



SUNDAY MAY 11TH, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**OUR MISSION:** God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

## INTRODUCTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

**We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN—LSB 745: *In God, My Faithful God*



1. In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2. My sins as - sail me sore, but I de - spair no more.
3. If death my por - tion be, then death is gain to me
4. O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, so meek in deed and word,
5. "So be it," then I say with all my heart each day.



though man - y woes o'er - take me, yet He will not for - sake me.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; from this Rock noth - ing moves me.  
and Christ my Life for - ev - er, from whom death can - not sev - er.  
Thou once didst die to save us be - cause Thy love would have us  
We, too, dear Lord, a - dore Thee, we sing with joy be - fore Thee.



His love it is doth send them and, when 'tis best, will end them.  
To Him I all sur - ren - der, to Him, my soul's De - fend - er.  
Come when it may, He'll shield me, to Him I whol - ly yield me.  
be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness when ends this life of sad - ness.  
Guide us while here we wan - der un - til we praise Thee yon - der.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (on insert)

*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.



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

*Final refrain*



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

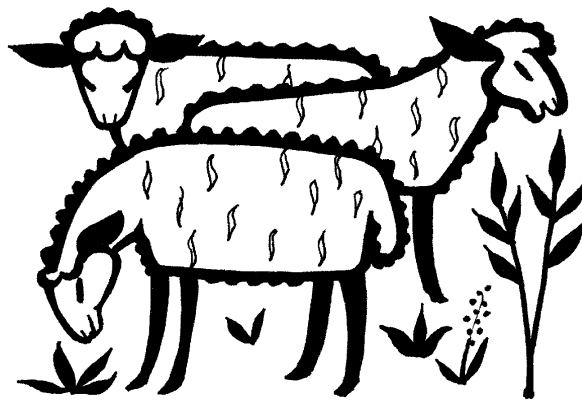
### WORD

#### FIRST READING— ACTS 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, “Please come right away!” Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.’

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God’s holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in God. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.





**PSALM** ELW 780: Shepherd me, O God

*Refrain*

All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
 death in - to life. to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 to stanza 4 life.

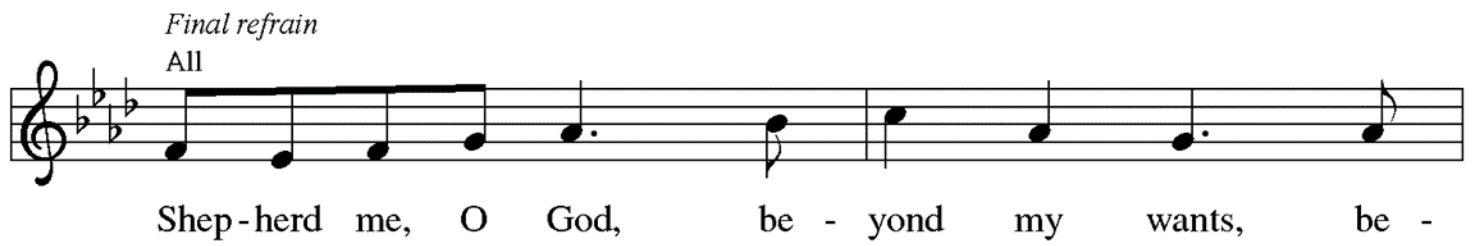
Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I  
 rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.





## SECOND READING— REVELATION 7:9-17

John looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: “Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen.”

Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I replied, “You know.”

Then the elder said to me, “These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb’s blood. This is the reason they are before God’s throne. They worship day and night in God’s temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won’t hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL – JOHN 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_. **Glory to you, O Risen Christ.**

The time came for Hanukkah in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, “How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I have told you, but you don’t believe. The works I do in my Abba’s name testify about me, but you don’t believe because you don’t belong to my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Abba, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Abba’s hand. For Abba and I are one.”

This is the good news. **Praise to you, O Risen Christ.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### SERMON— PR. RON



HYMN OF THE DAY— ACS 954: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*



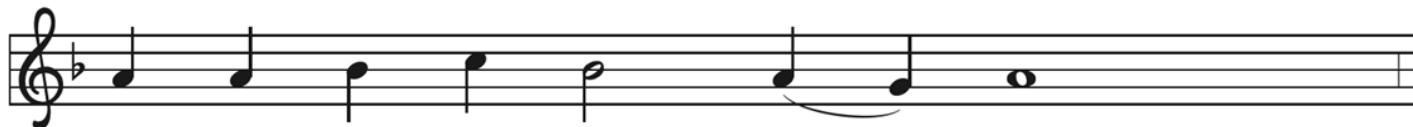
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



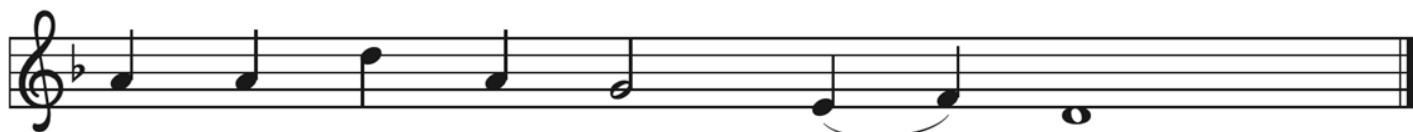
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, maker of heaven and earth, who in goodness created us and by grace sustains us.

We believe in Jesus Christ, beloved child of God, who became a human being and lived among us, experiencing fully the joys, sorrows and temptations of human life. While he walked the earth, he taught and healed, but most of all he loved, and showed us how to love one another. By us and for us he was crucified; he died and was buried. Yet he rose again and lives on, freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost, and upon us in our baptisms. She has spoken through the prophets and continues still to speak through us today. She joins us together in the body of Christ, yearns within us to pray for those things too deep for words, nourishes us in faith and brings us to the wholeness of life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially for Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., and the family and friends of Cindy Fosselius. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

I invite you to share the peace with those around you.

## OFFERING

*For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.*

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING PRAYER

## COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

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.

## WORD OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

## AGNUS DEI

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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

# SENDING HYMN— *Christ, our Hope in Life and Death*



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone. What is our  
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his  
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re -



on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long. Who holds our  
 grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our  
 ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com mand? And what will  
 faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the  
 rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de-royed, And we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
 waves that bring us nigh Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
 feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

## Refrain



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O



sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and



death.

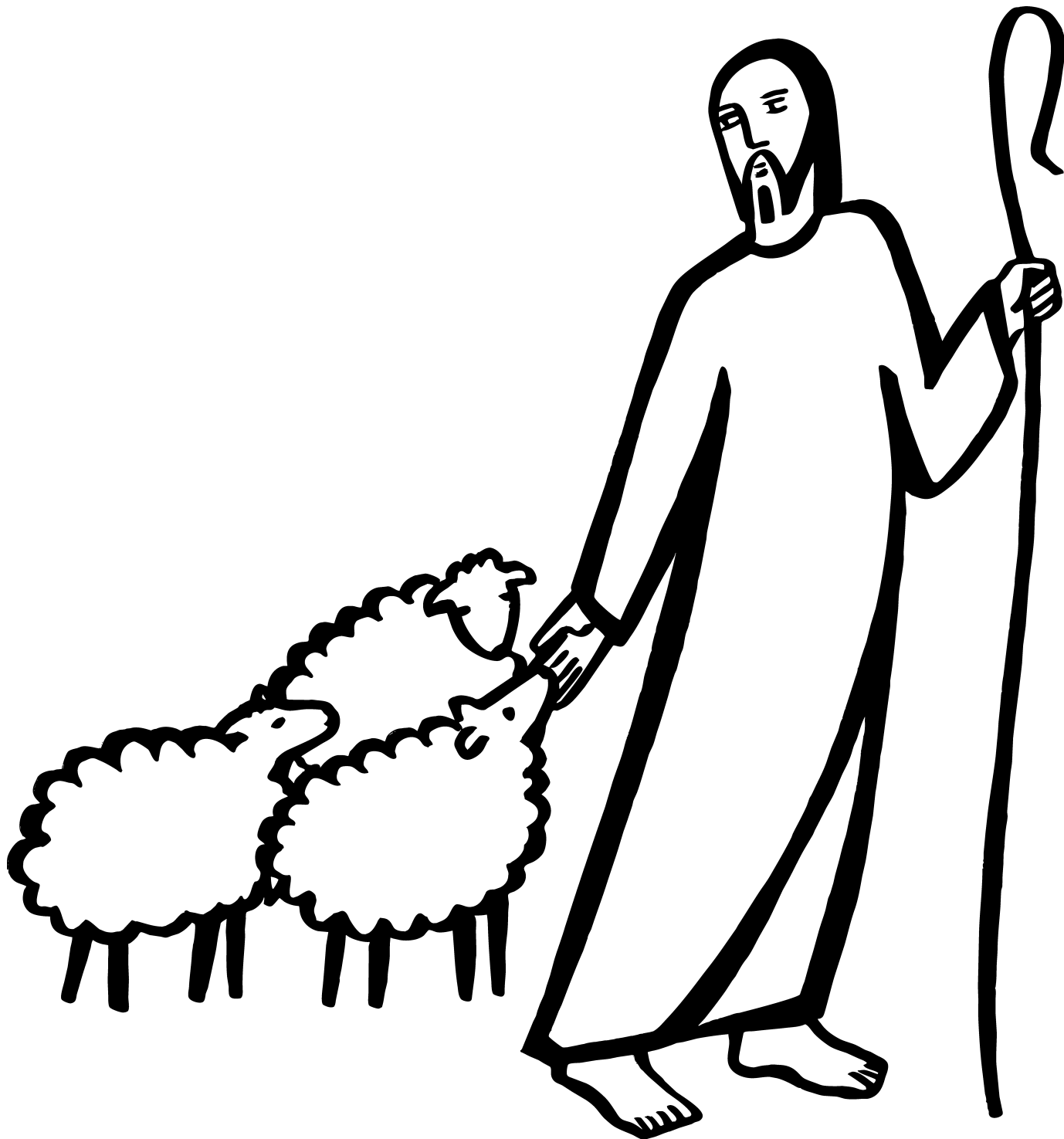


## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 18th– Congregational Meeting

June 1st– Worship at Hope

## **PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:**

May 19th-25th

## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pr. Ron Valadez

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:**

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:** Christine Hult-Lewis

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC**

### **Today**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

### **Monday**

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM Senior Center

### **Tuesday**

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

### **Thursday**

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

### **Saturday**

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

### **Next Sunday**

9:00AM-9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM CLC Worship

12:00 PM Good Table Worship

## **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR**

|                    |             |                                 |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Julie D.           | Sandy Z.    | Carla L.                        |
| Diane L.           | Carolina S. | Vince                           |
| Lysle P.           | Karen H.    | Thelma & Mike G.                |
| Mike & Liz S.      | Laurie P.   | Family and friends of Avery G.  |
| The Vale Community | Fred W.     | Family and friends of Marcia K. |
| Robin & Wendy      | Chad B.     | Family and friends of Cindy F.  |
| George F.          | TJ B.       |                                 |

## **DON'T FORGET YOUR OFFERING**

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