

TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

PRELUDE

*“Shall We Gather at the River”
with “Near to the Heart of God”*

M. Hayes

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

- ☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

☑ **Amen**

Silence is observed for reflection.

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the † Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen**

WELCOME to Trinity, where everyone is a friend! If you are visiting today, we would love to get to know you better. Please stop by the Welcome Table or check in at: www.tlc-sherman.org/connect

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Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu
Fill us with your love
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you**

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends
Silently washes their feet
Master who acts as a slave to them** *Refrain*

**2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor
Varied in color and race
Neighbors are nearby and far away** *Refrain*

**3 These are the ones we will serve
These are the ones we will love
All these are neighbors to us and you**
Refrain

**4 Kneel at the feet of our friends
Silently washing their feet
This is the way we will live with you**
Refrain

GREETING

- 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

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life with all the world,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children (Pre-K thru 4th) are invited to the Kid's Room for a Bible story and craft.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2:2-10

☞ A reading from the second chapter of first Peter.

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

☞ *Let us read the Psalm responsively with the pulpit side reading the **I**
and the piano side reading **II***

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

I In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

II **Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me. ▶**

- I You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- II **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**
- I Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- II **My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**
- I Let your face shine upon your servant;
- II **save me in your steadfast love.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3



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



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

Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

John 14:1-14

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ►

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MEDITATION

Pastor Adam Stockton

HYMN *(songsheet)*

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Will L. Thompson

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| <p>1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See, on the portals
He’s waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
“Come home, (Come home)
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling
Calling, “O sinner, come home!”</p> | <p>2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger
And heed not his mercies
Mercies for you and for me?
<i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned
He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- 📖 Let us profess what we believe:
- 🎵 **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE COMMUNITY

- A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

- A** God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick *especially ... and those whom we now name....* Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"We Are An Offering"

Liles | Hayes

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY*"Let the Vineyards"*

LBW Setting 3



C 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.

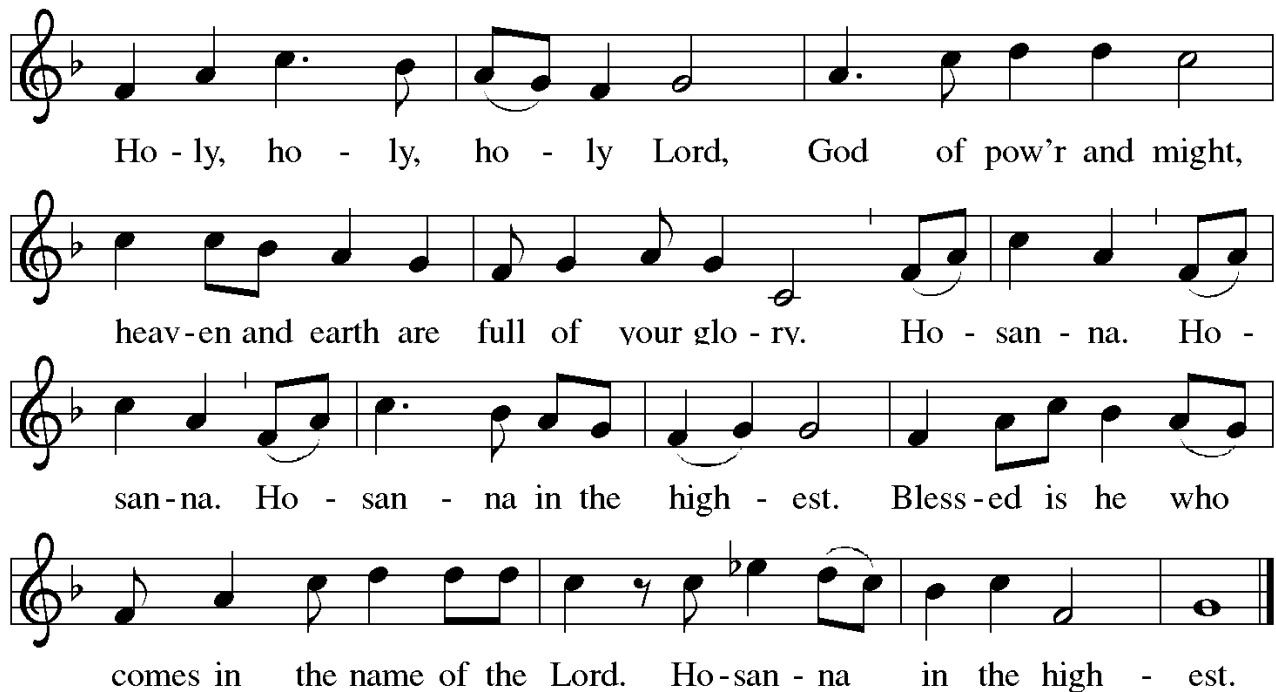
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray: Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving
 what you have first given us
 – our selves, our time, and our possessions,
 signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him
 who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
P 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 Father, almighty and everliving God. ►

- P But chiefly we are bound to praise you
 for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;
 for he is the true Passover Lamb
 who gave himself to take away our sin,
 who by his death has destroyed death,
 and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
 and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
 you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
 and accomplished our salvation.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore 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;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ These are the gifts of God,
for the people of God.
We say as a congregation
that all are welcome at God's table
as long as you believe.
No one is turned away that is seeking Christ.
All are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION SONGS

“Jesus, Strong & Kind”

CityAlight

LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

(songsheet)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple

1 Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred
Let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

2 Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life
Let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

3 O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

4 Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're
Born to eternal life

Instrumental music will follow the hymns as time allows.

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen**

BLESSING

☐ Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity †:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
bless you now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

SENDING SONG

"Let All Things Now Living"

E.C. Schirmer Music Co

**1 Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise
Who fashioned and made us
Protected and stayed us
Who still guides us on to
The end of our days
God's banners are o'er us
God's light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished
As forward we travel
From light into light**

**2 God rules all the forces
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains
The rivers and fountains
The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim God divine
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
"To God in the highest
Hosanna and praise!"**

BENEDICTION

☐ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE GROUPS START THIS WEEK!

Life Groups begin on Monday. It's not too late to sign up. You are committing to 1 day per week, for 4 weeks. You share a meal, read Scripture and discuss it's impact on your life, then you pray for each other. It's the most simple thing, but is life altering. You really don't want to miss out. Meeting time choices:
Mondays from 6pm–7:30pm Tuesdays from 3pm–4:30pm Thursdays from 5:30pm–7pm.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

The *Men's group* will host a special **Mother's Day brunch** on *Sunday, May 11th at 9:00am*. Anyone who **had** a mother is welcome! **Sunday school** will **not** meet *that week*.

GRADUATES

We will celebrate our **graduating students** in an upcoming edition of the **eNews**. We want to include information such as: name of the school from which they are graduating, any special distinguishing honors, awards or scholarships (if so, please send a detailed list), a senior picture and their upcoming plans. If you, or one of your family members, are graduating (yes, Kindergarten counts, too), please forward the information to *Kathy Manning* no later than *Friday, May 22nd*.

EVANGELISM MEETING

The **Evangelism Team** will meet *today at 11:50 am* in the fellowship hall.

AUSTIN COLLEGE CHOIR FREE SPRING CONCERT

Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday evening? The Austin College A Cappella Choir will present their **spring concert** "*Inheritance: Soil, Song, and Spirit*" on *Saturday, May 9th at 7:30pm* at Wynne Chapel, on the Austin College campus. Come support our own Katie Beckman, who is a member of the choir, and enjoy an evening of beautiful music!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Have you ever had someone deeply listen to you? How did it make you feel? *Pr. Adam* is leading a **Sunday School Series on Listening** and how our faith guides us to listen to other people. The lessons are a combination of discussion and practice! If you want to hone your listening skills and get a unique theological perspective on relationships, come check it out *Sundays* in the Adult Sunday School Room at *9am*.

CANS AND COINS

Sunday is the **first Sunday** of the month, so gather your **aluminum cans and spare change** and bring them with you to worship. The cans are recycled and benefit our youth ministries; the spare change is donated to **Lutheran World Hunger**.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

The **Wednesday Evening online ZOOM Bible study** meets every *Wednesday at 7pm*. Weekly lessons come from *The Wired Word*, which uses Scripture to provide light on an event that has happened in the recent news. Join us for conversations that help us dig deeper into our faith.

MARKET DEPOT NEEDS

The **Market Depot** food pantry has a **need** for **boxes of mac & cheese**, and **canned chicken noodle, or cream of chicken or mushrooms soup**. Pick up a few items on your next grocery run and bring them to the church. We will deliver them for you.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday School Facilitator
 Adults.....Pastor Adam Stockton
 Youth.....Collin Tang
 ChildrenLinda Foley

Sunday Worship Leaders
 Presiding Minister.....Pastor Adam Stockton
 Assisting MinisterSteven Ransom-Mildward
 Pianist / OrganistDr. Barbara Case
 LectorNicole Derby-Moore
 AcolyteXitlali Mendoza-Hale
 Children's ChurchLinda Foley
 Altar Care.....Marie Murphy
 Communion AssistantMark Peippo
 Ushers / GreetersKen & Marsha Powers
 Fellowship.....Leo Ransom
 Welcome TableNancy Dreesen
 ProjectionistKathy Manning
 VideographerAshley Imhoff

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Week of Sunday, April 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-Person Worship.....57
 YouTube Online Viewing52
 Sermon YouTube Viewing.....20
 Children's Church.....0
 Adult Sunday School.....10
 Men's Coffee Group20
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....10

TOTAL MONTH INCOME:

General Offering.....\$13,407.34
 Expense Goal\$22,660.08

Designated Offerings

Building Usage\$220.00
 Donation to NTNL SWO from Retreat..\$436.00
 Lenten Offering.....\$964.00
 Lutheran Disaster Response.....\$10.00
 Meals on Wheels\$15.00
 NTNL.....\$50.00
 Seder Meal.....\$600.00
 Retirement Fund: Kathy Manning.....\$100.00
 Thrivent Choice Dollars\$25.00
 World Hunger\$36.41
Total\$2,456.41

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 11:50 am Evangelism Meeting

Monday, May 4th

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Life Group at Frimann's

Tuesday, May 5th

3:00pm - 4:30pm - Life Group at Faris's

Wednesday, May 6th

10:00 am Men's Coffee Group
 7:00 pm Evenings with Jesus

Thursday, May 7th

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Life Group at Pfeiffer's

Sunday, May 10th - Happy Mother's Day!

9:00 am Second Sunday Mother's Day brunch
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Renee Anderson (balance/healing)
Eileen Burrus (healing & cancer)
Barbara Case (strength/healing)
Mary Herrington (healing/afib)
Muriel Johnson (healing)
Charles Meyer (rehab/healing)
Bill & Cindy Quick (healing)
Ron & Lois Richardson (healing)
Paul Wasmund (healing)
Colin (deployed/safety) son of Nicole Derby-Moore
Joan (infection/healing) sister of Mark Frimann
Harvey (healing) dear friend of the Cripps'
Mary (heart valve/healing/hospitalized) sister of Margie Kohler
Heather (cancer) niece of Marie Murphy
Debbie (stroke/healing) sister-in-law of Kathy Manning
Sandy (pneumonia/breathing) sister of Pam Hamer