

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



February 2, 2025 9:00 AM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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, FEBRUARY 2 — PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: *Pr. Leigh DeVries*

Greeter: *ElRae Morganthaler*

Ushers: *Pat Flaherty, Carol Brumet*

Communion Assistant: *Mary Ann O'Hara*

Youth Assistant: *Isaac Springer*

Reader: *Mary Ann O'Hara*

Prayers of Intercession: *Jan Schlack*

Team: *Becky McGrady, Erin Beebe, Steve Andres, Matt Springer*

Cantor: *Matt Springer*

Piano/Organ: *Don Clausen*

Violin: *Joanne Donnellan*

Flute: *Nancy Tupper*

Altar Guild: *Janet Wilhoite*

Livestream Technician: *Beth Andres*

Soundboard Technician: *Sam McGrady*

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary 4, Year C

Sunday — February 2, 2025 — 9:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"
"We Have Come Into This House"

CLC TEAM

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WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PR. LEIGH

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
**you speak blessing and compassion
into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or
indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our
neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose
injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one
another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your
world, that we may live in Christ's
ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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GREETING

PR. LEIGH

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.

KYRIE

♩ = 96

REFRAIN

Fine

L Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e. 1. For
2. For
3. Up-
 C Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord have mer - cy.

VERSE 1

to refrain

L Peace O Lord, to you we pray. We lift our hearts to you this day.
 C Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 2

to refrain

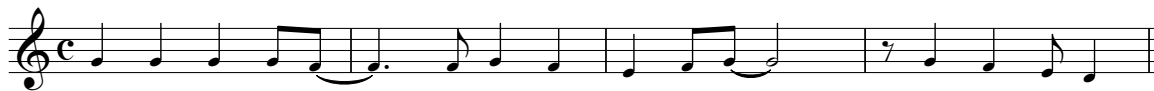
L this bro-ken world we cry to you. May your grace be shown in all we do.
 C Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e.

VERSE 3

to refrain

L on your cre-a - tion pour your love, that your king dom come here as in heav'n a bove
 C Ky ri-e e - le-i son. Ky - ri - e.

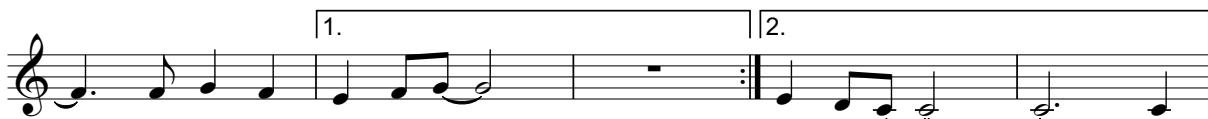
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



REFRAIN



Praise God in the tem - ple___ in the high - est hea - vens. Praise God's migh - ty deeds



___ and nob - le maj - es - ty. ___

maj - es - ty. _____

1. Praise
2. Sing



God with the trum - pet___ blast! _____ Praise God with the lute and ___ harp!
praise to ___ God cre - a - tor; to Christ, ___ who sets us ___ free,



___ Praise God the tim - brel and dance, with string and pipes! _____ Praise
___ and to the spir - it of life who makes us one. _____ Praise



God with crash - ing cym - bals, with loud and ring - ing cym - bals!
God with sing - ing voi - ces, with strong and faith - ful voi - ces!

To Refrain



All that is a - live___ praise the Lord! _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PR. LEIGH

Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1: 4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 and before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”

⁷But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 71:1-6

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be put to shame.

**²In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
 incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
 you are my crag and my stronghold.

**⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

THE SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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: LUKE 4:21-30

PR. LEIGH

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.*You may be seated.***CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

PR. LEIGH

THE MESSAGE

PR. LEIGH

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members

Jenni, Laurie, and Phil have come to our congregation from other congregations and they desire to make public affirmation of their baptisms.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Profession of Faith (congregation responds when bold)

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pr. Leigh: Do you renounce satan and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Pr. Leigh: Do you renounce all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Pr. Leigh: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Pr. Leigh: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pr. Leigh: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

Pr. Leigh: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

Address & Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from the power of sin and death
and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism
may be given new life.

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

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness (especially). Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LEIGH

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

"On Eagles Wings"
- Michael Joncas

JOANNE DONNELLAN

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.



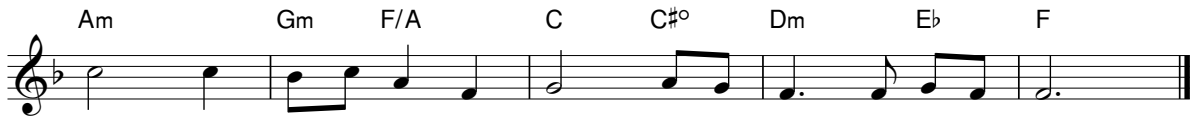
THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED



With all we have we wait for God, our hearts re -



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

God of grace,

**your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.**

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

PR. LEIGH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. LEIGH

C F Gm C C/E Dm

P:The Lord be with you C:And al - so with you. P:Lift up your hearts. C:We

Gm C Am Dm

lift them to the Lord. P:Let us give thanks to the

E \flat B \flat C B \flat B \flat /C F

Lord, our God. C:It is right to give our 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 God of end - less love, heav'n and an - gels sing your glo - ry, prais - es from a -
 bove. Ho - san - na in the high - est! We join in the
 song, you are ho - ly, you are here with us now.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PR. LEIGH

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. LEIGH

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

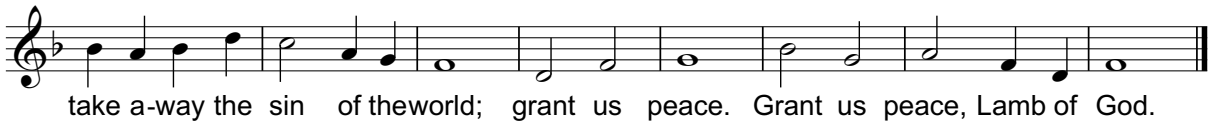
You may be seated.

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



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Open Our Eyes"
"Glorify Thy Name"

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

PR. LEIGH

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

BLESSING

PR. LEIGH

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

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DISMISSAL

PR. LEIGH

Go in peace. Live in hope.

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)

2/2: New Member Coffee Hour (no Community Ed class): after worship, Fellowship Hall

2/3: Quilting, 9:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall

2/4: Stewardship Committee Meeting: 2pm, Fireside Room

2/5: Walk & Talk*

2/6: Social Concerns Committee Meeting, Fireside Room, 7pm*

2/9: Usher Training with Calvin & Jennifer Petersen: 10:30am, Fireside Room

2/16: One Parish One Prisoner Community Ed: 10:30am, Fireside Room

2/23: Bible 101 Community Ed with Pr. Leigh: 10:30am, Fireside Room

3/2: No Community Ed

Walk and Talk - Wednesday, February 5th

The weather moving into the coming week is questionable for walking, perhaps even for driving!, as a cold front with NE wind and snow plays into the forecasts. Weather permitting, the plan is for a local neighborhood walk from CLC at 9:30 on Wednesday Feb 5. Return to the Fireside Room for a warm up with coffee and tea about 10:15. Carolyn will update the regular walkers and talkers via email by Tuesday evening as to final plan, or you can text her at 360-746-5653 for information.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This is its third season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Contact Carolyn Jonson, 360-384-1126 for more information.

Social Concerns Recruitment

The Social Concerns committee is an integral part to ministry life at CLC. This committee seeks new members to continue to support their efforts! The Mini Pantry, Food Bank/Other Bank, Holiday Giving Tree are just a few ways the Social Concerns committee supports our local community. Please join the committee meeting on 2/6 if you are interested. Questions: call Carol Gahm at 360-312-0267.

Preschool Open Houses!

Our award winning preschool is hosting two open houses in the coming spring months to invite and welcome families and potential students to see our lovely church. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more - you are welcome to join on February 12th & March 6th from 5:30-7:00pm!



Please hold these people in prayer:

- The family and friends Rosemary Esser, Claydene Lederer;
- Mary K., Scott, Paula, Marina, Ruthanne, Nancy, Sean, Mike, Teri, Jeremiah, Ken, Pat, Carol, Mary Ann, Janet, Sarah, Sara, Caitlin, Jacob, Christine, Ashley, Amore, Amber, Darryl, Victoria, John, Rosemary, Angel, Eric, Kim, Lucia, Michele, Ken, Tony, Amanda, Rick, Jim, Kevin, Lindsey, Kent, Leslie, Rob, Paul, Aimee, Kennedy Sue, Luna, Jo Ann, Shane, Rich, Pam, Connor, Lynn, Ken, Kathy, Nathan, Carolyn, 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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