

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

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Michael Meyers  
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Ron Nurnberg  
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Tom O'Brien  
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Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Maria Payne  
Colleen Peterson  
Mike Plouffe  
Mike & Diane Porto  
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Marge Raspiller  
Elfrieda Roller  
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Chris Samele  
Rosemary Schibi  
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Linda Shaw  
Jon Sterling  
Linda Hoffman Stearns  
Dixie Travis  
Reid Underwood  
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Jackie Quinn Wassik  
Russ Wilmot  
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Tom D.  
Anne  
Steve  
Rosaline  
Paul

Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
Jo  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Diane  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Miguel  
Jack & Barbara  
Clarence and Priscilla  
Diane H.  
Shannon  
Kathleen  
Betty M.  
Jack  
Rhett

### **Family and Friends of Harriet Vergaro**

### **Kurt Schaller Family and Friends of Raymond Schaller**

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Marilyn Duteau  
Dee Gammon  
Anna Woike

### **Our Military Friends**

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the  
World and King of  
Peace, watch over our  
sons and daughters in  
the service of their  
Country. Protect them  
from the physical and  
moral dangers. Keep  
them close to you and  
help them live the  
commandments. Lord,  
Jesus give them courage  
to serve their country  
with honor and dignity.  
Be with them when they  
are in danger; strengthen  
them when they face  
hardship. Above all  
Lord, grant that when  
their service is finished  
that they may return to  
us, sound in mind, body  
and soul. Amen.*

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Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
If you place a name on the  
Prayer List, it is your  
responsibility to let the  
office know either by  
Prayer of Concerns form in  
the Narthex,  
e-mail or a quick phone  
call, once per month if the  
name needs to remain on  
the list. Thank you.

## Lessons and Carols – December 26, 2021

### Prelude

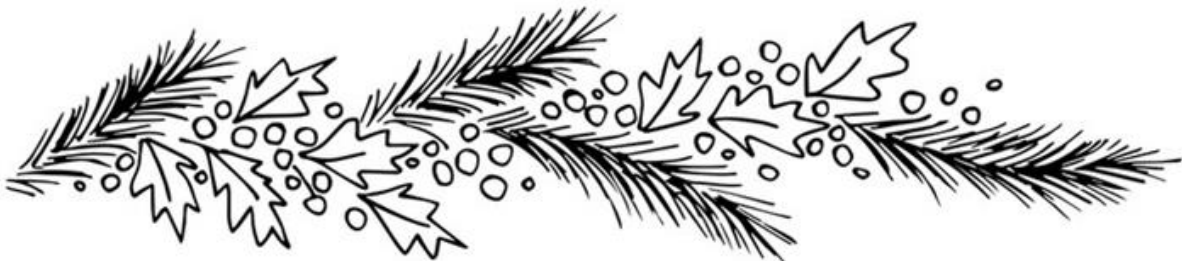
### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn – 267 Joy to the World

Prayer of the Day - Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**

### First Lesson – Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-6

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and she will bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders the rod of their oppressor you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## Hymn – 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

### Second Lesson – Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The Angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the Most High will overshadow you; therefore child to be born will holy: he will be called the Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the 6th month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Prayer - Pour your grace into our hearts, O God, that we who have known the incarnation of your son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; For he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**



## Hymn – 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem

### Third Lesson – Luke 1: 39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the Hill Country, where she entered the House of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed; but the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Prayer - Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favor on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son as our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**



## Hymn – 296 What Child is This?

### Fourth Lesson – Luke 1: 67-79

John's the Baptist's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the House of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."



## **Hymn – 283 O Come All Ye Faithful**

### **Fifth Lesson – Luke 2: 1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinus was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; For see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and had gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Prayer** - O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People      Amen.**

## Hymn – 277 Away in a Manger

### Reflection

#### Sixth Lesson – Luke 2: 22-35

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every first born male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what was stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the spirit, Simeon came into the temple; And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, “Lord now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the gentiles and for the glory of your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Prayer - Almighty and ever-living God, your only begotten Son was presented in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People Amen**



## Hymn – 288 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

### Seventh Lesson – Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; And calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, in Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; For from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then herod secretly called for the wise men, and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the King, they set out; and there ahead of them, went the star that had they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother; And they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer - Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People     Amen.**





## Hymn – 301 Bright and Glorious is the Sky

### Eighth Lesson – John 1: 1-5; 10-14; 16-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. He was in the world and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God and 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. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, it is God the only son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Prayer - Eternal Father, you gave your Incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People    Amen**



## **Hymn – 282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Jesus Christ. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

**People      Amen**

## **Hymn – 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

### **Dismissal**

Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

**People Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

