

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
“Let’s Make a Difference Together”



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month & Festivals  
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# *Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.**



**Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?**

Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION.** . . Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

*Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.*

## Our Church Staff

**Pastor:** Reverend Rashion “Woody” Santiago

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline

**Choir Director/Organist:** Mr. Robert Jones

## 2022 Council Members

Grant Allen

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# Worship Service

## Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Sunday, August 14, 2022

*Words in bold print denote congregational response.*

*\*Please Stand, if you are able.*

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### **\*Greeting**

Creator God. Because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it,

**We praise you.**

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being,

**We praise you.**

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

**We praise you. Yours is the Glory. Amen.**

#### **\*Confession**

When you molded creation in the beginning, God of righteousness, you named all that you made "good." Yet we have chosen repeatedly to see your world and others in it and call them "bad," "less than," "not good enough." We have not realized the depths of your love for us and so we have tried to keep you to ourselves instead of sharing the gifts that are yours.

We have let others go hungry.

**Forgive us.**

We have let people sleep under bridges and in their cars.

**Forgive us.**

We have suggested that health is a luxury rather than a basic human right.

**Forgive us.**

We have taken the resources of the land as though tomorrow and our children don't matter.

**Forgive us.**

We have waged wars when others didn't see things our way or when we wanted their land.

**Forgive us.**

We have traumatized soldiers by asking them to do unthinkable things.

**Forgive us.**

We have not listened to those brutalized by others who have power over them.

**Forgive us.**

We have not carried out our responsibilities as citizens to work for the good of all persons.

**Forgive us.**

We have walked away or shut out persons we deemed different from ourselves.

**Forgive us.**

We have not spoken up in situations where racism and sexism were rampant.

**Forgive us.**

We have not been quiet and listened as someone tried to explain their feelings to us.

**Forgive us.**

We have not encouraged all persons to reach their fullest potential as your children.

**Forgive us.**

O God, this list makes us ill and we know it only touches the surface of our brokenness. It seems that we have taken your good creation and made it a mess. Yet you appear repeatedly with reminders of forgiveness, mercy and grace. Even as we consider all the wrongs in the world, you call us again to work with you to right these wrongs – to share our food, to provide shelter and health care, to mediation and reconciliation, to listening and to speaking up. Yet it is clear, God of justice, that none of this brokenness can be mended without our acceptance of your forgiveness and fresh start.

**Wash us and your world clean, God, with your healing forgiveness.**

Redirect our energies and our actions.

**We give ourselves to you for healing and sending. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **\*Absolution**

God forgave these grave sins on the cross centuries ago and forgives them again today. Go and, with Jesus, do what you can for God's goodness in the world and walk in the ways of Jesus Christ. We are forgiven!

**Amen**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Share a sign of peace with one another.

*Please stay in your pew area and show a sign of peace and greeting with one another.*

\*Hymn

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

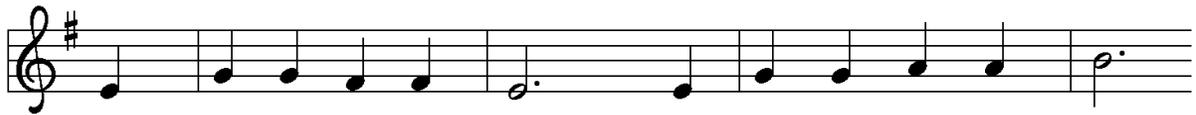
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## \*Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*Hymn of Praise



- 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;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
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.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, 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 prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **\*Prayer of the Day (Lector)**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm: Psalm 82**

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"** <sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life*

*faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**Blessed Assurance**

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

### **\*The Apostles' Creed**

**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 the People (Lector)**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

At this time, you are welcomed to offer your prayer concerns, either aloud or silently.

*Pause.*

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

### **\*Blessing**

Holy One, now let your servants go in peace; your word has been fulfilled:

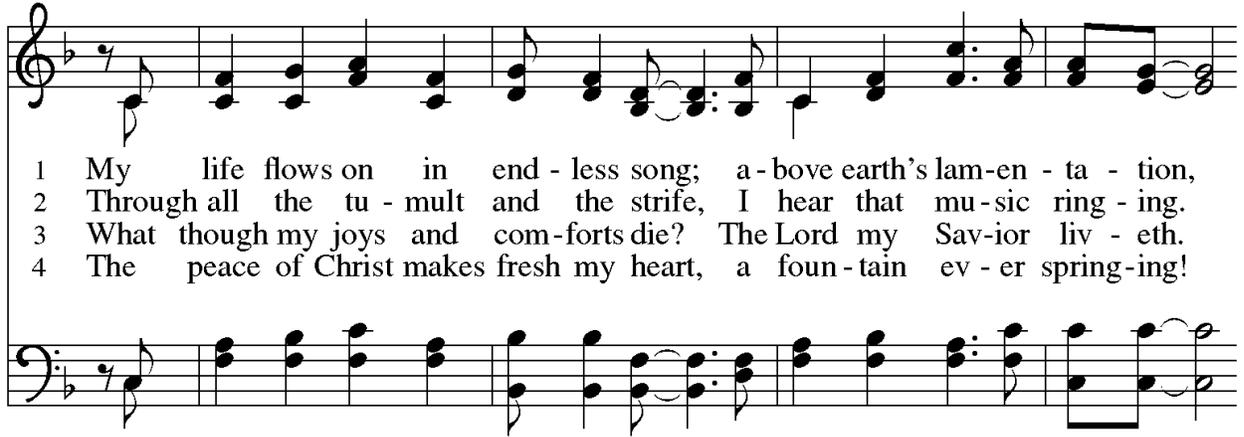
**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:**

A light to reveal you to the nations:

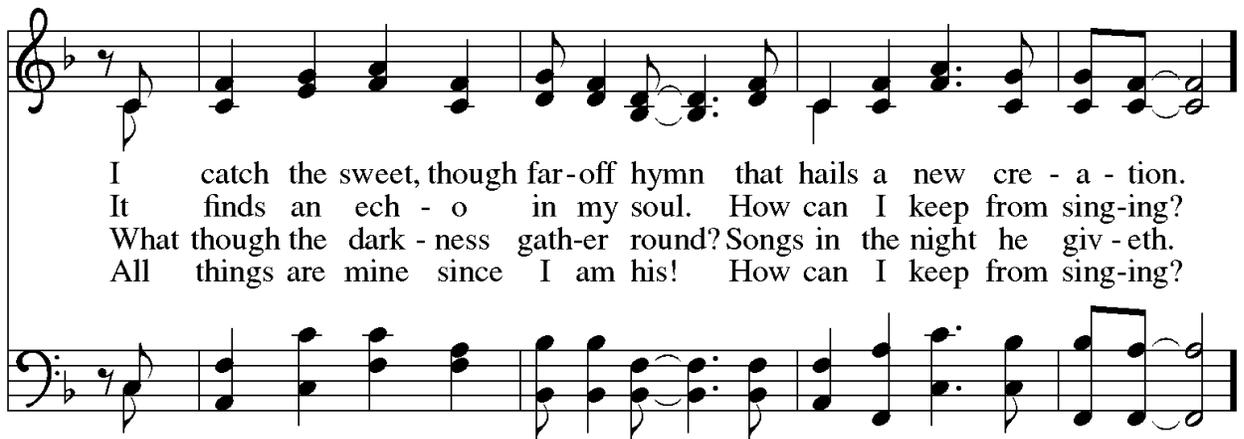
**And the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song

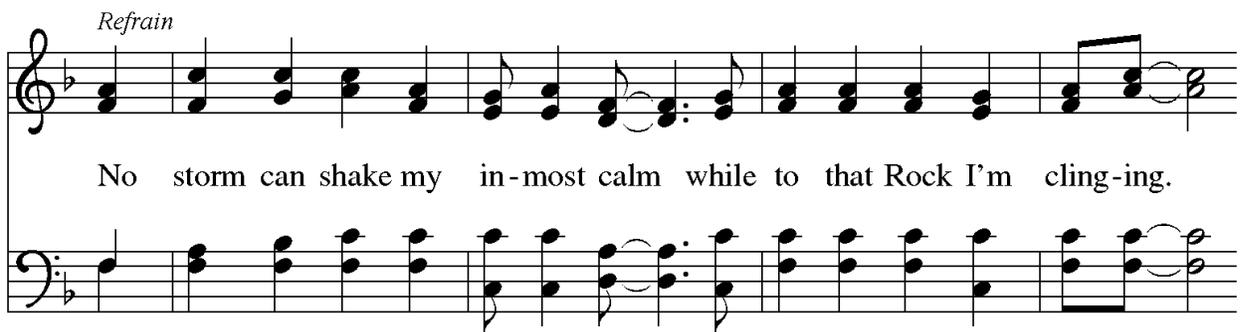


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## Choral Benediction



May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ walk be - side us \_\_\_\_\_ as we

6  
leave \_\_\_\_\_ this qui - et place, \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ will al - ways

12  
guide us \_\_\_\_\_ if we walk in the light of His grace. \_\_\_\_\_

17  
\_\_\_\_\_ May we feel God's love a - round us \_\_\_\_\_ as it

22  
keeps us faith - ful and strong, \_\_\_\_\_ for the peace \_\_\_\_\_

27  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God sur rounds us, \_\_\_\_\_ and now we must pass it

32  
on. \_\_\_\_\_ Go now and pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Charge to the People

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**"The worship ends. . .the service begins."**

### Postlude

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## Prayer Requests

**Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...**

Sharen Ace; Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; the Below family at the passing of Wynne Below; Diane Berner; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of John DeVivo at his passing; Sue Felker; Jamie Fisher & family in the loss of her son Elijah Johnson; Paul Frantz; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; Lynn Gerber; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Susie Herzberg; Harrison Herzberg; Matt Herzberg; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Dawne Ladeas; Joeann Lance; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; the family of Suzanne Neumann at her passing; Steve Oberman; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gloria Russell and family at the passing of Jack Russell; Claudette Segear; Vaughn Sensinger; Phyllis Sensinger; Phyllis Sherwood and family at the passing of her husband Brian; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; the family of Alan K. Strand at his passing; Kamia Taylor; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Alice Weaver; Harry Weaver; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; Carolyn Zacharias; Charles Zuccarelli; Fran Zuccarelli; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

**Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.**

### **Inside Out Church – Wednesday at 6:30pm dinner included!**

Join us each Wednesday evening for a delicious meal full of fellowship and then an in-depth discussion of a scripture passage led by Pastor Woody. The discussion results in a deeper understanding of the scriptures and how it can guide us through our lives and grow our spiritual being.