



## *Trinity Lutheran Church*



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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26, 2023

*Divine Service –Setting Three*

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### Today's Schedule

**Divine Worship Holy Communion 8:30am & 11:00am**

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00am**

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are delighted you have chosen to join us this day. Our Lord always blesses those who come to His house to hear His word and receive His sacraments. We pray you will experience God's love and care for you.

#### ***For our guests:***

- ❖ Quiet bags are provided for your children during the service. They are located as you enter the church. The children's bulletin and color booklet is for you to keep. Please return the bags as you exit. **Please return to the rack when exiting.**
- ❖ For your convenience we have a Cry Room. You will find it as you enter the church doors. From that room you can hear and observe the service.
- ❖ **Here at Trinity we believe, as Scripture teaches, that in the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith and our fellowship with one another. If you would like to participate in this Sacrament, but have further questions, we encourage you to speak with the pastor or elders. We also invite and encourage you to fill out the white card indicating your desire and intention to commune.**
- ❖ Pastor Smith is available for visiting and consultations. Please contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone 760 485-5171 for an appointment.

***\*\*Please silence cell phones...Thank you\*\****

***God Bless Your Worship!!!***

# Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with His promise we are looking  
forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**  
O LORD, make me know my end and what is  
the measure of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting I am!**  
Behold, You have made my days a few  
handbreadths,  
**and my lifetime is as nothing before You.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
**My hope is in You.**  
Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**  
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my  
cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!  
**For I am a sojourner with You, a guest,  
like all my fathers.**



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



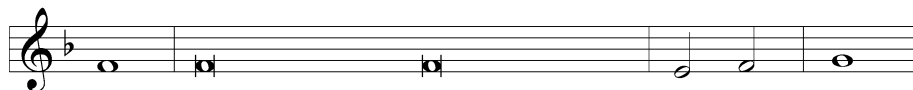
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

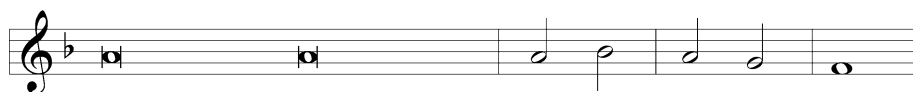
LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



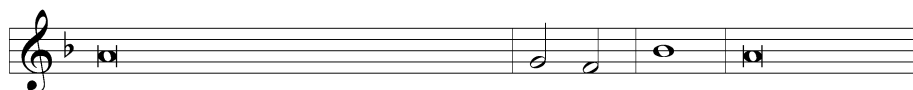
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



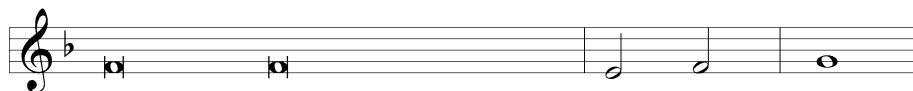
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Collect of the Day

**Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down,

## Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

20. "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

**[L]:** This is the Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**  
Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Epistle

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his

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## 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the

## Matthew 25:31–46

goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me

food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and

his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**℟:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**℣** Praise to You O Christ

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**



# Sermon Hymn

## “The Man Is Ever Blessed”

#705



- 1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -
- 2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh
- 4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find; Their



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.  
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

- 5 How will they bear to stand  
Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?

- 6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go;  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

# Sermon

Matthew 25:31–46

## Offering/Offertory

## “Create in Me”

LSB pg. 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



## Prayer of the Church & 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.

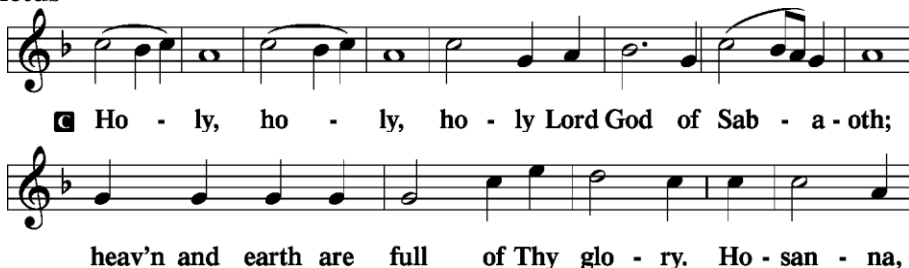
## Service of the Sacrament

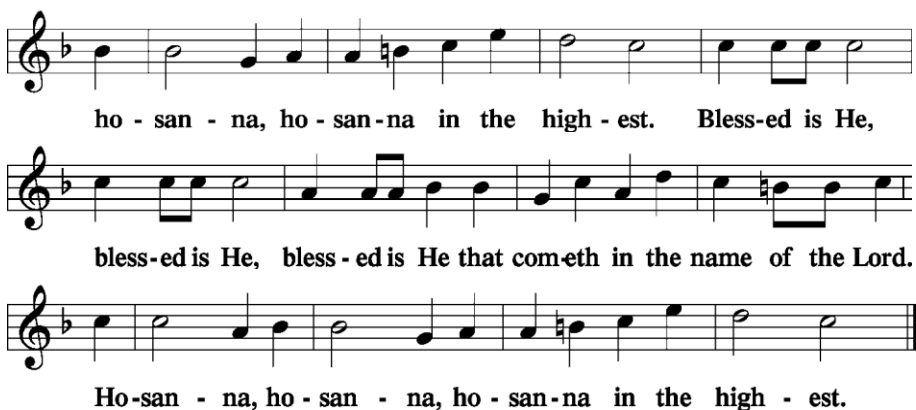
### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus

*LSB pg. 195*





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

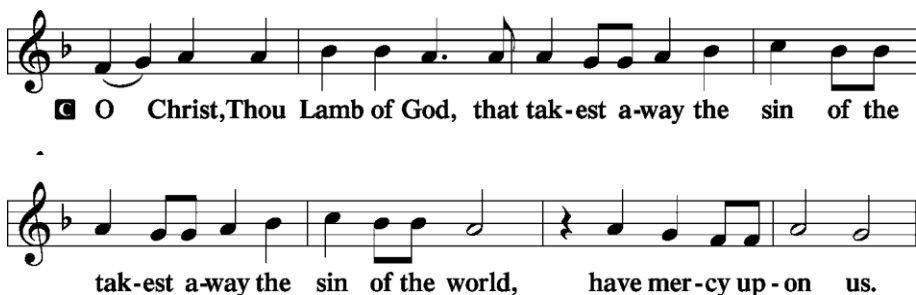
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

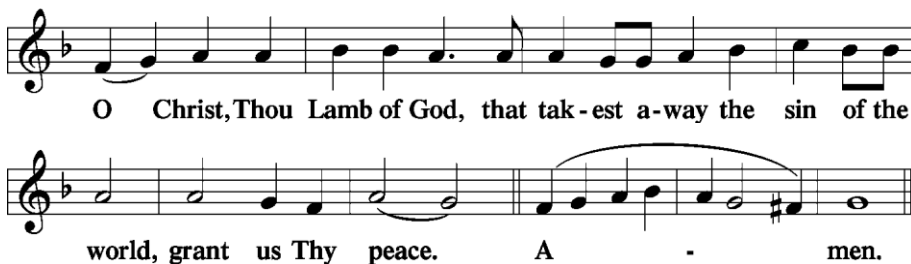
### Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

*LSB pg. 198*



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



## Distribution/ Distribution Hymns

#570, #620, #636

### Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen..  
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

- P**: Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you .  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and ✠ give you peace..



## 392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



*Refrain*  
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.



The Flowers this morning are placed on the altar by Willard Mears for all the many blessings our Gracious Heavenly Father has bestowed on us all.



November 26, 2023

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Quilters (Fellowship Center)</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>LWML Brd. Meeting</b>
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Jr. Confirmation (Zoom)</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Bible Class (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>DOA Ladies' Bible Study (Fellowship Center)</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens &amp; Lunch</b>



**HELP NEEDED!!!** On **October 22, 2023**, our congregation was advised that the property insurance on the church's 2 buildings was going to increase substantially this coming year. This is due to the current market in California and the loss that we had in the FC in 2022. More specifics will be unfolded as they become clearer, but, we do know that it will cost much more than budgeted. If you can help financially in the coming months, it is much appreciated. In the memo line on your check, please indicate that your donation is for property insurance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of such a gift.

**November 5, 2023**-We have learned that the Minimum Premium Earned of 25% on the recently executed property insurance policy on our 2 buildings equates to \$16,942.13, our first fundraising goal. This essentially buys us 3 months of insurance and time while we try to find more cost effective property insurance. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**November 19, 2023**-To date, we have received **\$5,400** in contributions to assist with the greatly increased property insurance premiums for our church. Thank you to those who have made contributions so far to this need.

Thank you, Jim Ducatte, TLC President



**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2023 during the Bible Study hour in the Fellowship Center.

**CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE** will take place at the annual LWML Christmas party, Saturday, December 9. All proceeds will benefit the North Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch a Christ-centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families. You can find the tickets to fill out at the display as you exit/enter church each Sunday. Tickets are \$5 each.

**WE CONTINUE TO RECYCLE** bottles and aluminum cans. The money is then used for office supplies. If you bring your bottles and cans please make sure to remove the plastic bottle caps and discard. The recycle center does not accept the caps.

**INDIO REFUGE PREGNANCY CENTER** is in need of newborn and size 5 & 6 diapers. We have a box near the information table where you can deposit your donations each Sunday. During the week we will deliver the diapers to the center.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** is next Sunday following the 11am service, December 3. We will be decorating the Crismon tree and hanging the greenery in the sanctuary. You read that right, Crismon. The evergreen tree that will adorn the chancel area of the church is decorated each year with symbols pointing to Christ and His birth. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin this exciting season gathering together and preparing the sanctuary. We will have a light lunch in the Fellowship Center and then head back over to the sanctuary to “Hang the Greens”. Make plans now to attend and sign up at the information .

**PICTORAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:** If you received a hard copy of the pictoral directory please correct Bobbi Smith’s email should be; [Bobbi322@verizon.net](mailto:Bobbi322@verizon.net) and Willard Mears’ email is now; Willardmears@yahoo.com

### **THOSE WE KEEP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Elaine Bishop, Paula Carlsgaard, Bill Grotenrath, Andy & Shirley Schlange, Trudi Intemann, Terri Cuesta, Luke Mohr, Lucy Negron, Woody and Linda Kastner, Diana Kenyon**(*Ramona Haugen’s daughter*), Larry Burkett, Bryan Carlson, health

**Michele Ungaro**(*sister of Renee Young*), **Sequoia**(*6yr old granddaughter of winter visitors Bill and Sandy Bell*), **Grace Ferris, Kathi Bredesen**,(*Trudi Intemann’s daughter*) cancer

**Levi Jove**, healing for broken wrist, **Jennifer Jove**, acl surgery

**Christine Brand** (*Jennifer Jove’s Aunt*) diagnosed with leukemia

**Amy Frese’s mom**, heart problems



*“Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.”  
1 Chronicles 16:11*