

Sunday June 8, 2025 Pentecost

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled

with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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+ GATHERING +

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

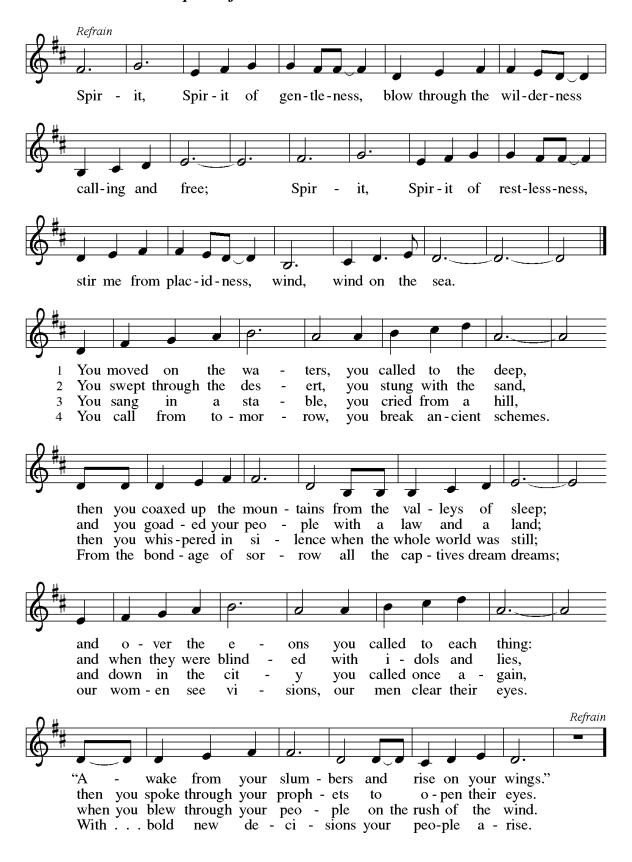
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Spirit of Gentleness ~ ELW 396



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING - Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.

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

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Refrain



How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- y to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷ All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season. R

You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹ are created; and so you renew the face ¹ of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD en- dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works. R

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hal- lelujah! R

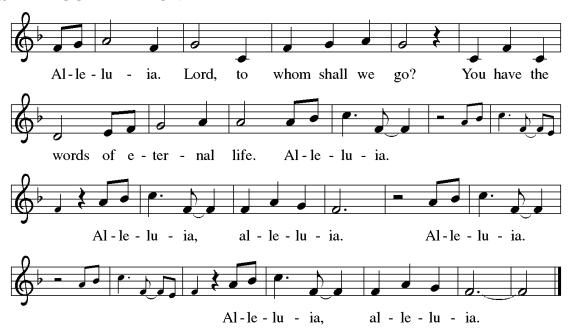
SECOND READING - Romans 8:14-17

A reading from Romans.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL - John 14:8-17 [25-25]

P The holy gospel according to John. C Glory to you, O Lord.

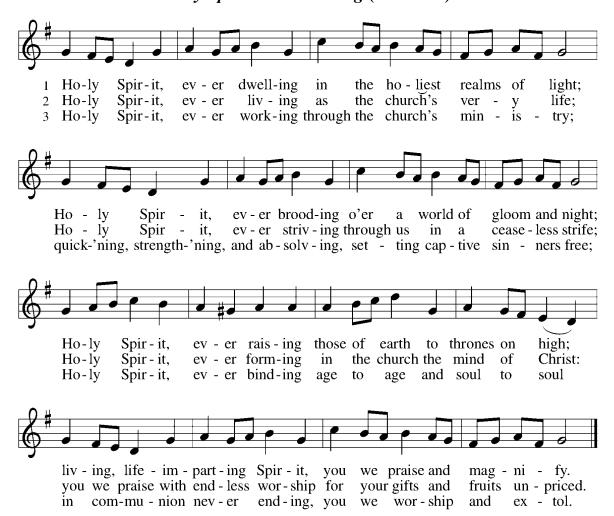
⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you." The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling (ELW 582)



NICENE CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

C 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

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

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

A We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

A 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. C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always. C And also with you.
- P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Grant Goetzger (June 9th)

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you (2x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

+ MEAL +

OFFERING: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW p.190)



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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.

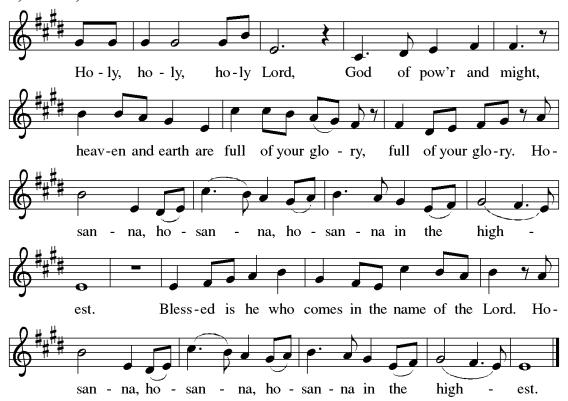
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

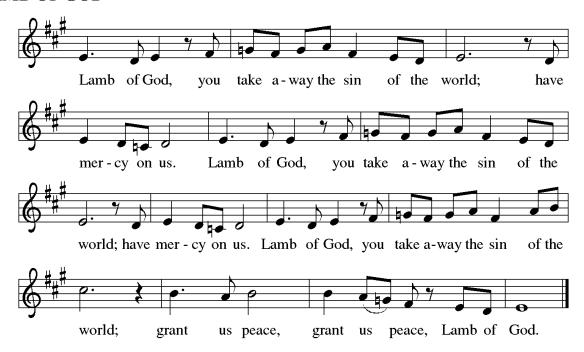
LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father, 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.

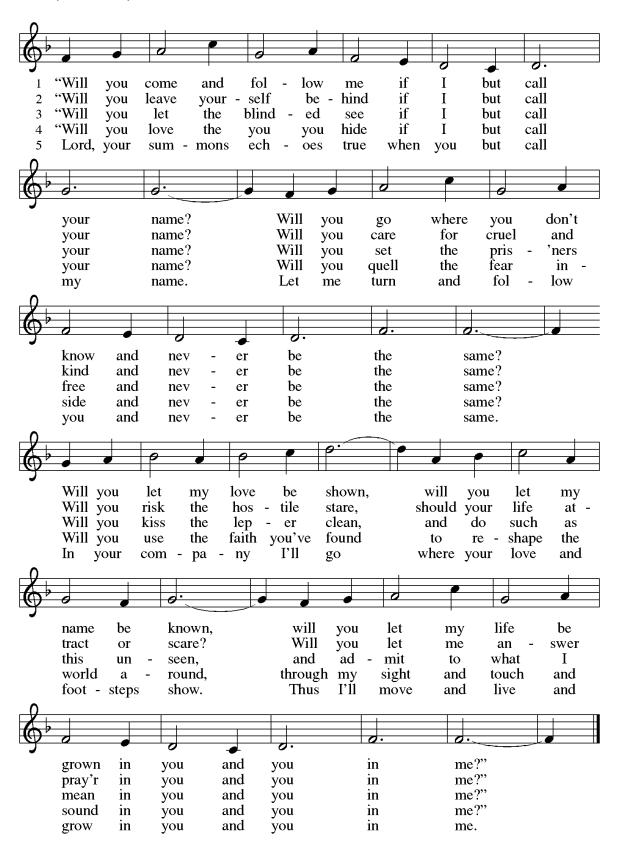
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



SONG DURING COMMUNION: Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. C Amen.

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

P The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. C Amen.

SENDING SONG: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news. C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church Monday, June 9, 2025

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379 Saturday, June 14, 2025

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

Announcements for the week of June 8, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp Candle for June is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Ebersberger by her family.

Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God.



Grant Goetzger - June 9th

~Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet for April - December is available in the Narthex. Please consider hosting a coffee hour by suppling refreshments and/or serving.

~ A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly <u>Sunday service</u> altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial/in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored/memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516-931-0710.

~ Lutheran Bible Study:

Topic: A six-week course on the Acts of the Apostles

Dates: Tues, April 29 - Tues, June 10

Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86449108753?pwd=R79zyFKLG12zYgCi66AGshu4eOrZa1.1

Meeting ID: 864 4910 8753

Passcode: 782457

~ From the Altar Guild:

Our numbers are few; and the Guild would welcome your assistance. We are a small assembly dedicated to arranging the sanctuary for the Sunday services of Holy Communion, festive worship services, and the Services of Word and Light. Don't feel overwhelmed with what you see as our worship space changes with each season or with the task to be done. The work is done as a team of two or with the entire Altar Guild when necessary, and on occasion with assistance from the Property Committee. It is a labor of love and service to the Lord, a small but important charge. If you are interested, even if you just have questions, you can speak with Lauren, Bill, Beth, or Jane.

~ We welcome Kate Lenzo and her family who join us for worship this morning. We will formally introduce Kate and bless her as she continues in her roles as Parish Administrator.

At The Movies!



NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY Sunday June 29th | 3:00 pm Pastor's Lounge

Rod Steiger (of Dr. Zhivago, Oklahoma and In The Heat of the Night), Lee

Remick and George Segal. Full of surprises, this flick is one of my favorites. If you're not 100% satisfied, I'll return your money in full ... ha ha!

Please sign up: call Maureen 938-7706 or email mozieob@gmail.com



PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK (June 8th - June 15th)

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sunday, June 8th	Pentecost	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
Tuesday, June 10th	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
	Zoom Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 11th	N.A.	7:00 pm
Sunday, June 15th	Holy Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion 9:00 am

<u>SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY</u>

Sunday, 9:00 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER: Barbara Barcavage

LECTOR: Jaclyn Shurman

ACOLYTE: Natalie Mangiaracina

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mason Griffin

USHERS: Kevin Barcavage

GREETER: Lynn Browning

AUDIO/VISUAL: Tyler LaVorgna

ALTAR GUILD: Lauren & Bill Artus, Jane Ebersberger

PARISH PRAYER LIST



If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. <u>Please remember to keep the office updated.</u>

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Dottie Eberhardt

Barbara & Roger Engert

Richard Engert

Pastor Ron Klose

John Parrett

Ilona Riggers

Lenny Schiliro

The family and friends of Claire Parrett

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Vinny Aiello (husband of Laureen Aiello)

Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)

Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)

James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)

The family and friends of Roberta Fleming (cousin of Bob Maurer)

Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn)

Lucky Hagner (beloved new dog of Joan Hagner)

Vicki Maurer (daughter-in-law of Nan and Bob Maurer)

John Peck (nephew of Christel LaVorgna)

Tom Portz (brother of Paul Portz)

Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)

William Stanton (cousin of Kellie Barone)

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Angela Capo (friend of Laureen Aiello)

Rich Carlstrom (friend of the Staton family)

Maryellen Collins (friend of the Staton family)

Cheryl Glasini (friend of the Ahlers-Pendas family)

John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)

Jim Lasurdo (friend of the Maurer family)

Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)

Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)

John Sheridan (friend of Bob and Nan Maurer)