

Two Churches

One Mission, One Family



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

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Holy Communion: Open Table

By tradition, we offer Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Pastor Mary, to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.



*In the bulletin the boldface **C** is for the congregational response. The letter **P** is for the Priest, **A** is for the Worship assistant or LEM and occasionally the letter **B** is for Bishop.*

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed Alleluia!**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C **Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

ELW 377

Please sing verses 1 and 2



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be o - pen!"
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria"

ELW Setting 10

Please sing verses 1 and 2

1. Glo-ry be to God in Heav-en; peace, good will to all the earth.
2. Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho-ly one we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
5 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth.
Son of God and gra-cious Sa - vior, you have come from heav'n a - bove.
9 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.
We ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift - high our thanks and praise.
On the cross you died to - save us, now you - reign at God's right hand.
13 Je - sus Christ, with God the spi - rit, in the - Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you, here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer: re - store, for - give us, in your pro - mise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

R A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

R ¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



PSALM OF THE DAY

Ps. 4

R We will read the psalm responsively breaking at the verse.

R Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

R Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

C Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

R Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

C Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

R You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

C I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

R A reading from the first letter attributed to John.

R ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Christ.

P ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this,

he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Come With Joy"

H 304

Please stand on the last verse.

1. I come with joy - to meet my Lord - for -
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near - to
 3. As Christ breaks bread ___ and bids us share, ___ each
 3
 giv - en, loved, - and free, ___ in awe and won - der
 find, as all - are fed, ___ the new com - mun - ni
 6
 proud di - vi - sion ends. ___ That love that made - us
 to re - call - his life laid down - for me. ___
 ty of love - in Christ's com - mu - nion bread. ___
 makes us one, ___ and stran - gers now ___ are friends. ___

APOSTLES' CREED *Please stand as you are able.*

A Let us confess our faith in God, using the words given to us by the ancient church.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *Please stand as you are able.*

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team.

C Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer.

A Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices.

C Slow down our rush to consume.

A Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey.

C Greet them with hospitality.

A Compassionate God, you heal us. Be with all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need.

C Send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers.

A God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation.

C Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us.

A God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn.

C Hold them in your love.

P I invite you to offer any other prayers at this time, either silently or aloud. *A brief silence.* Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *Please greet your neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Birthday --- Nikolai Gilbert, Lexy Gilbert,
Russ vonHagen

THE OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have come from God. We dedicate all of our life to God through offerings of announcements, prayers, bread, wine, money, and music.

The Music team has an offering of song.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

A Remember the first believers who shared one heart and soul, held their possessions in common, and distributed them to all in need.

C In that same spirit, let us present our offerings at the feet of the risen Lord.

OFFERING

Please stand as the representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host, Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and—above all—the presence of the living Lord among us.

C By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing if you are able.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S 130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. —

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might. —

17 Hea - ven and earth are full - full of your glo - ry, Ho -

25 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

33

Bles - sed is he who comes _____ in the name of the Lord _____ Ho -

41

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
- C We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.**
- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- C Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.**
- P Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
- C Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

5 Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your name, your
9 king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
13 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give - us our sins as
18 we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
22 time of trial and de - liv-er us from e - vil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - e - ver.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, including children. Should you prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest as you approach the pastor. Two cups are provided, one for intinction (dipping), and one for sipping. It is perfectly fine to receive only bread if you so wish.

P We gather around the table of God. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often,

and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, the Church welcomes you and Christ invites you to be known, fed and loved here. These are the Gifts of God, for you the People of God.

Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven. Alleluia!

C Amen. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting 8

To be sung prayerfully before distribution.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Please wait until the Music Team has returned to their places, before coming up to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, oh - my - soul.

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Worship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er before, oh, my - soul. I

9

worship your ho - ly name. You're rich in love and you're

13

slow to an - ger. Your name is great and your heart is kind For

16

all your goodness I will keep on sing - ing. ten thousand rea-sons for my

19

heart to find. Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul,

23

oh - my - soul. Worship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er before,

27

Oh, - my - soul. I wor - ship - your ho - ly name.

"Only Grace"



On - ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand'



not by our hu-man en - dea - vor but by the blood of the lamb.



In - to your pres-ence you call us, you call _____ us to come.



In - to your pres-ence you draw us, and now by your grace, we come.



Now by your grace we come. *fine* _____



Lord, if you mark our trans - gressions who would stand?



Thanks to your grace we are cleansed - by the blood of the lamb. _____

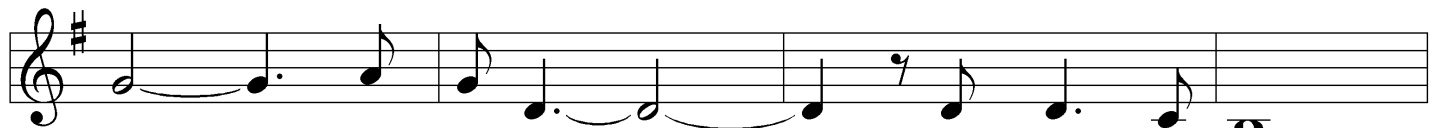
"One Bread, One Body" *Please sing until the Altar has been cleared.*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;



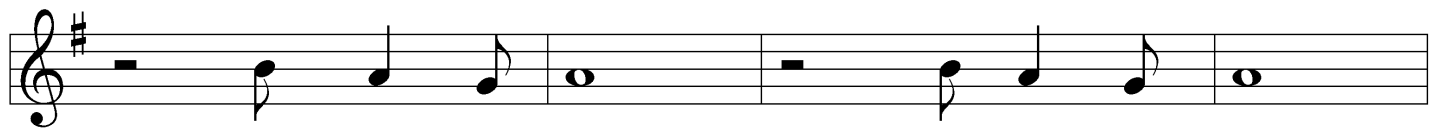
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and



we, though man - y through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or | Jew, | ser - vant | or | free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the | gifts, | man - y | the | works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the | fields, | scat - tered | and | grown, |



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Refrain

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

CANTICLE "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

BLESSING

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and ✚ bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

WOV 752

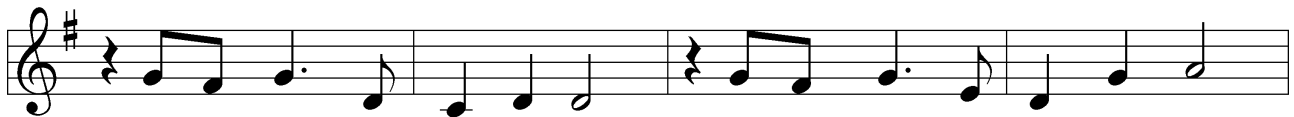
Sing the last verse after the dismissal.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please join us in the fellowship hall for our Coffee Hour.

Assisting this week: April 14th

Pat Adair – Greeter; Maxine MacDonald– WA
 Debbie Luna – Acolyte; Bruce Rowe – Reader
 Julie Hackbarth – Musician
 Shakers and Bakers – Extended Coffee Hour

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Assisting on: April 21st

Jeannie Blackwell - Greeter; Kristy Chambers– LEM
 Angie Gilbert - Acolyte; Susan Shrum - Reader
 Pat Manness – Musician
 Potluck – Extended Coffee Hour

Birthdays

April 15 – Nikolai Gilbert April 18 – Lexy Gilbert
 April 20 – Russ vonHagen

THIS WEEK

Monday	
Tuesday	Gospel Study.....	1:00 pm
Wednesday	“The Path” study	5:00 pm
	“No Bones” NA Meeting.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Al Anon Meeting.....	5:30 pm
Friday	“We Matter” NA Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	Music practice	9:30 am
Sunday	Worship Service.....	10:00 am
	NA Meeting	5:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A warm welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you are here. Please record your name and address in our guest book. We invite you to join us for our Coffee hour after the service in our fellowship hall.

Gospel Study meets on Tuesday's at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

Tuesday Knights will begin meeting at Pastor Mary's+ house on 16 April at 7:00 pm.

Laundry Love is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Emmy's Laundromat. Last load goes in at 2:30 pm.

Ladies of Faith meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am at the Del Taco on Mountain View Rd (Down the street from church).

Adult Bible Study "The Path" Study has resumed and will be on Wednesdays. We meet in the Sanctuary from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Please come if you haven't attended the first part.

WE PRAY FOR:

--**For those of our faith community who are traveling,**

--**For Peace talks and for peace** to prevail in Israel and Palestine. For those trusted to negotiate peace deals.

--**For the people of Sudan, Russia, and other countries in the area, Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Egypt,** that the fighting will cease so that help can be provided and the resources they need,

--**For the people of Ukraine** fighting for their freedom and all the agencies and countries helping to provide the necessities needed, including safety and a place to live.

--**We give thanks** for our new friends, new members of our congregations, and our youth,

--**We give thanks** for our local social services and for all who help their neighbors, and all who volunteer and help where needed,

--**For those in need** Patricia Franco and her family,

--**For all who mourn the loss of a loved one**, Becky Thompson, Beverly Lundgren, Robert Fogle, Linda Amerault, Lance Williams,

--**For short-term healing**, Dorothy Hartjen,

--**For long-term healing**, Barbara Hackbarth, Susan Shrum, Danny and Sharon Danley, Cathy Carnes, Cary and Sandie Jarozewski, Diane Barnes, Randy Luna, Don Modica, Jake Wilhoit, Harold Davis, Nicole Jacobs, Sharleen Hendrickson, Kenneth Davidson, Nick DiNapoli, Christopher Reynolds, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Phyllis Sawyer, Charie Rincon, Jim Smyth, Melody Martin, Fr John Limo-St. Timothy's, Annie Cendineros and her family, Susan Davis, Aidan Manness, Maria (Sandy Jarozewski's daughter), Kayla (Sandy Jarozewski's granddaughter),

--**For Strength and guidance**, Vera, Kayla, Sandie and Cary Jarozewski, Charie Rincon, Wayne Perron, the Lundgren families and friends, the family and friends of Robert Fogle, the family and friends of Aidan Manness, Joyce Williams' family and friends (Friend of Freda Cobb), Bob Cobb Jr,

--**For all our Youth**, Giuliana Price, Vivienne Price, Lexy Gilbert, Philip Gilbert,

-- **For all our Young Adults**, Shawna Davis, Ryan Davis, Isabelle Valdez, Elie Valdez,

--**For all members of the military** at home and abroad, and their families:

--**For all government leaders** that they may work together for the common good.

--**For everyone dealing with flooding and natural disasters**, the people of Maui and their families and friends, people of Morocco and their families and friends, the people of Libya and their families and friends,

--**For victims of gun violence**, and for the conservation around gun safety across the country.

--**For Thanksgivings and Blessings**, from Panera Bread for the bread and sweets we receive every Sunday evening to help with our food ministry, for all the help and donations being given to the people of Maui, Morocco, and the Middle East, the graduation of Kenneth Davidson (Proud Grandmother is Debbie Luna), the healthy birth of Ivy Bordier to Corra and Travis Bordier (Proud Great Grandmother is Debbie Luna), the confirmation of Patricia Franco,

BIRTHDAY PRAYER and BIRTHDAY SONG

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *name as he, she, they* begin another year. Grant that *he, she, they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of *his, her, their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A glad and hap - py birth - day we wish - to you, our
friend. And may our bless'd Cre - a - tor a birth-day blessing
send. Have a hap-py birth-day filled with - love, with - friend-ship ev - er
true and bright with man-y bless - ings from our dear Lord to you.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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