

July 11, 2021



**"MY
GRACE
IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU."**

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



MT. ZION

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 764 (WS2000): *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.**

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.***

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us--free our hearts to work and praise.

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.***

**3. Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.**

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.***

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.***

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] We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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 – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - mighty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 143* *Selected Verses*

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- C** In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P** Enter not into judgment with your servant,
- C** For no one living is righteous before you.
- P** I remember the days of old;
- C** I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.
- P** I stretch out my hands to you;
- C** My soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- P** Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!
- C** Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- P** Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
- C** Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.
- P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
- C** I have fled to you for refuge!

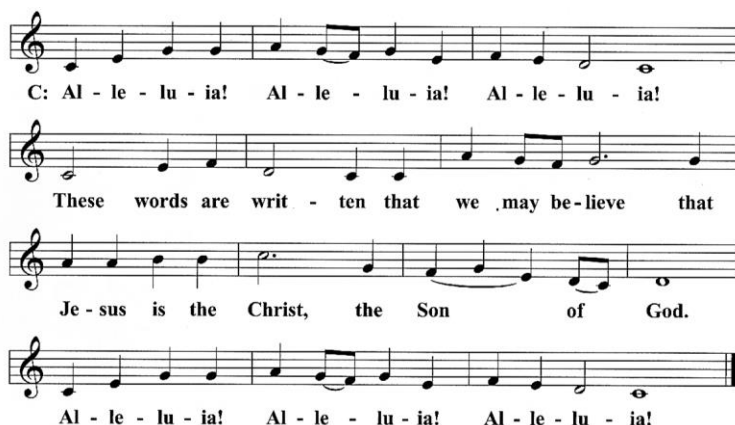


- P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
C Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
C In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
P And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
C And you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:1-6*

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?" ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

- 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 Apostle's Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He
descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Adult Confirmation of Andrea D'Onofrio

Confirmation Hymn 861 (LSB): *Christ Be My Leader*

1 Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift-ing or
3 Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not

dark-ness, for He is the way. Glad-ly I fol-low, my
doubt-ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor

fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
shift-ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion: with Je-sus I reign.

The Sermon: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Theme: ONLY THE WEAK CAN TRULY BE STRONG

I. God-sent thorns humble and disillusion the strong.

II. God-sent grace upholds and empowers the weak.



The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 54 (TLH): *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

- 1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "ScLcmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse (788:1):

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

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

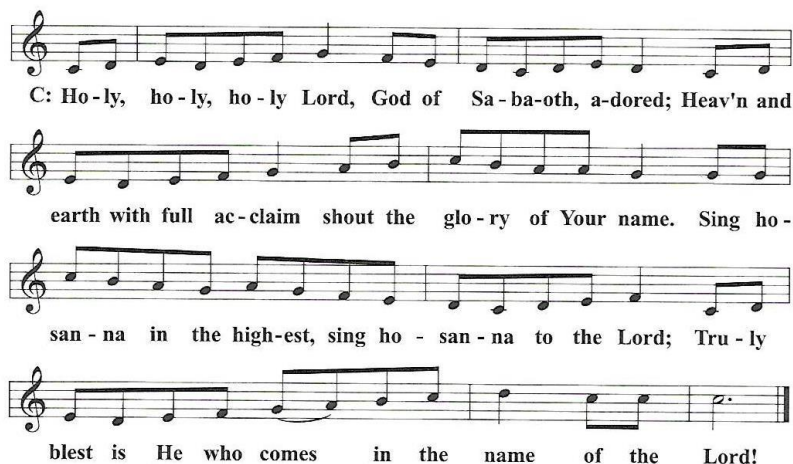
Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

- 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”



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

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

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

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.



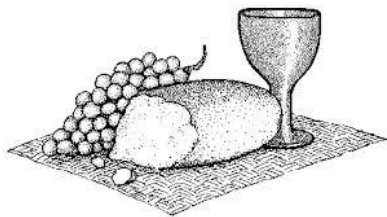
Distribution of the Sacrament

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!

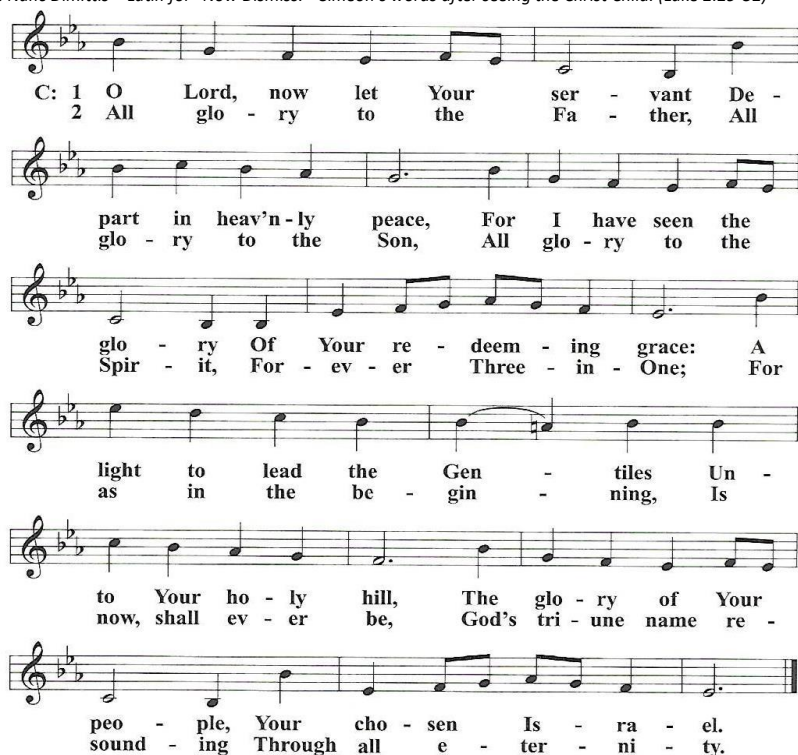
1 Corinthians 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

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

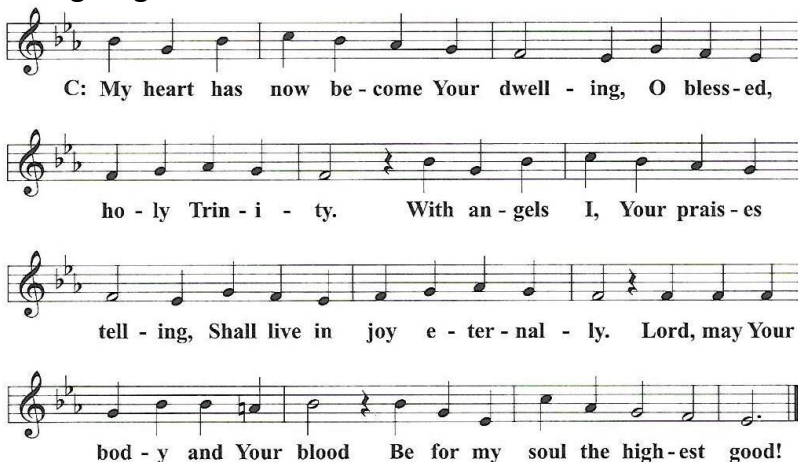
The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for “Now Dismiss.” Simeon’s words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - vant ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the 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, The 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.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 372:1 (TLH): *Through Jesus' Blood and Merit*

1. Through Jesus' blood and merit

I am at peace with God;

What, then, can daunt my spirit,

However dark my road?

My courage shall not fail me,

For God is on my side;

Though hell itself assail me,

Its rage I may deride.



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.

NEW MEMBER AT MT. ZION! We welcome Andrea D'Onofrio into our fellowship in the name of Jesus, and we give praise and glory to our LORD for His gift of this like-minded believer to our congregation! Andrea is currently working as a travel nurse in Phoenix, AZ and attending our sister CLC congregation in Phoenix – Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is this Monday - Wednesday, July 12-14 from 9:00am - 11:30am. We currently have 24 children registered. Praise the LORD! Please pray for good weather and for an extra outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Gospel message in the hearts and lives of these precious "Children of the Heavenly Father!"

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 18th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 19-22 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$50 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 14. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

JULY 25 OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC: Last year everyone so enjoyed combining our annual church picnic with an outdoor church service, so we decided to do it again! On Sunday, July 25, we will be holding an outdoor church service at 10:00am at a pavilion at the Madison Heights Civic Center Park (same location as last year). There are picnic benches to sit at, but you may want to bring your own camp chairs for comfortability. Following the service we'll be grilling burgers and hotdogs for the picnic. LIFT will be coordinating sign up for sidedishes, desserts, etc. More details will be forthcoming.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, St. Louis, MO has **accepted** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Grace, Valentine, NE has **extended a one-year call** to David Bernthal, teacher emeritus, living in Fond du Lac, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher. <> Mrs. Shantel Hocum, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA has **received** and **accepted** the call to be the primary teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

CHURCH CLEANING AND USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Fobears <> Lawn Care: Bob Cavanaugh

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 7/4/21

In-Person Attendance Last Sunday = 18

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$40,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,194.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$39,288.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3,928.80

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Mon. 7/12 –		Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
Wed. 7/14		Volunteers meet with Pastor following today's service
Tue. 7/13	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 7/18	10am	Worship Service (ILC Seminarian Zack Sippert guest preaching)
	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/19 –		Lower Michigan Youth Camp
Thu. 7/22		Pigeon Creek State Park
Sun. 7/25	10am	Outdoor Service and Church Picnic Madison Heights Civic Center Park
Sun. 8/1	11am	Special Audio/Video Outreach Meeting
Sun. 8/8	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, has received news that her cancer has returned after a couple of years in remission. **Pastor and Ashley Naumann's** niece, Adelaide Hope Naumann, was born prematurely last month at 23 weeks. She is still under 2lbs, but in stable condition at the NICU of the U of Minnesota in Minneapolis. **Carl and Michelle Ryan** are expecting a newborn baby in January 2022.