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Holy Cross Day

September 14, 2025

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prayer Before Worship


O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Processional Hymn


“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L 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.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

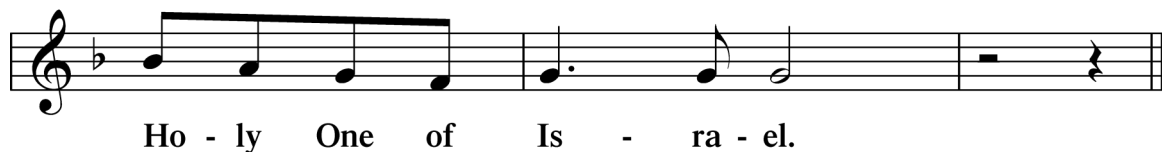
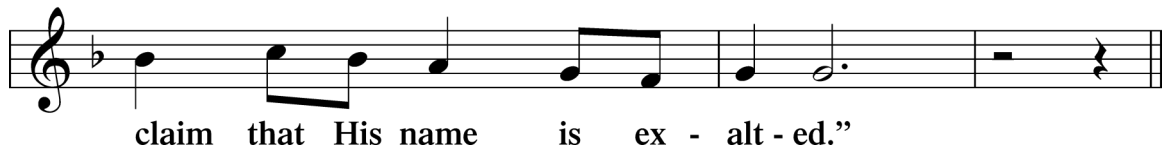
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

Refrain



C 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,



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.

Psalm 40:1-11

- ¹I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.
- ²**He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,***
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.
- ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.
- ⁴**Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,***
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!
- ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!*
- I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.
- ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.***
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.
- ⁷Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*”
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:
- ⁸**I desire to do your will, | O my God;***
your law is with- | in my heart.”
- ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;*
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O LORD.
- ¹⁰**I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;**
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;*
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congre- | gation.
- ¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;*
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

L A reading from Numbers, the twenty-first chapter.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses,

“Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, the first chapter.

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

L A reading from John, the twelfth chapter.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am

lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

LSB 263

L 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.

L 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.

L 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

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

LSB 454



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

C 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

LSB 264

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

LSB 264

**☩ 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.**

Catechism Reading: The Ninth Commandment

LSB 321

What is the Ninth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Sermon

"Christ Crucified"
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

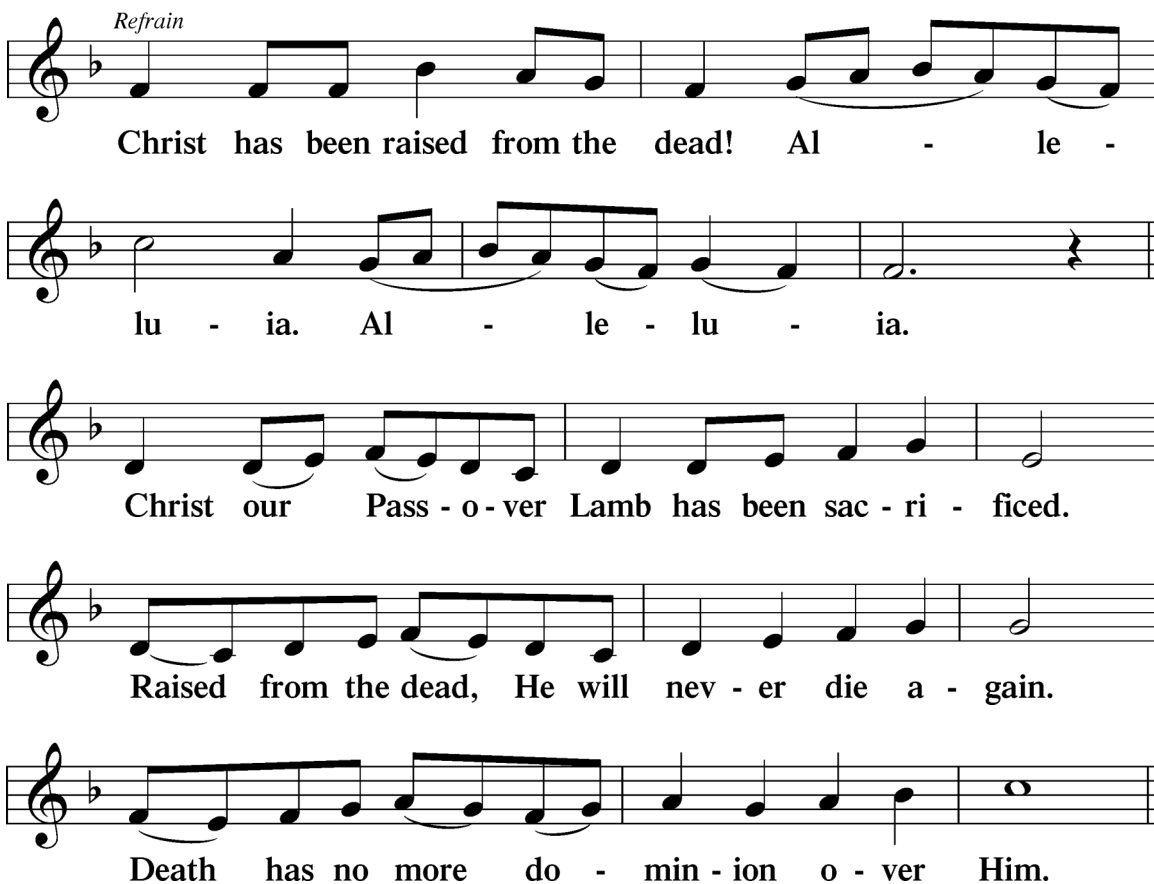
LSB 266

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. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain



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

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

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

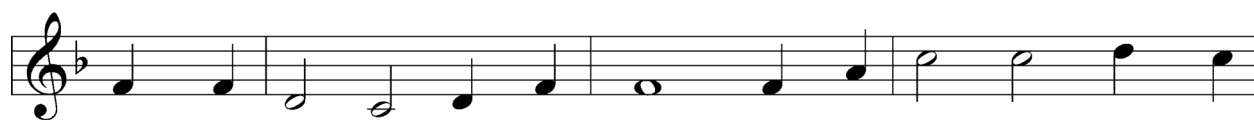
LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Today: Youth Group, 5pm
Tuesday: Pastors Winkel, 9am
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm
Wednesday: Chapel at St. John, Buckley, 8am
Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/14/25	9/21/25
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Jim Winder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Rich and Charlene Rieches	Dean Lingley Patty Bruens
Sound Board	Kendra Morts	Patrick Teig
Greeters	Rich and Charlene Rieches	Jean Lauterbach
Acolyte	Jaylin Lavicka	Sophia Billingsley
Head Usher	Marv Wright	Neil Rieches
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CROSS DAY is celebrated today. Below is the explanation:

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is *"lifted up from the earth, will draw all people"* to Himself (John 12:32). *"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"* to save us (Phil. 2:8). *"Everyone who is bitten"* by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, *"when he sees"* Christ *"shall live"* (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. *"We preach Christ crucified the power of God and the wisdom of God,"* though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, *"through the folly"* of the cross we preach, *"to save those who believe"* (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

HOLY CROSS DAY READINGS are not the same as the back of the bulletin this week. If you would like to follow along, please use the bibles in each pew. The Old Testament reading is Numbers 21:4-9. The Epistle reading is 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. The Gospel reading is John 12:20-33.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on **Tuesday, September 16** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and we will study the Goodness of Dorcas (Tabitha). "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to our fathers." Deuteronomy 6:18 Join us!

DO YOU SHOP AT BERKOTS IN WATSEKA? They offer a monthly donation/round up program at the checkout which supports various organizations. During the month of September, Berkots and your roundup donation will support Breakthrough T1D - formally JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Your donation will help support research, education, events, and programs for those living with Type 1 Diabetes. Thank you for your support of this organization through Berkots!

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS: The current DFM project is to replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. Immanuel's Student Center was dedicated in 1969, but some of the equipment in the kitchen of the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then. DFM funds would be used to replace the original kitchen equipment. Amount to be funded is \$11,000.

WHAT IS THE 'A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS' GIVING BOX? A Dollar for Missions was started with the 2022 Central Illinois District Convention to support Mission Work within the District. As a congregation, we didn't really participate. Over the past 3 years this program has helped several of our present missions - Deaf, Prison, Hispanic, and Campus - with needs that have arisen. The idea behind A Dollar for Missions is that if each person gave \$1 each week we would have money to fund ongoing projects in the District. We have a plastic donation box set up for these donations. Please learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZF4dc4t02Xo>.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life*
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PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Kendra Morts Monday
Alan Smith Friday
Bob Rieches Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Peter Brown, cousin of Dean Lingley
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Troy Schaumburg, friend of Connie Langellier
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Barb Teig, health issues

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Delmer Henrichs
Dorothy Knake
Joann Sloan
Brenda St. Peter

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

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Faith in Monticello and David Daniel her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St. Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig her pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO.

Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

