

**Sunday - May 24, 2026**  
**Day of Pentecost**



*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 Chochoeny.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL** - *on next page*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL- LSB 498 - Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe, 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 And Your abiding peace bestow; And You, from both, as Three in One  
 With You as our protecting guide, That we Your name may ever bless  
 No evil can with us abide. And in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

## ELW 837: Many and Great, O God



Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of  
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;  
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan  
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about

God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 104**

REFRAIN

Lord, — send out your Spir - it,

and — re - new the face of the earth.



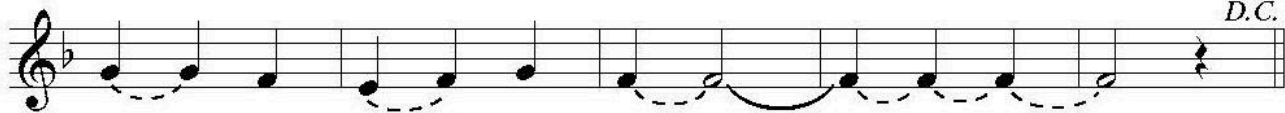
1. Bless the LORD, — O — my soul! O LORD, — my  
 2. If you take a - way — their breath, they per - ish



1. God, you are great — in - deed! How —  
 2. and re - turn to their dust. When you



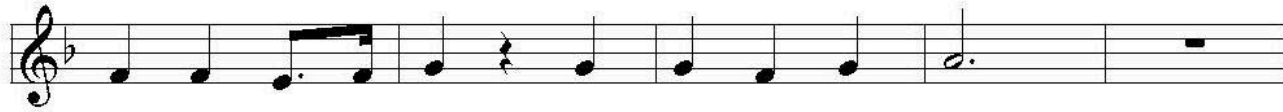
1. man - i - fold — are — your works, — O LORD! — The  
 2. send — forth your spir - it, they are cre - a - ted, —



1. earth — is full of your crea - tures. —  
 2. and you re - new — the face — of the earth.



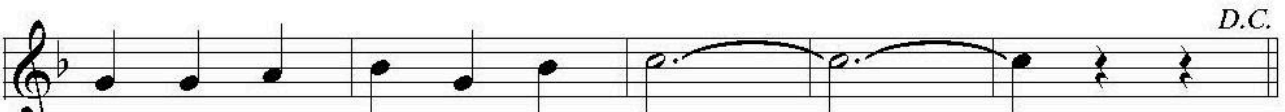
3. May the glo - ry of the LORD — en - dure for -



3. ev - er; may the LORD be glad in his works!



3. Pleas - ing to him be my theme; —



3. I will be glad in the LORD. —

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Come let us shout, re-joic-ing. Now let us sing;  
Let's lift our hands be-fore the King!  
Come let us bow be-fore Him. Now let us praise;  
Let's give all glo-ry to His name!  
Hal-le-lu-jah to the King of glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord of Lords!  
Hal-le-lu-jah to the God of Is-ra-el, for he reigns for-ev-er more!

## **GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O God.**


<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

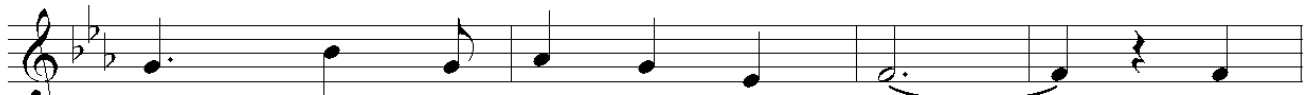
**SERMON** Pr. Doug Merrit

# HYMN OF THE DAY-Send Down the Fire

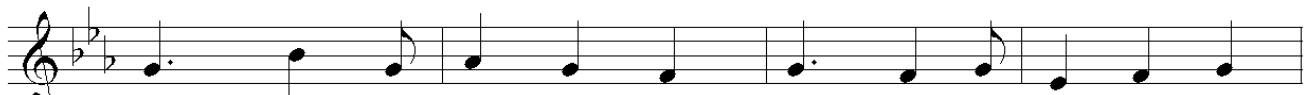
## Refrain



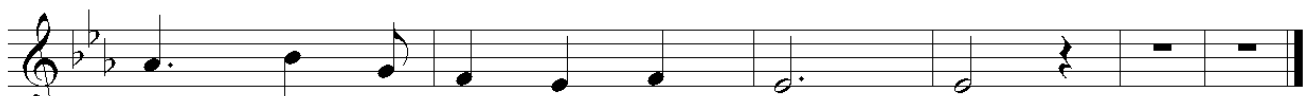
Send down the fire of your jus - tice,



Send down the rains of your love; Come,



send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and



we shall be peo - ple of God.

## Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,



Teach us the song of your love; Give us  
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us  
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us  
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your



hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us  
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us  
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us  
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er



ring with the song of your love.  
walk in the way of your peace.  
burn with the fire of your truth.  
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

D.C.

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Helen C., Scott F, and the family and friends of Julie Dienstein. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY** Choir Anthem: *It's the Spirit of God*

*The disciples were together  
after Jesus had ascended into the sky.*

*They were watching for the helper, foretold by Joel the Prophet,  
and promised by the Lord before He died.*

*They were anticipating, praying, and waiting,  
knowing that God would provide.*

*Hear the wind rushing! It's the Spirit of God bringing us power!*

*Through amazing signs and wonders  
the Church was born on that miraculous day!*

*Through the power of the Spirit  
the news of Christ was spreading,  
and still continues to be told today!*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



earth. Blest is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

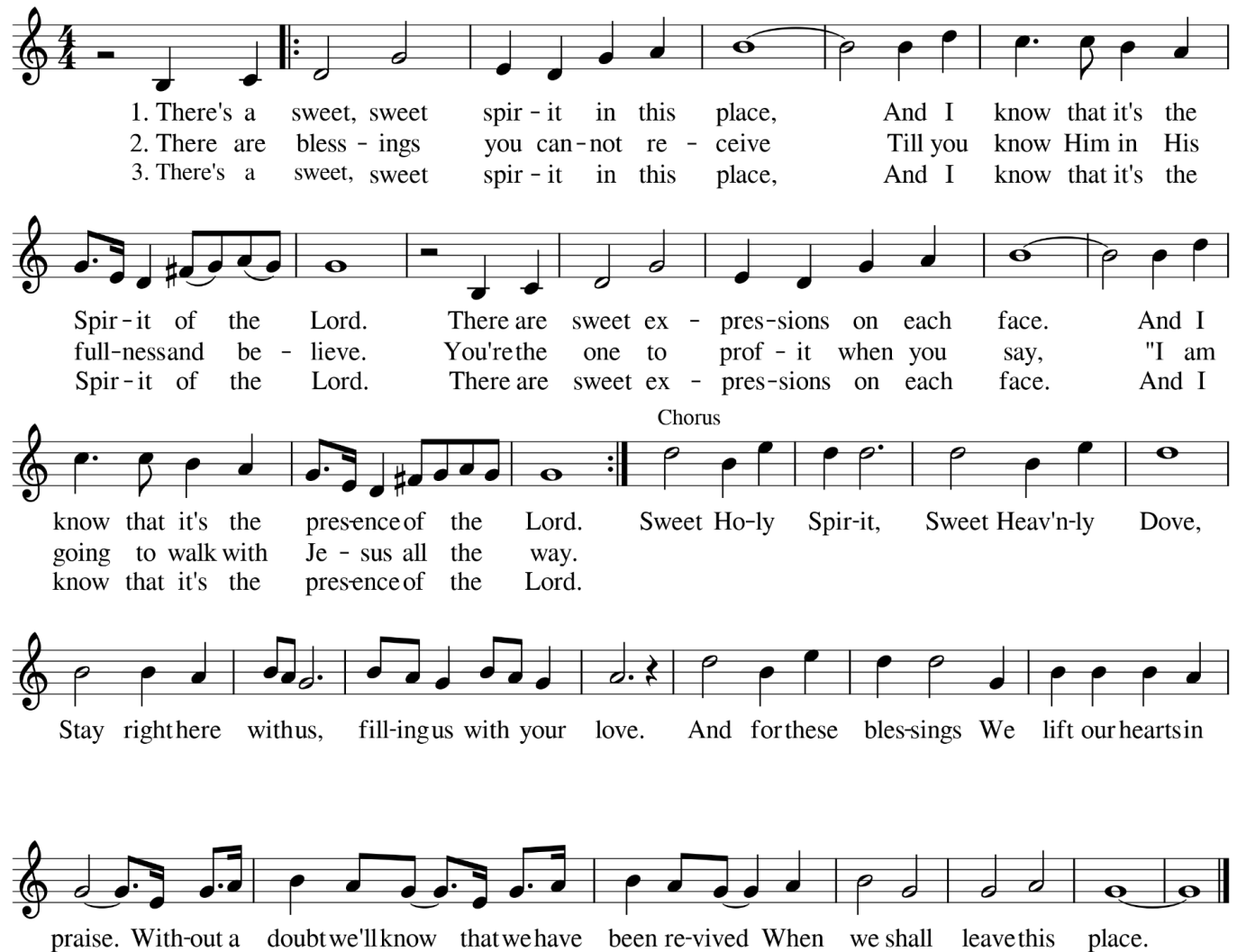
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

## 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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN- Sweet Sweet Spiri



1. There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, And I know that it's the  
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you know Him in His  
3. There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, And I know that it's the

Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face. And I  
full-ness and be - lieve. You're the one to prof - it when you say, "I am  
Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face. And I

Chorus

know that it's the presence of the Lord. Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, Sweet Heav'n-ly Dove,  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way.  
know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love. And for these bles-sings We lift our hearts in  
praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have been re-vived When we shall leave this place.

**SENDING HYMN- ACS 943: As the Wind Song**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congregational Meeting May 31 after worship

<p><b><u>Participating in Worship</u></b> <b>Presiding/Preaching:</b> Pr. Doug Merrit <b>Minister of Music:</b> Daniel Alley <b>Guitarists:</b> George Fosselius &amp; Randy Mayer <b>Lector:</b> Dee A. <b>Communion Set-up/Clean-up:</b> <b>Worship Assistant:</b> <b>Flowers:</b> <b>Coffee Hour:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></b> <b>Today</b> 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship <b>Monday</b> 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts <b>Tuesday</b> 7 PM Lady AA Meeting <b>Thursday</b> 7 PM Spring Concert <b>Saturday</b> 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting <b>Next Sunday</b> 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship Congregational Meeting</p>
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### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Louise O., Lucas, and El Cerrito High School	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Helen C. Mark	Jimmy D. Vince Thelma & Mike G. Chris Phil C. Scott F. The family and friends of Julie Dienstein
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