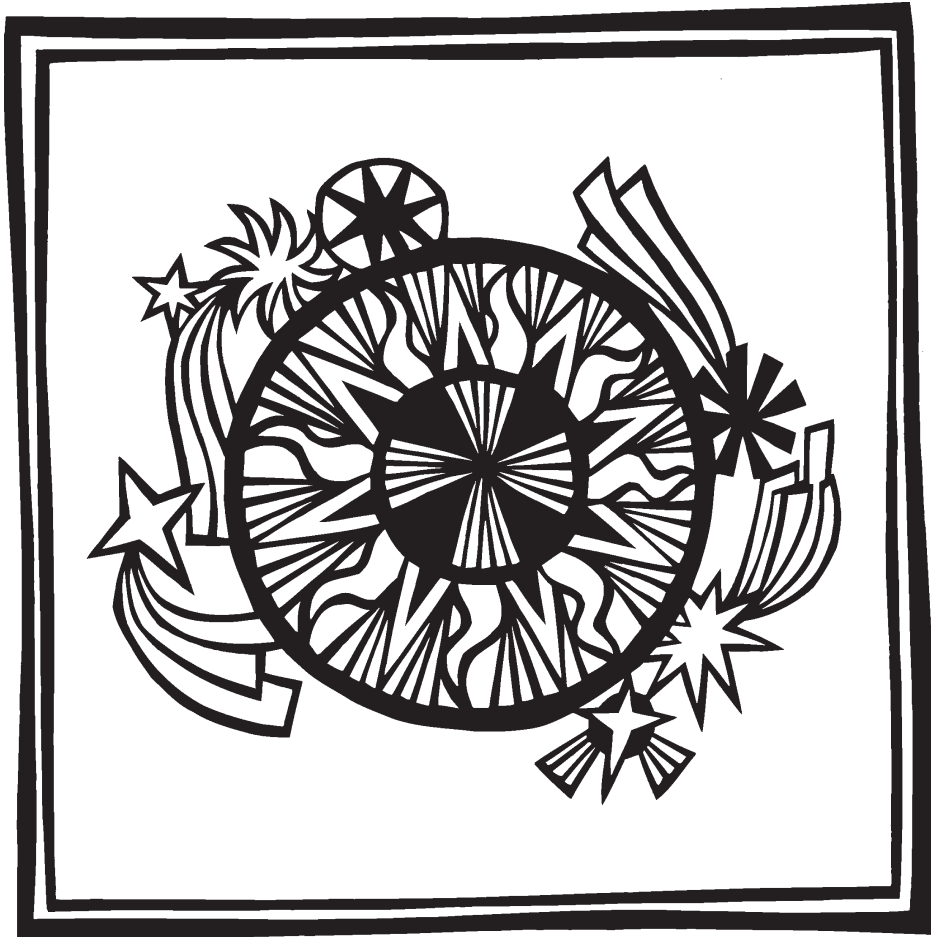


SECOND SUNDAY OF
CHRISTMAS



January 5, 2025 | 9:00 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church! For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew.

We gratefully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi Nation of the Coast Salish language group who have stewarded this land since time immemorial, and we commit to the ongoing care of our shared land and relationships with its indigenous peoples.

For our younger friends - there are busy bags and worship buddies available in the back of the church. You are welcome to bring your child to the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service, where you can listen to the service through a speaker.

Hearing assist units and large print bulletins are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance with these or any part of the worship service.

*We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. **The congregation reads the bold print and** stands as they are able.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: *Rev. Liza Okan*

Communion Assistant: *Jan Schlack*

Youth Assistant: *Natalie Springer*

Greeter: *Janice Finnie*

Livestream Technician: *Kelly Dietsch*

Reader: *Jennifer Petersen*

Prayers of Intercession: *Jan Schlack*

Soundboard Technician: *Sam McGrady*

Ushers: *Calvin & Jennifer Petersen*

Cantor: *Jenise Clausen*

Team: *Matt Springer, Becky McGrady, Jenise Clausen, Steve Andres*

Piano/Organ: *Don Clausen*

Violin: *Joanne Donnellan*

Flute: *Nancy Tupper*

Liturgical Setting: *God's Endless Love - Bonnie Drewes*

Epiphany of our Lord

Year C

Sunday — January 5, 2025 — 9:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

CLC TEAM

"Light of the World"

CLC TEAM

WELCOME

PR. LIZA OKAN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. LIZA

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God-with-us,

**we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter, claiming there
is no room when we have plenty.**

**We have made power and wealth our
idols, while you show us true glory: a
baby in a manger.**

**We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier
packaging. Too often, we have
valued violence instead of your
peace.**

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

**Free us from all that keeps us
bound, and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives
himself for us.**

Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,

holy and beloved, †

forgiven in Christ,

and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

GREETING

PR. LIZA

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"


ELW #275


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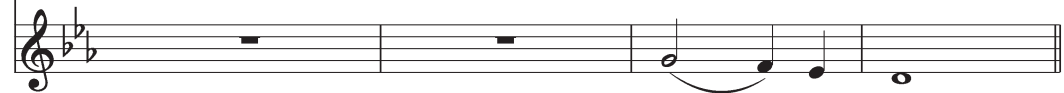
L  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 1.For

C  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Lord, have mer - cy.

L  Peace, O Lord, to you we pray. We


C  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

L  lift our hearts to you this day,

C  Ky - ri - e.

L  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 2.For

C  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Lord, have mer - cy.

L  this bro-ken world we cry to you, May your

C  Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

L Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 3.Up-

C Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Lord, have mer - cy.

L - on your cre - a - tion pour your love,

C Ky - ri - e e -

L that your king - dom come here as in heav'n a - bove.

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L Ky - ri - e.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God in the tem - ple in the high - est



heav-ens. Praise God's might-y deeds and no-ble maj - es-ty



1. Praise God with the trum - pet blast! Praise
2. Sing praise to - God Cre - a - tor: to



God with the lute and harp! Praise God with tim-brel and
Christ, - who sets us free, and to the Spi - rit of



dance, with string and pipes! Praise God with crash-ing cym-
life who makes us one. Praise God with sing-ing voi-



- bals, with loud and ring-ing cym-bals! All that is a-live
- ces, with strong and faith-ful voic - es! All that is a-live



Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

You may be seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the
nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the
land of the north, and gather them from
the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor,
together; a great company, they shall
return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with
consolations I will lead them back, I will
let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall
not stumble; for I have become a father to
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say,
“He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion, and they shall be radiant
over the goodness of the Lord, over the
grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the
young of the flock and the herd; their life
shall become like a watered garden, and
they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice
in the dance, and the young men and the
old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will
comfort them, and give them gladness for
sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of
fatness, and my people shall be satisfied
with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 147:12-20

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go?



You have the words of ev-er - last-ing life. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:[1-9]10-18

PR. LIZA

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, ¹⁶grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

THE MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Has Come"

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 dead².
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 INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths (local interreligious organizations may be named). Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate, and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice (local organizations may be named). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you (especially). Precious are they in your sight. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for (names of local saints and all) your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LIZA

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Do You Hear What I Hear?
by Regney/Shayne

STEVE ANDRES

CALL FOR OFFERING

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (extras found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to download the app);
- Give through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com; and;
- Text any dollar amount to 84321.



THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED



1. With all we are we wait for God, our hearts re-
2. With all we have we wait for God, our hearts re-



- joice with love in the Lord. O God, our streng-th and our shield, we
- joice with love in the Lord. We give to God, our strength and shield, we



trust your ho-ly name, Love us, Lord, we wait for you.
trust your ho-ly name, Love us, Lord, we wait for you.

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LIZA

God of heaven and earth,
**from the beginning, you have called forth life,
 in which you take delight.**
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
**Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
 that we may join the chorus of creation
 to tell of your salvation from day to day.**
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We lift our hearts to God,
giving thanks and praise.

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:
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.
On the night of his arrest,
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, Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we await Christ's
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 who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PR. LIZA

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the language of
our hearts.*

1983 Version

**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.

1892 Version

**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,
for ever and ever.**
Amen.

INVITATION TO TABLE

PR. LIZA

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus, who is present in the bread and wine, are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or guardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you have any allergies or sensitivities to gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, soy, nut, or corn, please ask for the wafer alternative, as they are made in a facility that is free of these allergens.

If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please notify an usher to have it brought to you. Communion education is available for those who have not been baptized or who desire instruction; please speak with the pastor after worship.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Commune with Me"

"Create in me a Clean Heart"

CLC TEAM

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LIZA

Merciful God,

we thank you for Jesus,**who is our heavenly food.****Strengthened by this goodness,****send us forth to announce your peace,****comfort the afflicted,****and share the good news of great joy.****Amen.****SENDING****ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES**

PR. LIZA

*Happy birth/birthday to you, happy anniversary to you,
may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.***BLESSING**

PR. LIZA

May the God of love, Father,

✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

lavish you with grace,

illuminate your path,

and increase your joy, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD"



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Please see your copy of the CLC weekly email for more information about any of these topics. See the archive of weekly emails at www.clcferndale.org/about-us/newsletter

Upcoming Dates (*see more information below)

1/5: TODAY! Thrivent Lunch & Learn, 10:30am in the Fireside Room*

1/12: Stephen Ministry Sunday (including Community Ed class)

1/18: Church council & Staff Retreat, 9am-3pm

1/19: New Member Class, 10:30am in the Fireside Room

Thrivent Lunch & Learn TODAY

Join our local Thrivent Financial friends for a light lunch and some education on investing and how to give the most bang for your buck!

Walk and Talk Wednesday January 8th

Get your New Years exercise resolutions in gear Wednesday January 8 at 9:30 am! Join walkers for a neighborhood walk from the church and back. That will be followed by a short coffee break and fellowship at CLC in the Fireside room about 10:15. All are welcome! Dress for the weather. Walking routes allow for varied endurance, length, and speed. For a safe and gentle ease into a walking routine you can even walk the perimeter of the church parking lot and add additional laps as you are ready.

The 2025 book selection for monthly conversation, beginning in January, is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship In An Instant Society" by Eugene H. Peterson. A Thrivent grant has provided copies of the book and these will be available for distribution January 8. Book conversations are planned for the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30.

New Member "Shepherds"

We are looking for folks who are interested in partnering with the next group of new members joining our church! If you feel called to walk alongside new members at CLC, you are encouraged to reach out to Shay Andersen for more details.

Financial Update through November (47 Sundays)

	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Budget	205000	250300	Expected -45300
Actual	211100	211200	Actual - 100
Variance	+ 6100	- 39100	Better than budget + 45200



Please hold these people in prayer:

- The family and friends of Claydene Lederer, Emma Liskie;
- Dan, Jennifer, Ryanna, Elijah, Teri, Carol, Ruthanne, Nancy, Sean, Mike, Harvey, Jeremiah, Mary Ann, Janet, Sarah, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Darryl, Ashley, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent, Leslie, Rob, Paul, Aimee, Jim, Kennedy Sue, Luna, Jo Ann, Shane, Rich, Pam, Connor, Lynn, Ken, Gary, Marisa, Nicole, Kathy, Nathan, Andy, Nancy, Carol, Bill, Martin, Nicole, Sally, Howard;
- all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit due to COVID-19;
- all who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- those who travel;
- Brandon, Ron, Gage, Melissa, Robert, Scott, Thomas, Rick, and all serving in the military;
- those struggling with addictions and illnesses affecting the mind and spirit;
- those struggling with deteriorating health.



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