

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ September 18, 2022

God so loved the world ...



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No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, There Is a Place for You Here!

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender identity, race, culture, ability, or sexual orientation into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each to participate in the life of our church.

- ❖ **Welcome to worship. We are SO glad you are here.** If this is your first time worshipping with us, please reach out and let us know, either introduce yourself in the YouTube Livestream, to an usher, to Pastor Sonja or by contacting the church office so we can answer any questions and connect with you. There is a place for you here.
- ❖ **Pass the Welcome Folder.** Please take the folder on the end of our pew, fill out your information and pass them down the pew.
- ❖ **Offering.** We are trying something new this summer! Offerings may be placed in the offering plate located on the table in the middle of the aisle before or at any time during the worship service.
- ❖ **Prayer Requests.** Prayer slips are in the back of the Welcome Folder to fill out and drop in the basket on the table by the offering plate. *Prayer requests will be included during the intercessory prayers.*
- ❖ **Bathrooms** – Down the hall, turn left toward the offices, and then take your first right. An all-gender/family bathroom is available on the east side of Fellowship Hall (to the right as you enter from the main door). A changing table is available in the all-gender/family bathroom and also in the nursery.
- ❖ **We LOVE kids in worship!** Should you need to step away, there is plenty of room to enjoy in the Fellowship Hall. Our nursery will return in the fall.
- ❖ **Bulletins can be recycled** in the bins in the narthex with the Green Recycle Labels.
- ❖ **Hymns with harmony lines are available in our hymnal** (the red books in the shelves in each pew). You are welcomed and encouraged to use the hymnals!

Helpful Hints for worship today:

- *The instructions to sit or stand are invitations to do so as you are physically able.*
- *In the worship liturgy P = Presider, A = Assisting Minister, R = Reader, and C = Congregation. The congregation responds/sings any time words are in **bold** print. The congregation is invited to sing all Hymns.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Stand

CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of Mercy and Forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

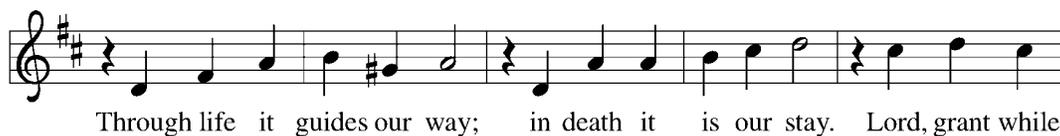
P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 509

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

ELW p. 165

*Assisting Minister (congregation sings the lines in **bold**):*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



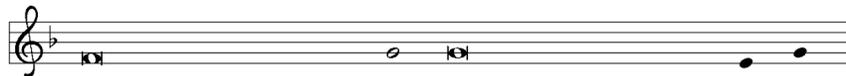
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



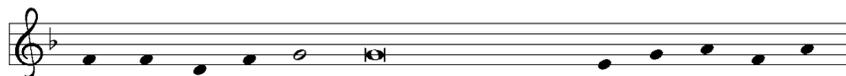
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



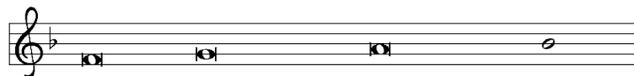
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - - - - - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Sit

CHOIR ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

R: ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

*(Read responsively, the congregation will read the **bold** verses.)*

A: ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

C: ²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

A: ³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

C: ⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

A: ⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

C: ⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

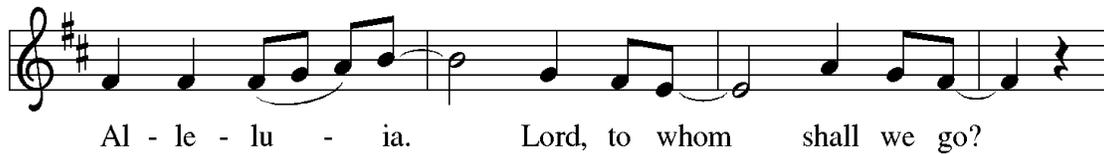
A: ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C: ⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

A: ⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 3:16-21

P: The Gospel according to the 3rd Chapter of John:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Stand

O God of Light



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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INSTALLATION OF MIRIAM MORENO

P: After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, have appointed Miriam Moreno to serve in the position of Office Administrator and Communications and Events Manager.

P: Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Miriam, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

M: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

M: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

Pastor turns to congregation and invites their participation.

P: People of God, will you receive Miriam into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Miriam, I now declare you installed as Office Administrator and Communications and Events Manager.

P: Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving the orderliness of your creation and preservation of life. Bless and accept the ministry of Miriam in the stewardship of the resources entrusted to your church: its people and their talents, its wisdom and energy from your Spirit, and its wealth from your goodness. Remind us that we are accountable to you in all things great and small; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome Miriam in the name of Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace,

C: **Hear our prayer**

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

At this time, we also offer a portion of what God has first given us for God's work in the world through the ministries of St. Andrew's and its national and global partners. You may place offerings in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle. You can also give online at www.standrewsames.org by selecting Give Online (or use this QR code). Thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries in and through St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.



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OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: **Amen.**

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ELW p. 173

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

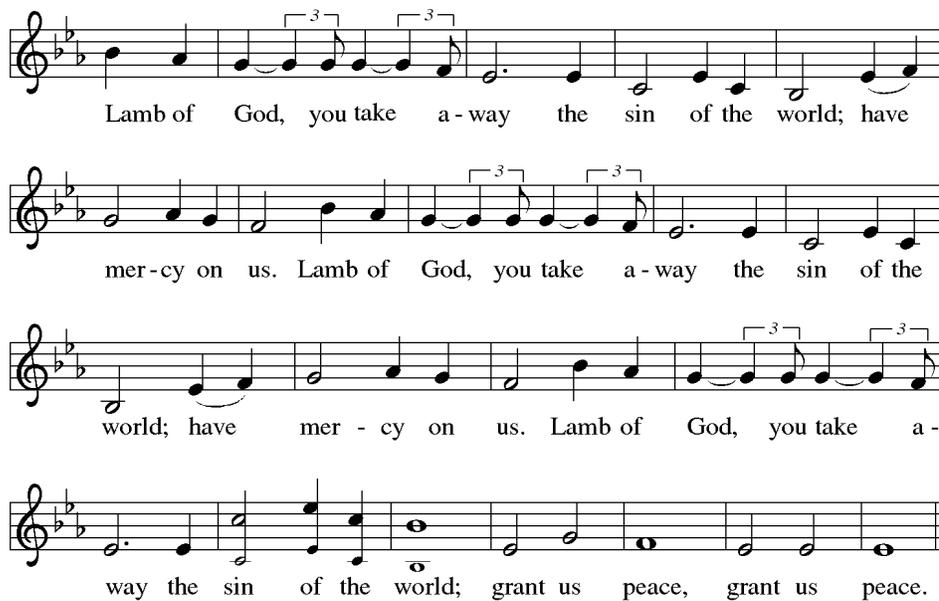
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. Those worshipping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread, and step to the side to receive red wine or white grape juice from the assistants. Gluten-free wafers are available in the glass bowl on the table in the front. Please take one and bring it with you. If you prefer not to come forward, prepackaged communion elements are available from the ushers.

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

C:

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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.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email or speak with the presiding pastor before worship each week if you would like to make an announcement at this time.

Stand

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Lord, All Glorious

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Sunday, *Service N Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and Livestream
- ❖ Sunday, *Fellowship*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille
- ❖ Wednesday, *Choir*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- ❖ Thursday, *The Story Zoom*, 11 am, Zoom
- ❖ Thursday, *Pine Ridge Donation Time*, 6-8 pm, Room 2 at St. Andrew's
- ❖ *For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at standrewsames.org/calendar/*

Thank You from Helen Gjerde

Thank you to the following individuals for your willingness to serve our community through the work completed on Helen Gjerde's garage: Don and Monica Behning, Laurie Evans, Steve Loucks, Dave Krumm, and Kris Parsons. This awesome team spent their Sunday afternoon on September 11 scraping and repainting Helen's garage. Thanks, y'all!

Service N Learning September 18, *The Story* - Introduction

This week we started our exploration of the Bible, using a resource called *The Story*, a chronological rewriting of the stories from the Bible in narrative form. If you ordered a copy, books are now available in the office during office hours or on Sundays at Service N Learning or at the table in the narthex after worship. All are welcome to attend weekly sessions Thursdays on Zoom at 11 am or Sundays at 9:30 am; no need to register in advance. The following readings will be discussed on the Thursday/Sunday of each listed week.

- Week 2 (September 19-25): Chapter 1 "Creation: The Beginning of Life As We Know It"
- Week 3 (September 26-October 2): Chapter 2 "God Builds a Nation"

Service N Learning Sunday Breakfast Schedule (All breakfasts provide juice, milk, and coffee!)

Please contact Miriam Moreno at miriam@standrewsames.org with any questions regarding the breakfast or with any allergies/food sensitivities if you plan to eat breakfast! We can accommodate most allergies or sensitivities given a heads-up by Friday evening!

- September 25: Ham and Cheese/Veggie Quiche
- October 2: Assorted Scones and Bacon

Gear Up for St. Andrew's 2nd Annual Renaissance Faire October 2

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our FREE Ren Faire on October 2 from 3-6 pm. Our annual celebration of all things medieval will feature free food (Thanks to Hy-Vee and Fareway!), house-smoked turkey legs, a Raising Readers booth, arts and crafts, games for all ages, musicians, singing and dancing, and fun goodie bags as you take your leave! Thank you to all of the committees for their continued support and hard work to make this an imaginative, enjoyable, and successful event. Please contact the office with any questions, and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie Hoifeldt to arrange a time to pick up a costume.

Crop Walk is Coming Up October 9

This year's Ames Area *Cropwalk for Hunger* will be held at Brookside Park on October 9. Check-in begins at 1 pm with the Walk starting at 1:30. While St. Andrew's is not currently planning on registering a team, participants are welcome to join or start a team of their own or to register as an individual! More information is available using the QR code!



~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (9/18/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**
Reader – **Jon Christy**
Greeter – **Cheryl and Paul White**
Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**
Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**
Communion Servers – **Jon and Janeen Christy**
Tech – **Brent Anderson**
Fellowship – **Pine Ridge and Tanzania**

Worship Assistants Next Week (9/25/2022)

Assisting Minister –
Reader – **Nikki Gerstenberger**
Greeter – **Cheryl and Paul White**
Ushers – **John Kovar**
Communion Setup – **Paul and Cheryl White**
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Lynn Miller**
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**
Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

Happy September Anniversary

Glynn and Dagmar Frank (4), Joann and John Kovar (4), Judy and Jim Denato (4), Jamie and Julie Riesselman (28)

Happy September Birthday

Emily Frescoln (1), Lucas Gerstenberger (3), Christina McClelland (4), Dave Krumm (9), Al Jergens (10), Jamie Riesselman (11), Joan Aiton (11), Glynn Frank (13), Nicholas Jensen (13), Joann Kovar (15), Jim Denato (17), Ben Buck (22), Charlotte Johnston (23), Kathryn Baker (25), Tim Moran (25), Aaron Greving (29)

~PRAYERS~

Lowell Elwick, John Sherve (relative of Margaret Sherve), **Janet Bentley** (mother of Janet Dixon), **Annette (Thompson) Bodnar** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Anita Whitaker** (Mother of Sheri Krumm), **Troy Eagen** (Sharon Anderson's son-in-law), **John Litzel, Libby Litzel Gull, Mark Ekeren** (brother of Sarah Buck), **Jane Ellis, Wayne Thompson** (brain tumor), **Marilyn Saunders** (Gene Pollmann's sister), **Alice Becher** (Stephen Loucks' mother), **Marjorie Allison, Gene Takle, Lou Jordan** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **Nancy Owen** (Carol Putz's cousin, battling cancer), **Roxanne Labandz** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Pat Fawcett, Kolleen Tweed Sogard** (daughter of Violet & Maynard Tweed), **Robert Pollmann** (Gene Pollmann's brother), **Mike & Kayla Endorf** (cousins of Dagmar Frank), **Joan Dubberke, Diane** (Carol Putz's sister w/long COVID), **Lester & Alycia Carlsborg, Ben Buck, Stu Endorf** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **James Loritz** (nephew of Alice Thompson), **Karen Hardy** (Rita Peterson's sister), **Susan Teas, Douglas John Putz** (brother of Dave Putz), the family of **June Larrow** (Gayle Osterberg's sister), the family of **Dick Whitaker** (Father of Sheri Krumm).

For all those suffering from loneliness and grief, addiction and illness-both mental and physical, poverty and need, war and strife; we pray to the Lord to bless them and give them peace. We continue to pray for the health and needs of the people in the Ames Community, the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Hedaru and Agape Parishes in Tanzania, and all communities throughout the world.



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