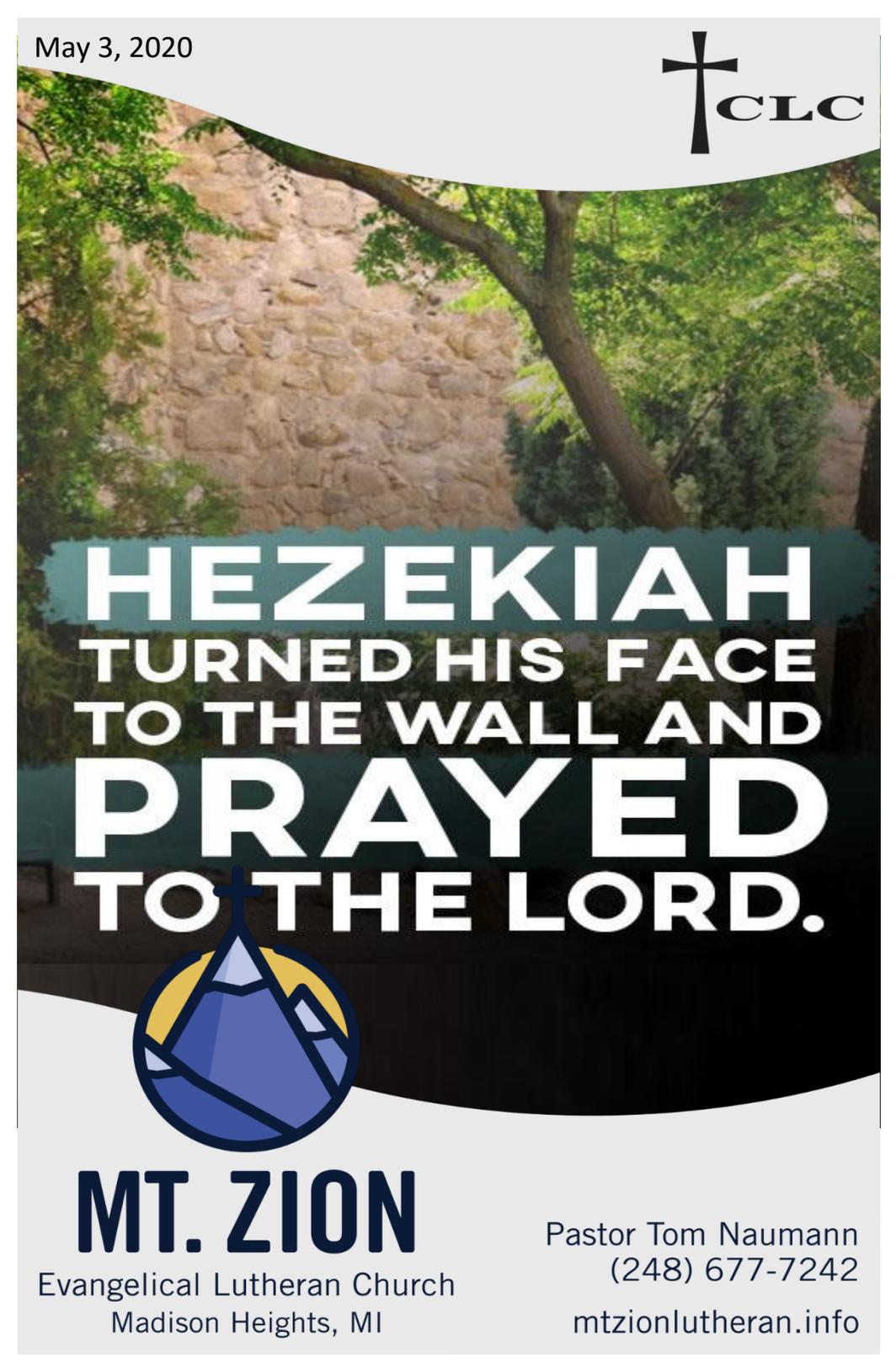


May 3, 2020

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a large, textured stone wall. A tree with green leaves is visible on the right side, partially obscuring the wall. The text is overlaid on this background.

**HEZEKIAH
TURNED HIS FACE
TO THE WALL AND
PRAYED
TO THE LORD.**



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3rd Sunday after Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, our living Savior, abide with us on our journey through this wicked world; for we are in constant need of Your comfort and instruction. Guide us daily by Your Word, strengthen our faith, and finally receive us into Your heavenly kingdom. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 15 (red hymnal): *From All That Dwell below the Skies*

1. From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Invocation *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #738; tune "Ode to Joy")*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, His the scep - tre, His the throne;
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, Christ on earth our food and stay;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful rest in You from day to day;

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood,
though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,

"Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, has re - deem - ed us by His blood."
shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 100*

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness!**
- P** Come into his presence with singing!
- C** **Know that the LORD, he is God!**
- P** It is he who made us, and we are his;
- C** **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- C** **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
- P** For the LORD is good;
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**



The Gospel Reading: *John 14:1-11*

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does

his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 433 (red hymnal): *Jesus, My Truth, My Way*

**1. *Jesus, my Truth, my Way,
My sure, unerring Light,
On Thee my feeble soul I stay,
Which Thou wilt lead aright.***

**3. *Thou seest my febleness;
Jesus, be Thou my Power,
My Help and Refuge in distress,
My Fortress and my Tower.***

**5. *Myself I cannot save,
Myself I cannot keep;
But strength in Thee I surely have,
Whose eyelids never sleep.***

**2. *My Wisdom and my Guide,
My Counselor Thou art;
Oh, let me never leave Thy side
Nor from Thy paths depart!***

**4. *Give me to trust in Thee;
Be Thou my sure Abode;
My Horn and Rock and Buckler be,
My Savior and my God.***

**6. *My soul to Thee alone
Now, therefore, I commend.
Thou, Jesus, having loved Thine own,
Wilt love me to the end.***

The Sermon: *Isaiah 38:9-20*

A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: ¹⁰ I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years. ¹¹ I said, I shall not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world. ¹² My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; ¹³ I calmed myself until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end. ¹⁴ Like a swallow or a crane I chirp; I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my pledge of safety! ¹⁵ What shall I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it. I walk slowly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.

¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh restore me to health and make me live! ¹⁷ Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. ¹⁸ For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. ¹⁹ The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness. ²⁰ The LORD will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

A Brush with Death Paints a New Life

I. From pessimistic and bitter (9-15)

II. To opportunistic and thankful (16-20)

The Offertory



C: 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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 206:1,7-10 (red hymnal): *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

1. *Jesus Christ, my sure Defense
And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.*
7. *They who sorrow here and moan
There in gladness shall be reigning;
Earthly here the seed is sown,
There immortal life attaining.
Here our sinful bodies die,
Glorified to dwell on high.*
8. *Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they shall never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.*
9. *Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.*
10. *Oh, then, draw away your hearts
Now from pleasures base and hollow.
There to share what He imparts,
Here His footsteps ye must follow.
Fix your hearts beyond the skies,
Whether ye yourselves would rise.*

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Service of the Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



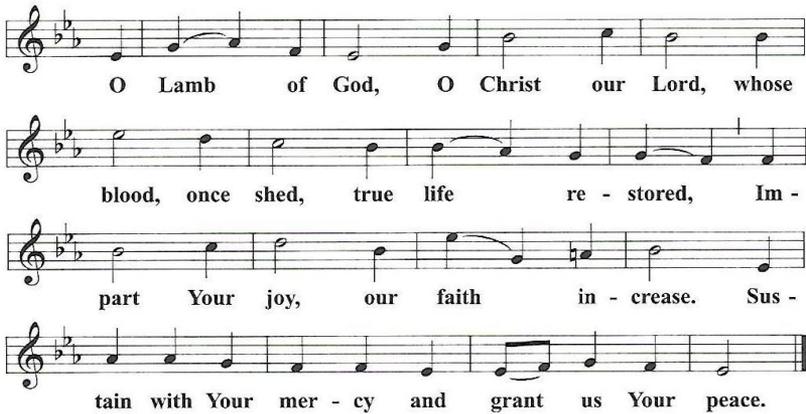
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Hymn 736 (tan supplement): *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

**1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side.**

Alleluia!

**3. Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.**

Alleluia!

**5. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, Your name we praise.**

Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS: Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through internet live stream Sundays at 10am.

YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION: The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways: Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your

credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church’s \$cashtag is “\$clcmztion”. OR you may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

CLC CALL NEWS: Seminary Graduate Cory Drehle has **accepted** the call to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD <> Pastor Mike Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **received** the call to St Luke’s, Lemmon, SD. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher. <> Teacher Dan Barthels, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to teach grades 4-8 and be principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC. <> ILC Graduate Mikkela Hammond, Eau Claire, WI has **accepted** the call to serve as teacher at St. Stephen, Mountain View CA.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2055.00		\$1047.04
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$22,230.77		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$23,248.09		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	7pm	Congregation Trivia Night on Zoom (see yesterday’s email for more information)
Sun. 5/10	10am	Sunday Service Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
	11am	Hymnal Committee Meeting
Tue. 5/19	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 “Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Jackie McGruder remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery.

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