



*"The Lord is my shepherd."*

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 21, 2024

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing***

Hymn #385

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.**

## KYRIE

*Please recite.*

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ 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.



☐ 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.



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



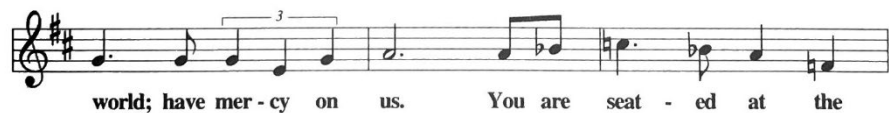
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



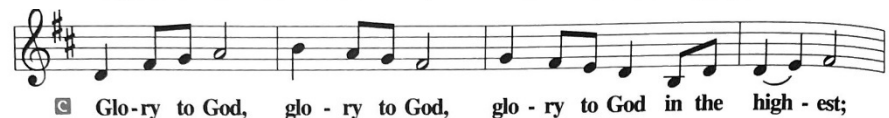
Lord God, Lamb of God: you take a - way the sin of the



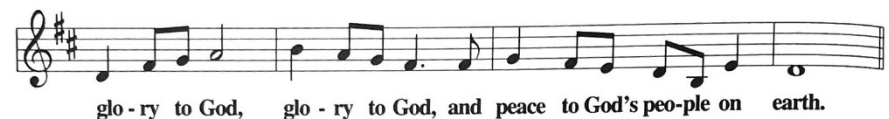
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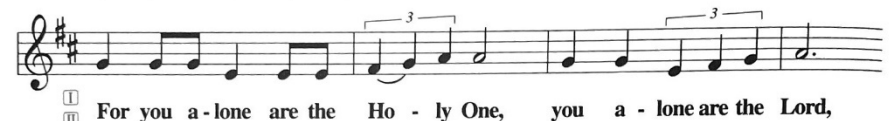
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



☐ 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.



① For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



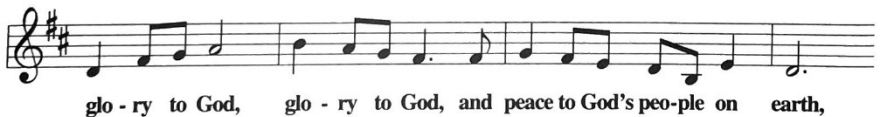
② you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ 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,



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

A: A reading from Acts—

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

### **PSALM**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Hymn #778

**Please note that we will be singing the Psalm during service today. After the completion of the Psalm, you may be seated.**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

A: A reading from 1 John—

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PLEASE STAND AS WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL.

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches

them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

### **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Fear Not, Little Flock*

Hymn #764

### **CREED**

**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.  
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**

Petition Response to “God of grace:” **Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

## OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need. **Please follow the instructions of the ushers as the plate is passed around.**

## OFFERTORY MEDITATION

*Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?* by Suzanne Lord

(Featuring the Adult Choir)

## **PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

### OFFERTORY SONG

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. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day.*

P: 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:



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**P:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



**PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

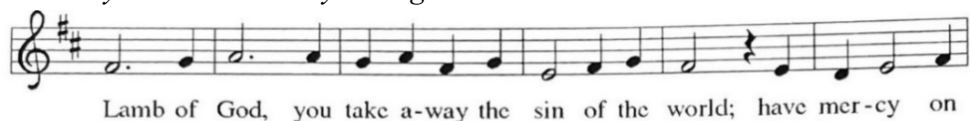
**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

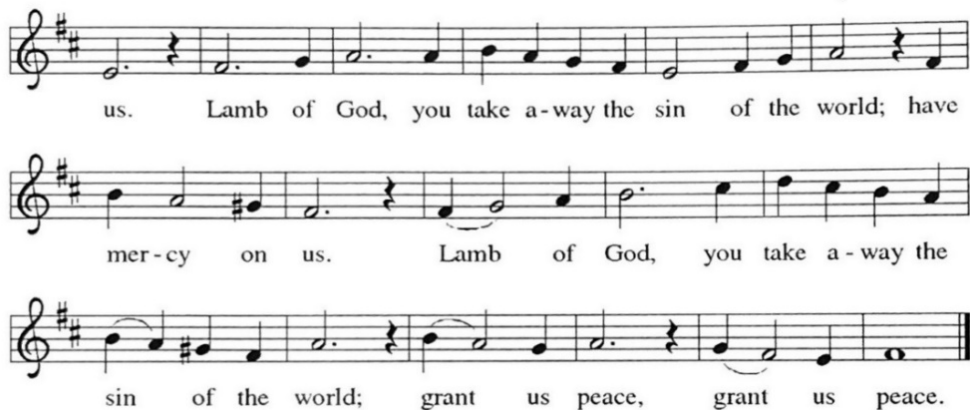
**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

**COMMUNION SONG**

*You may be seated while you sing:*





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.

### COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

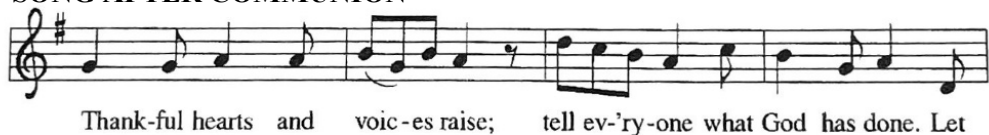
*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Hymn #484 (Flute & Piano)

*One Bread, One Body* Hymn #496 (Flute & Piano)

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

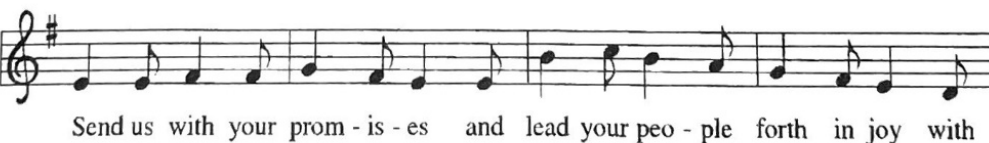
#### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope +bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymn #789

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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# **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 21, 2024

*We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!*

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

## **Serving Today**

Presider: The Reverend Ron Klose

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Director of Music: Nicole Nicholson | Organist: Kamelija Galijan-Curry

Acolyte: Madeline Murphy

Altar Guild: Elaine DiChiara, June Fahey, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Rath

Communion Assistant: Hans Vogel

Counters: June Fahey, Bill Henderson, Doris & Roger Ohlander

Ushers: John Gross and Roger Ohlander

Coffee Hour Host: George Balduf

Today's liturgical color is **white**, which represents the joy of the resurrection.



## Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Her Beloved Husband, Phineas

*by Joan Drake*

In Loving Memory of Lynn Geestmann Cerra

*by Claudia & John Gross and Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce*

In Loving Memory of Alfred H. Kollar, on His Birthday Anniversary

*by Ruth Kollar*

In Celebration of the Wedding of Jaclynn Vogel & Daniel Turner on April 20<sup>th</sup>

*by Susan Vogel and Family*



## Today's Communion Elements Are Given

In Loving Memory of William J. Wisotzke, on His Birthday Anniversary

*by Roxanne Toomey*

### Weekly Announcements

**Easter contributions** are still being accepted. Offering envelopes are located in the pews. Please see Barbara Stone with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Mother's Day is on **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** this year. We will continue our tradition of collecting special **Mother's Day Caring Sunday** memorials. All proceeds benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Please see the form enclosed in your bulletin (*front side*) for details. Please send in your memorials no later than **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Christ Lutheran has partnered with **Birthright of Wantagh** for a special Mother's Day collection of maternity and baby items. Please see the flyer enclosed in your bulletin (*back side*) for a list of items. Your donations may be placed in the narthex or dropped off at the Church office. Please bring your donations in by **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** this year. This year, the church will once again be adorned with red geraniums. Following worship service, they will be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to offer a **Pentecost**

**geranium memorial**, which will be published in the bulletin, please see the form on **page 14** of your bulletin. Please send in your memorials no later than **May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## **CLC This Week: April 21<sup>st</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: May Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: Fourth of July Planning Meeting, 5PM, Room 2000

### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM**

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,  
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

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## **St. John's Food Pantry**

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Canned Fruit - Canned Mixed Veggies - Canned Chicken/Salmon - Coffee

Chicken Noodle Soup - Complete Pancake Mix & Syrup

Dinty Moore Stew - Dried Beans - Mac & Cheese - Mayo

Peanut Butter & Jelly - Spaghetti - Sauce

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**1:00pm – 7:00pm**

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**Banquet Hall**

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# The Festival Day of Pentecost

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

- Acts 2:3-4

On **Sunday, May 19**, we will celebrate the Festival Day of Pentecost. The Liturgical color for Pentecost is **red**. The color red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit given to the Disciples, which fueled the beginnings of the Church. **This year, the Worship & Music Committee will continue our tradition of adorning the Sanctuary with red geraniums.** Geranium memorials will be printed in the Pentecost bulletin. Following the service, the geraniums will be planted in our Church gardens.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Church office with your donation no later than **Sunday, May 12**. We look forward to sharing this glorious day with you!



## Christ Lutheran Church Pentecost Geraniums

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ 4" red pot geraniums at **\$8 each**.

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT your name exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin.**

I wish to give my geraniums (please check all that apply):

- In Thanksgiving to God
- In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_
- In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*You may attribute more than one memorial to a plant.**

Please make all checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and put **geraniums** in the memo.  
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793





## **We Remember Especially Those on Our Prayer List**

Kathleen Cardone - Becky Carlson - James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi  
Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Audrina Crocitto - Joan Drake  
Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Emmy Grenzig  
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Pr. John Hopkins - Arnold Howard  
Steven Koch - Laura Koenig - Ruth Kollar - Suzanne Marshall  
Janet McShea - William McShea - Marilyn Miller - Lilly Ann Munnich  
John Nittoli - James Pallas - Jim Pawl - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce  
Catherine Rao - Terri Rao - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly  
Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert  
Kay Riese - Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone  
James Toomey - Hilde Uccellini

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.*



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