

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Welcome Visitors!

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please sign one of the visitors' registration cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He "came and stood among them," and with His Word and the wounds in "his hands and his side," He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The apostles "have seen and heard" this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we "too may have fellowship" with the risen Christ, with the apostles and "with one another" (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by "their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and all who believe this Word are "of one heart and soul," because in Him they truly have "everything in common" (Acts 4:32–33).

✠ Second Sunday of Easter ✠

✠ Service of Prayer and Preaching ✠

Opening Hymn

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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Please stand

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 Glo - ry be 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.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

P A reading from Acts, the fourth chapter.

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his hosts!**

³Praise him, sun and moon,
 praise him, all you shining stars!

**⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

**⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

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

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Hymn of the Day

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 471

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the
 Who sits and speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia! Refrain

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Please stand

Ten Commandments

- ☐ You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

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.

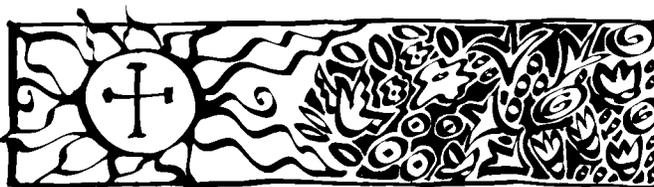
Please be seated

Sermon

“One Heart and Soul”

Act 4:32-35

Second
Sunday of
Easter





1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Offering

All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life. During this time the offering basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Please stand

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. . .

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.
Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

LSB 649

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Serving Today

April 11, 2021

Pastor Doug Minton
Head Usher: Justin Schroeder
Elder: Jon Goldenstein
Organist: Linda Kellerhals
Sound Board: Kendra Morts
Radio Monitors: Barb Teig and William Teig
Acolyte: Andrew Storm
Greeters: Gene and Marilyn Reeves
Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

Serving Next Sunday

April 18, 2021

Pastor Doug Minton
Head Usher: Justin Schroeder
Elder: Bob Storm
Organist: Theta Lee
Sound Board: Patrick Teig
Radio Monitors: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm
Acolyte: Ryleigh Rieches
Greeters: Rich and Charlene Rieches
Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship Service (masks optional)
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

Monday: 1:00 pm Comforters

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Class at Olivia's Home
7:00 on Elders' Meeting

Wednesday: 4:30-6 pm Confirmation

Thursday: 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday: **Pastor's Family Day**

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion (masks optional)
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Voters' Meeting in the Sanctuary
4-6 pm High School and Middle School Youth Group

Announcements

April 11, 2021

Thank you!!

Thank you to all those who helped beautify the church for the Easter services. If you have not taken your flowers, please pick up them up today following our service but please leave the plastic holder.

Voters' Meeting Next Sunday

Our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting will be held immediately following the 9a Divine Service next Sunday, April 18, 2021. Please be present to help chart the course of this congregation as we seek to bring glory to God in all that we do. Remember, all communicant members, age 18 and above, are eligible to vote.

Items for Sale

The Trustees have been doing some Spring Cleaning in the Van Shed, and have 3 items that we would like to offer for sale. It will be on a "first come first serve" basis. If you want an item, you can decide what you think it is worth, after you get it home, and just give a donation to the church offering.

Here is a brief description of the items:

- An older wooden 12 foot step ladder (heavy)
- A large steel lawn roller that needs some welding to plug the leaks
- A small push lawn mower (MTD Pro), with a Honda 160cc engine (has not been run for several years.)

Please contact Jim Knake if you are interested in any of the items (815-867-0003)

Youth Group Fellowship

High School and Middle School Youth Group together: will meet next Sunday, April 18th from 4-6 pm at the church. Pizza and pop will be provided thanks to a monetary donation. Please let Melissa know if you will be attending. Bring a friend and see you there!

Prairieview Lutheran Homes 32nd Annual Golf Outing

Prairieview will hold their 32nd Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Shewami Country Club. Register by June 1st at 815-269-2970. Entry fee is \$75, includes green fee, cart, dinner and range balls. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Jim Knake for additional information. Register early!!

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip

Immanuel, Springfield is hosting a trip see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. The dates are Monday, April 26, 2021, through Thursday April, 29, 2021. Fees include roundtrip motor coach, 3 night stay in Cincinnati area, breakfast and dinner 3 days, admissions, baggage handling...all for \$450.00 per person (double occupancy). Please contact Pastor Stuenkel at 217-622-7266 (cell) or the church office at 217-528-5232 for details and sign-up.

Mystery Island VBS - Mark Your Calendars!!

Make Plans to join us! Mystery Island VBS is coming to OSLC! Vacation Bible School 2021 will be held July 5th-9th. Sign-up sheets will be available in April. Be sure to check the Narthex bulletin board and informational rack for more information. Any questions please see Melissa Storm.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God's Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

April 11 – April 17

Those celebrating a birthday:

Abigale Storm Today
Leevi Bruens Friday

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus,
those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the
virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals
Linda Buhrmester – OSLC member
Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson
Jan Hoult – niece of Larry and Nancy Tobeck
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles
Jan Hoult – niece of Larry and Nancy Tobeck
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleeff
Erin Strinni – sister-in-law of Shannan Neukomm
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith
Fred Wright – brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns
Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns
Bernean Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues
Dave Lucht – OSLC member
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member

Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's
Randall Schleef – OSLC member
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns
Gert Wade – OSLC member, waiting on test result
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Joyce Williams – recovering from surgery
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nick Allen – brother of Sara Seyfert, serving with the U.S. Army
Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, deployed overseas, serving with the U.S. Army
Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army
Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy
Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's
Deputy and Milford Police Department
Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, deployed overseas, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp
Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer
Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei,
our “adopted” international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

