

Welcome

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Disposable masks may be found in the Narthex.
Please remember to social distance and use the sanitization centers.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ...
How often would I have gathered your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
and you would not!

Luke 13:34



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KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



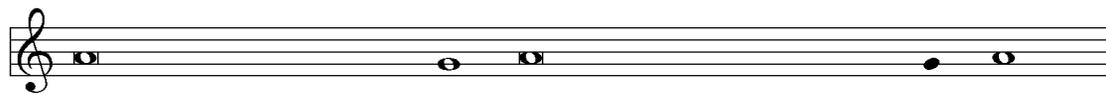
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



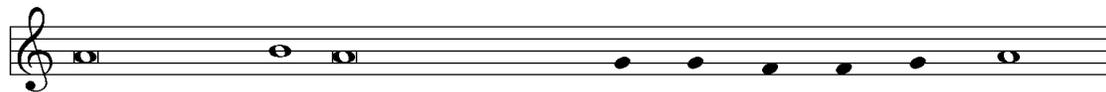
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) is omitted during Lent.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!" ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 4 *read in unison*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices
 and put your trust in the Lord.
⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
 for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

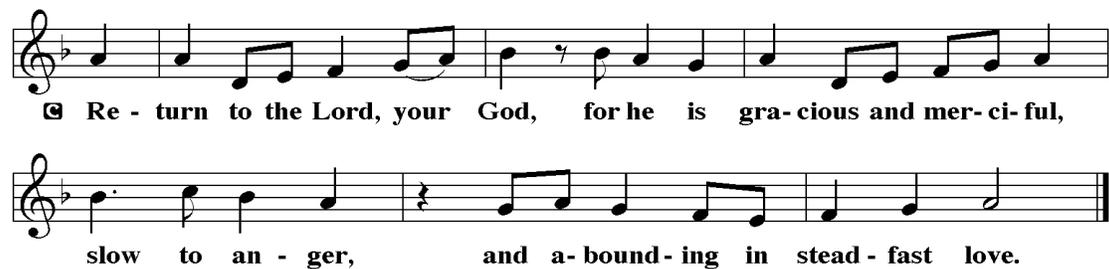
¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN RESPONSE (Joel 2:13)



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my

course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated. Join us every Sunday during Lent as Jesus has us find perspective in life.

SERMON

Perspective 2: Persecution

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

WOV# 741

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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**

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of March, the Benevolence focus is on the Congo Mission International. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Behold the Shepherd of the Sheep (Sleeth)

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN OFFERTORY



☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri- fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal- va- tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres- ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. 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 (2 Timothy 4:22)

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 him thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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 (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



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 HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

LBW# 212

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

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

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION LENTEN CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

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

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate 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 HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW# 104

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

POSTLUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Freudenberg

Next Week's Readings (March 20):

Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”

Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.

NUGGET #20: THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The pastor speaks **The Words of Our Lord** to consecrate, or set apart, the bread and the wine for God's special use. In the **Sacrament of the Altar**, Christ gives His true body and true blood under the forms of consecrated true body and true blood under the forms of consecrated bread and wine. Once again, God's grace comes to us in the Divine Service. Jesus Himself is present and forgives our sins.

(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 22, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES ~ FINDING PERSPECTIVE

March 6	Probation (Luke 4:1-13)	March 27	Prodigious (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)
March 13	Persecution (Luke 13:31-35)	April 3	Perfume (Luke 20:9-20)
March 20	Penitence (Luke 13:1-9)	April 10	Procession (Luke 19:28-44)

THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

Acolytes: Felisaty and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild: Jan Huffman and Nikki Nguyen

Communion Assistants:

Tara Davis, Doris Shepherd, and Franklin Merrell

Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Jr. Family

Ushers: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz,
Wade Leazer, and Ronald Vellines

Offering Counters: Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

CHURCH STAFF

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Union News...

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MARCH 13):

9:15 a.m. Music Time with Preschool-5th Grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children and Youth: Mountain Message ~ Matthew 6:25-34

Adult Sunday School Class:

Free to Worship ~ Ezra 5; 6-12; 10:1-5

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ Probation (Luke 4:1-13)

New: Following worship, the Union Women will meet briefly in the Sanctuary.

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Faith & Family

New: 2022 Church Yearbooks are available for pick up.
Please check off your name when picking up. Thank you!

During Lent, instead of flowers on the Altar bare branches are given to the Glory of God in observance of the Lenten season.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, March 15

5:30 p.m. Executive Committee

5:45 p.m. Simple Meal provided by the Good Timers in Dutch Meeting Hall

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service Series: *The Case for Easter*
An Excruciating Execution: Matthew 27:32-44

Wednesday, March 16

10:30 a.m. Lenten Service Series: *The Case for Easter*
An Excruciating Execution: Matthew 27:32-44

11:30 a.m. Simple Meal provided by Genevieve Baker

2:00 p.m. Lay Ministers

6:15 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, will be out of the office Friday, March 18, and Monday, March 21. The church office will be open during regular business hours.

During the month of March, we are collecting pennies in a jar for the Narthex Fund. The jar is located in the Narthex.

The **Jimmy Troutman Scholarship** applications deadline is Sunday, April 17. More information coming soon!

*The **Gerald Bame Scholarships** are available again this year. Forms are located in the Narthex and to be returned to Doris Page by Sunday, April 24.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (MARCH 20):

New: 9:15 a.m. Middle/High School Youth (skit for Palm Sunday)

9:15 a.m. Music Time with Preschool-5th Grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children and Youth: A Weather Wonder ~ Mark 4:35-41

Adult Sunday School Class: Free to Celebrate

Ezra 6:13-22; Leviticus 23:4-8

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ Penitence (Luke 13:1-9)

2:00 p.m. Church Council

Deadline for April newsletter articles.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, March 22

5:45 p.m. Simple Meal provided by the Union Women in Dutch Meeting Hall

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service Series: *The Case for Easter*

The Case of the Empty Tomb: Matthew 28:1-223

Wednesday, March 23

10:30 a.m. Lenten Service Series: *The Case for Easter*

The Case of the Empty Tomb: Matthew 28:1-20

11:30 a.m. Simple Meal provided by the Social Ministry Committee

6:15 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee

Saturday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Congregational Work Day

Sunday, March 27

New: 9:15 a.m. Middle/High School Youth (skit for Palm Sunday)

9:15 a.m. Music Time with Preschool-5th Grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Children and Youth: A Life Restored ~ Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Adult Sunday School Class: Free Because of the Lord ~ Deuteronomy 8:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ Prodigious (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

10:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting

The purpose of the meeting will be to review and approve the 2022 Yearbook.

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Luther League for Middle and High School Youth (Organ)

April newsletter available for pick up.

Deadline to turn in donations for Women's Battered Shelter.

MISSION DRIVEN

How Can You Serve?

*The **Sunday School Classes** are serving Congo Mission International during the month of March.*

A noisy offering will be collected during the Welcome and Announcements to financially support Congo mothers and their newborn babies.

Please turn in monetary donations to the Grade School “Joy” classroom (Mrs. Judy Boyd).

Everyone is invited to participate in this month’s Sunday School project!

MARCH BENEVOLENCE FOCUS ~Congo Mission International

Goal: \$1,000.00 based on Ministry Plan

During the month of March, Union will focus on: Congo mothers and their newborn babies are regularly detained in clinics throughout Congo because they lack the funds to pay the hospital bills. They are detained until they pay their bills or offer collateral. Because of the generosity of Christians in North America, Pastor Kalonji and Pastor Nuottila free many babies and mothers every year. In 2017, the oldest baby they freed had been detained for seven months after her birth.

Mark your calendars now:

You’re Invited to the Carolinas Mission Region

Spring Mission-Fellowship Event on

Saturday, May 21, 2022,

from noon - 2:30 p.m.

Advent Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship with fellow Christians from all over the Carolinas!

Items to donate: nail clippers, dental floss, combs, and bath towels.

In addition to the Social Ministry Committee and February Benevolence Focus, the **Union Women** will be **collecting in-kind gifts:** feminine care products, soap/body wash, household cleaning products, toilet paper, baby wipes, backpacks, school supplies, for the **Carolinas Lutheran Women’s Convocation** on **April 2** for the **Family Crisis Council**. Donations may be placed in the pink basket in the Office Building. Deadline is **Sunday, March 27**.

Narthex Expansion Loan

Loan balance as of 01/01/2021	(120,685.44)
Contributions received	13,440.35
Donation to Christ United Lutheran, Granite Falls, NC from yard sale proceeds	<u>(345.00)</u>
Remaining balance of loan as of 12/31/2021	<u>(107,590.09)</u>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler (Autumn Care), and Jean Ray (Brookdale)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Melissa Arey, Genevieve Baker, Bill Broadway, Jake Cauble, Mike Cauble, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Pat Kluttz, Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Margaret Lyerly, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Kay Morgan, Ruth Myers, Marvin Nunn, William Page, Wyatt Thompson, Ann Tucker, Effie Vellines, Pam Vellines, and Wayne Vellines

Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Nancy Barringer (cousin of Larry Barringer, Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Gary Brown (friend of Karen Barringer), Jimmie Cagle (sister of Pat Kluttz), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Janet Dunning (sister of Doris Shepherd), Martha Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), June Fraley, Pastor Gross (NALC Pastor in Ukraine with possible Russian invasion), Amy Lowder Harrison and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Emily Jones (sister of Jimmy Plyler), Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, Patsy Lyerly and Family, Joe and Sylvia McDaniel, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), Laura Stokes (friend of Frank and Dawn Merrell), Mary Trexler (sister of Brenda and Linda Cauble and Margaret Lyerly), Brinley Rose Upchurch, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (recent earthquakes), and those affected by natural or political disasters.

Confirmation Students: Mallory Eagle, Harlem Jones, Micah Nguyen (Faith Coach), Makenzie Poole, Emme Poole, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

