

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025 9:30 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, AUGUST 3 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Liza Okan

**Greeter:** Carol Gahm

**Ushers:** Kurt & Linda Anderson

**Communion Assistant:** Natalie Springer

**Reader:** Linda Anderson

**Prayers of Intercession:** Betty Behee

**Team:** Steve Andres, Matt Springer, Erin Beebe, Linda Osgood, Janet Wilhoite

**Cantor:** Jenise Clausen

**Piano/Organ:** Don Clausen

**Violin:** Joanne Donnellan

**Flute:** Nancy Tupper

**Altar Guild:** Linda Anderson

**Livestream Technician:** Beth Andres

**Soundboard Technician:** Sam McGrady

**Liturgical Setting:** WOV, Setting 5

## STAFF PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Leigh DeVries, lead pastor:** pastor@clcferndale.org

**Dave Schlack, Care Pastor:** 360-768-8452

**Rev. Liza Okan, preschool director:** preschooldirector@clcferndale.org

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**Shay Andersen, parish administrator :** parishadmin@clcferndale.org

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday — August 3, 2025 — 9:30am

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

"COME INTO HIS PRESENCE"  
"AS WE GATHER"

CLC TEAM  
CLC TEAM

WELCOME

DAVE SODERLUND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

PR. LIZA OKAN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## "MAKING THEIR WAY"

## ALL CREATION SINGS



1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

## 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.**

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**G** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

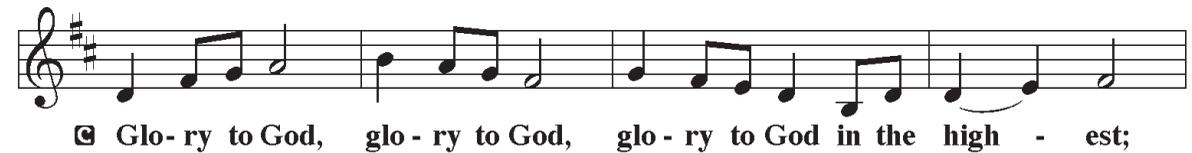
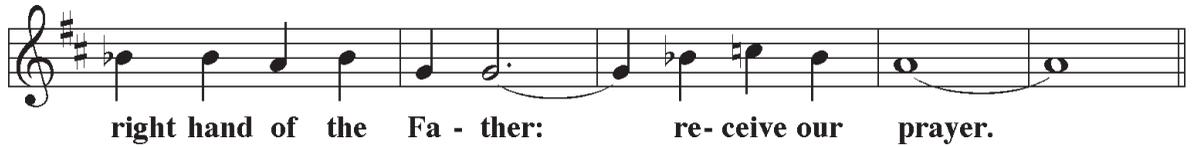
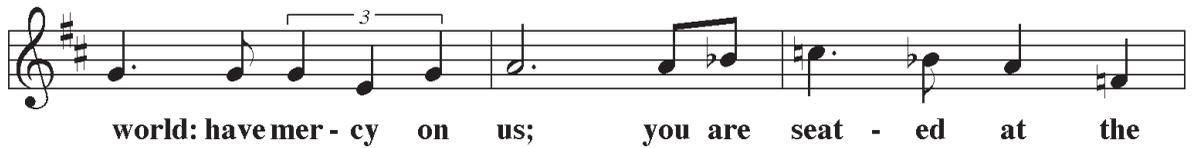


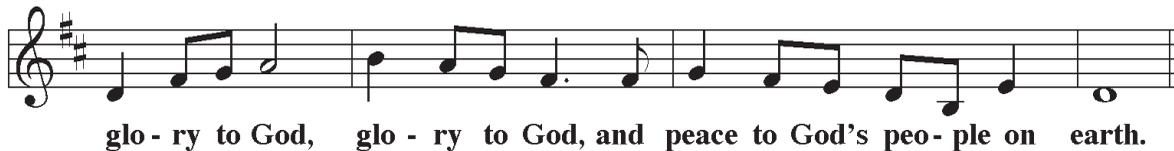
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PR. LIZA

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Benevolent God,

**you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.***You may be seated.***WORD****FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have

clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel\**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

PR. LIZA

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

## MESSAGE

PR. LIZA

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

ELW #879

## APOSTLES' CREED

PR. LIZA

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 dead<sup>2</sup>.**

**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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and sustain our new Presiding Bishop, Yehiel Curry. Grant him patience and understanding to love and care for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Be with our pastor Leigh. Renew her in mind and spirit during her time away and return her refreshed and strengthened for her ministry among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PR. LIZA

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You may be seated.*

MEAL
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GIFT OF MUSIC

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

JENISE CLAUSEN

- BY CARL BOBERG

STEVE ANDRES

## CALL FOR OFFERING

PR. LIZA

*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 (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 access);
- Or through Church Center online: [christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com](http://christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com)



## TABLE HYMN: FIVE VINEYARDS

STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERING IS PRESENTED AND THE TABLE IS PREPARED

### OFFERING PRAYER

PR. LIZA

Creator God,  
**in your wisdom**  
**you bring forth all that is good**  
**and the harvest is plentiful.**  
**Strengthen us at your table**  
**with these gifts of the earth**  
**and our labor,**  
**that we may work for the good of all;**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PR. LIZA

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 offer thanks and praise to you,  
 O Lord, holy Creator, through Christ our Lord;  
 who rose beyond the bounds of death and,  
 as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples.  
 At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy.  
 And so, 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 Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*You may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus 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 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.

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CLC TEAM

"HIDE ME IN YOUR HOLINESS"

"CARES CHORUS"

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PR. LIZA

Mothering God,

**you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.**

**Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**

**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

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.

Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.****WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLC?****Sunday 8/3****10:45am:** Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall**11:00am:** Week 3 Workshop with Page, Fellowship Hall\**"New Wineskins: Getting our hearts and minds ready for a new expression of God's love."***Monday 8/4**

9:00am: Quilting, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday 8/6**

9:30am: Walk &amp; Talk\*

5:00pm: Narnia Book Club!\*

**Sunday 8/10**

9:30am: Worship with Pr. Dave Schlack

10:45am: Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

11:00am: Week 4 Workshop with Page, Fellowship Hall\*

*"New Wineskins: Getting our hearts and minds ready for a new expression of God's love."***Summer Office Hours**

Office Hours: Tuesday &amp; Thursday, 10ish-2ish

**PLEASE HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER:**

- Becky, Marisa & Karl, Linda, Jim, Victoria, Dolly, Darlene, Marilyn, Paul, Christine, Rachel, Mary K., Scott, Paula, Marina, Ruthanne, Nancy, Sean, Mike, Jeremiah, Ken, 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 who are homebound, or in assisted living facilities;
- those who travel;
- Brandon, Ron, 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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