBER 24TH DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ September 20, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller
~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Robert George ~ Grace Griffith ~
George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Nancy Lilja ~ George McCurdy
~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley
~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Jake Bell ~ Jordan ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb
Shields ~ Colton Shields

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Patti Allen ~ Brenda Amblod ~ Sherri Ball ~
Lindsey Bernardo ~ Ben Brubaker ~ Eleanor Bundy ~ Bill Clyde ~
Louise Cramer ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~
Jamie Dungey ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Tim Fuller ~ Beth Giese ~
Lois Haag ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Gabby Horner ~ Vickie
Jacklyn ~ Jendrey ~ Dan Johnson ~ Cheryl Jones ~ April Kalgron
~ Kathy ~ Jim Kearney ~ Linda Keller ~ Scott Klingensmith ~ Carol
Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~
Anne Lettrich ~ Devon London ~ Mona Mandich ~ Mark
Markievich ~ Barbara Martini ~ Laura Mc ~ Teri McBride ~ Steve
Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Stacy Park ~
Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Heidi Riley
& Family ~ The Snells ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Kenny
Swanson ~ Christopher Sykes ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck
~ Jerry Wallace ~ George Whipple ~ Pastor Bill White ~ Nancy
Wilber

Short Term Prayer Requests:

Family of Lois Haag ~ David Radaker

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