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BLESSED BY GOD



MT. ZION

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, shed Your grace and mercy upon us abundantly, that Your Word may be to us the Living Fountain of Life, which having brought us to You, comforts us in every affliction and preserves us unto the blessed coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 575 (TLH): *Before the Lord We Bow*

- 1. Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above
And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.*
- 2. The nation Thou hast blest May well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Thy care.
For this fair land, For this bright day, Our thanks we pay--Gifts of Thy hand.*
- 3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Thy Word's pure light And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song!*
- 4. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, Thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down thy pride, Thy sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.*
- 5. And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, For aye to sing To heaven's high King Salvation's song!*

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 Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our

thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

God, We Praise You!

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

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, “Ho - ly,
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!”
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

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: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 116 *Selected Verses*

- P** I love the LORD,
- C** Because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
- C** Therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- P** The snares of death encompassed me;
- C** The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
- C** "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- C** The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

- P** Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
P For you have delivered my soul from death,
C My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
P I will walk before the LORD
C In the land of the living.
P What shall I render to the LORD for all his
benefits to me?
C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the LORD
P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C And call on the name of the LORD.



The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:47-49

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

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



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 781 (WS2000): *Preach You the Word*

*1. Preach you the Word and plant it home To those who like or like it not.
The Word that shall endure and stand When flowers and mortals are forgot.*

*2. We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach your Word and never ask What prideful profit it may make.*

*3. The sower sows his reckless love Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have The wholesome loaves that all men need.*

*4. Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"*

*5. Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend his planted Word.*

The Sermon: 2 Kings 23:1-3

Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. ² And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³ And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

Theme: GOD CALLS FOR A REVOLUTION OF HEART AND LIFE

- I. NOW is the right TIME
- II. HERE is the right PLACE



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 398 (TLH): *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

- 1. *Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Thy holy face.***
- 2. *Destroy in me the lust of sin, From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me power and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood!***
- 3. *Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Thy Word
And naught but what Thou wilt, desire; With such new life my soul inspire.***
- 4. *Grant that I only Thee may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold Thee face to face, O Light eternal, through Thy grace.***

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 "\$clcmztion". 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

- ☐ 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

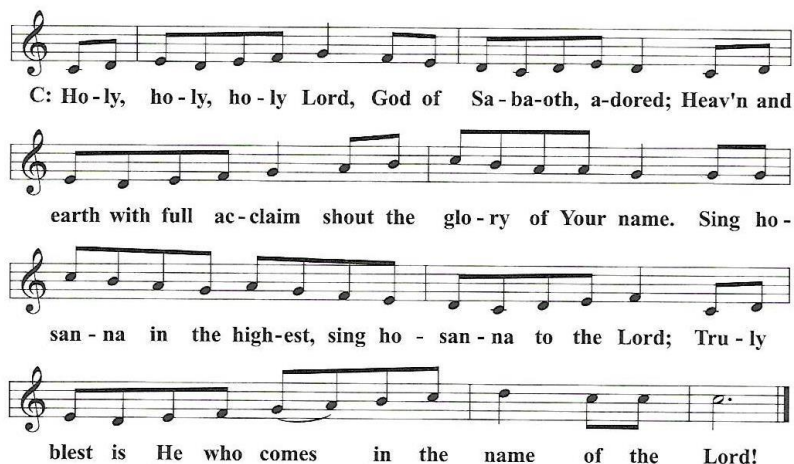
Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

- ☐ The Lord be with you.**
☐ And also with you.
☐ Lift up your hearts.
☐ 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

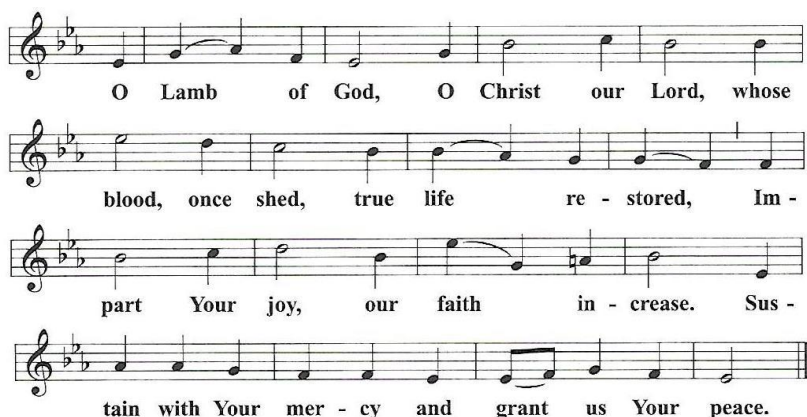
The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

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.



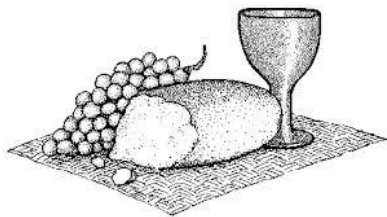
Distribution of the Sacrament

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!

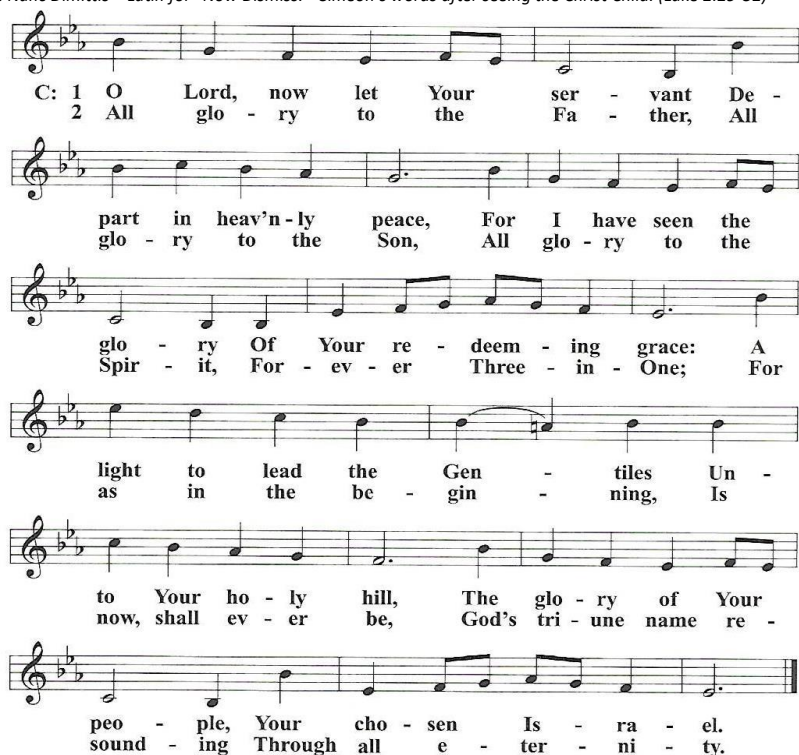
1 Corinthians 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

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

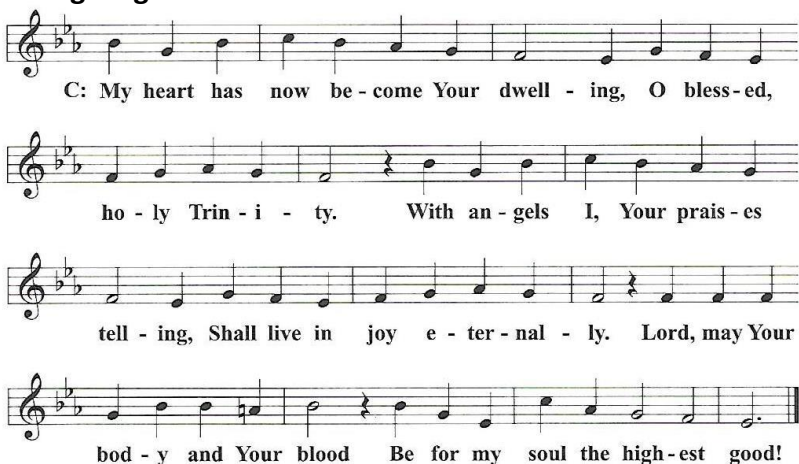
The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for “Now Dismiss.” Simeon’s words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



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 Son, All 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 577 (TLH): *God Bless Our Native Land*

- 1. God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Thro' storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.*
- 2. For her our prayer shall rise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!*



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.

THE CLC CONVENTION met on June 24-27 in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Naumann and Delegates Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan represented Mt. Zion. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD's kingdom. A summary of the Convention (from the daily "Convention Chronicles") can be found at tinyurl.com/convchron-21 (see page 6 for the Convention resolution on the "Joint Statement"). The full Convention *Proceedings* will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1. The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2. You may see a selection of Convention photos at tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21. Paper copies of these documents are available upon request. You may also watch the recorded videos of Convention here: youtube.com/user/ilcvideos.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins is next Monday - Wednesday, July 12-14 at 9:00am - 11:30am each day. We currently have 22 children registered. Praise the LORD! VBS teachers and helpers are asked to meet briefly after church to schedule a Zoom meeting later this week to make final preparations.

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is Sunday, July 25 following our worship service. More details (park location, meal plans, etc.) are TBD. Hope you can be there!

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, St. Louis, MO has **received** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> 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. <> Mr. Andrew Roehl, 5-6th grade teacher Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to be teacher and principal at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA.

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

SERVING US THIS WEEK

July Usher: _____ <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Attendance Last Sunday =

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

Sun. 7/11	10am	Sunday Worship Service (w/ Communion)
Mon. 7/12 –		Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30am
Wed. 7/14		Volunteers meet with Pastor following today's service
Sun. 7/18	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/19 –		Lower Michigan Youth Camp
Thu. 7/22		Pigeon Creek State Park
Sun. 7/25	12pm	Church Picnic
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 last month at 23 weeks. She is only 1lb 7oz and 11in, 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.