

The background of the poster is a vibrant, painterly depiction of a sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright yellow and orange near the horizon. In the foreground, three dark silhouettes of crosses stand on a dark, flat ground. A bright sun is rising behind the crosses, creating a lens flare effect. The overall style is artistic and celebratory.

Christ is
Risen!
Christ is
Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!

Easter Sunrise Service
March 31, 2024 at 6:30am
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.

Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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The Resurrection of the Lord

GATHER IN THE NARTHEX

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth (Job 19:25).

C He is risen!

P God raised [Jesus] up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it (Acts 2:24).

C He is risen!

P God raised [Jesus] on the third day and made him to appear...to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses (Acts 10:40-41).

C He is risen!

P [God] has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man [Jesus] whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead (Acts 17:31).

C He is risen!

P Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (Romans 8:11)

C He is risen!

P Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

C He is risen!

P Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:17-18).

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

As we "Journey" to the tomb we hear God's Word of Resurrection Hope:

Job 19:23-27

²³"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Dawn brings silence. Grief still clings to heavy hearts.

C **We recall the events of this past week with sorrow.**

P We know that our sin hung Jesus on the cross.

C **And sin deserves death – eternal death – separation from God**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, celebrate our Lord's resurrection, call on Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Fellowship of this altar, let us confess our sinful condition as well as our sinning in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God interceding for us, let us go to our heavenly Father, seeking His gracious forgiveness, mercy, and love.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

C **Almighty God, we have sinned against You and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and left undone. We implore You to forgive us for the sake of Your Son who bore our sins in His body on the cross. He died and was raised to glorious life on this day. Send Your Holy Spirit, that we may celebrate His resurrection with joyful hope each day until we see Him with You face to face at the eternal banquet of the Lamb in His kingdom that has no end. Amen.**

P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C **Amen! Alleluia!**

P Where, O death, is your victory?

C **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

C **Glory be to you O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

© Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

Were You There

LSB 456:1, 4

1. **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

4. **Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?**

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise to You, O Christ! Alleluia!**

Sit

SERMON HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

1. **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
2. **For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
3. **Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
4. **Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people who are in need.
- P** Risen Christ, we rejoice to confess that You are alive! Thank You for rising victorious over sin and the devil, breaking asunder the bonds of death. Keep us firm in the real power of Your resurrection life throughout our days on this earth. Lord in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Good Shepherd, for all pastors in Christ, that they may constantly speak the good news of Your victory over sin, death, and the devil. Strengthen them through Your death and resurrection to serve You as faithful stewards of the holy mysteries for the good of Your people. Lord in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Victorious Lord, we ask Your mercy upon all who are in authority in our land and around the world. For those who serve in all branches of government---the military, law enforcement, relief and rescue agencies, and all civil servants; that You would grant them wisdom and obedience to carry out Your purposes on the earth. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Living Jesus, we hold before You those who are sick, injured, or in any kind of need, (*especially*_____) and those whom we hold in our hearts before Your throne of grace. Grant them healing in the midst of their pain, life in the midst of death, and finally, hope with all the saints, in the resurrection of all flesh. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Dear Savior, You have walked with us the path of our Lenten journey and brought us at last to the feast of Your glorious resurrection. For all these petitions and for whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, Lord Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS~~(Holy, Holy, Holy)

Tune: LSB 461

**Sing holy, holy holy Lord,
The God of Hosts by all adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim
Sound forth the honor of Your name.**

**Sing ye Hosanna in heav'n's height;
From earth we lift praise to the Light.
Blest He who comes in the Lord's name,
Jesus, who shall forever reign.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:25-28; Mark 14:2-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI ~ ~ (*Latin: Peace of the Lord*)

John 20:19

*(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means “Yes, yes, this is so!”)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI ~ ~ (*Latin: Lamb of God*)

Tune: LSB 461

**O Lamb of God, with joy we say,
All the world's sin You take away.
Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray,
Grant us peace this holy day.**

INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of our Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual

cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

1. **At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!**
2. **Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**
3. **Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!**
4. **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!**
5. **Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**
6. **Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!**
7. **Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**
- △ 8. **Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Tune: LSB 461

1. **Lord, let Your servants go in peace.
In You our lives shall never cease.
Israel's Glory, nations' light,
You kept Your word in earthly sight.**
2. **Praise we the Father and the Son,
Forever Three yet only One.
As it has been since time began,
Your holy will and gracious plan.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? *John 11:25-26*
- C** **Yes, Lord, we believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God. Amen.** *[John 11:27]*
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

1. **He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
2. **The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
3. **But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**
4. **O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**
- △ 5. **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Behnke

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 Altar Flowers.....Easter Lilies

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to the following families for purchasing the Easter Lilies that adorn our Altar this morning for our Easter services:



- Jason and Alli Bauck To the Glory of God
- Karen and David Benz (2) To the Glory of God
- Roger Berardi In memory of Bonnie
- Jere and Sharon Brandt To the Glory of God
- Kevin and Lynda Brumley In memory of Kevin and Linda's parents
- John and Cindy Chain (2) To the Glory of God
- Pat Circle In memory of Mel and Pat's parents
- Keith and Carolyn Clarke In memory of our parents
- Barbara Gossen In memory of Patrick
- Kara Herrs To the Glory of God
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- Chris and Mary Martin To the Glory of God
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- Tom and Kathy Schroeder To the Glory of God
- Jim and Connie Teig To the Glory of God
- Bob Welsh In memory of Paula
- Mark and Sarah Zarnstorff (2) To the Glory of God
- Charlotte Ziegler (3) In memory of Rev. Lee Teuscher, Tim Teuscher, and Rev. Robert Ziegler

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Jeremy Bohnert and Samantha Mahoney**, Scott and Patricia Bohnert's son, as they were united in Holy matrimony yesterday.

For **Jeremiah and Peyton Ohlman**, as they celebrate the birth of Jeremiah's nephew Levi Hermansen.

For the **Markanday family**, as Pardeep, Jasmine's husband, searches for full time employment and benefits.

For **Pat Circle**, who is recovering from an epidural to try to help with her spinal stenosis and bulging disc.

For **Phil Freese**, who is undergoing testing for heart rhythm issues.

For **Maya Goudy**, 4-year-old daughter of the Aerni's family friends, who was diagnosed with leukemia.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Israel and Palestine**.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Ukraine and Russia**.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Barbara Scheck**, Karen Benz's mom, who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

For **Kylene Prescott**, Kristi Buckendahl's aunt, who has a mass in her neck and undergoing tests.

For **Marian Schulteis**, Carol Smith's mother, who fell and is recovering at a rehab facility.

For **Debbie Hedgepeth**, Michelle Olson's mom, who is recovering at home for respiratory issues.

For **Jane Dieckhoff**, who is hospitalized and recovering from several strokes.

For **Barb Farmer**, Tom Bremer's sister, who is hospitalized from a fall that fractured a vertebra.

For **Carol von Soosten**, Eden Keefe's LWML sister, as she mourns the death of her husband Mark.

For **Moriah Obermueller and Jessica Luck's family and friends**, as they mourn her death this past Monday. Jessica was a college friend of Moriah's.

For **Charlotte Hundley**, who is undergoing cancer radiation treatments.

For **Lee Kresin**, who is recovering at home from the flu and pneumonia.

For **Margaret Wolpers**, who is now at home recovering from a stroke.

For **Dale Brandt**, who is home recovering and trying to build strength.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **our expectant mothers: Elise Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso, Marissa Lippe, Lexi Obermueller, Amy Oestmann, Hannah Schultz, and Sarah Walsh** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Mandy Bender, Dale Brandt, Dani Chapin, Mary Lou Denny, Jordan Ebach, Karen Feldes, Brad Gellerstedt, Garth Gonseth, Charlotte Hundley, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Mikaela Koch, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Bert Potter, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Neal Wurth.**

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala**: Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Christian Arrests Increase - Iran

Front-line workers in Iran report an increase in the number of Christians being arrested, partly due to regional tensions and conflicts. "Persecution against Iranian Christians is rising," a front-line worker said. "Every Christmas and Easter, officials usually arrest some Christians, but this year the number went way up, and we're concerned about what might occur around Easter." The worker mentioned that in the past, Iranian officials would occasionally arrest church leaders and later release them with a strong suggestion that the Christians leave the country. "But now the officials are holding onto people's passports and regularly keeping them detained," the front-line worker said. "Please pray that God will make believers invisible to Iranian authorities."