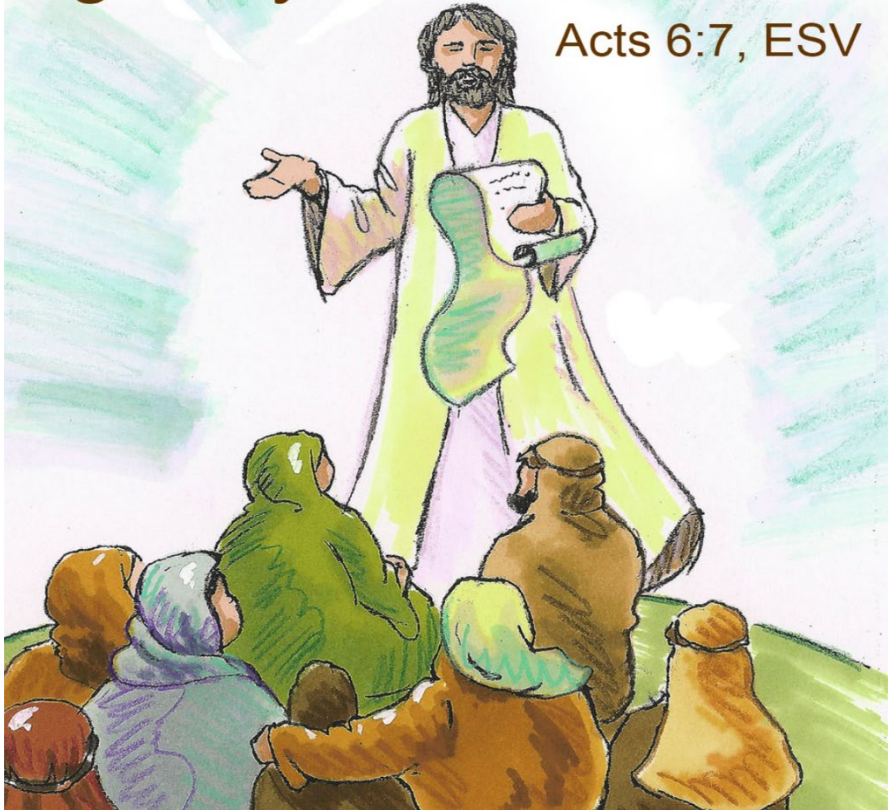


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...

Acts 6:7, ESV



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping 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 and 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!



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Bible Study 1 (Fellowship Hall): A study of Ephesians. **Bible Study 2** (Sanctuary): *The Tabernacle: A Canopy of Grace* - The Tabernacle in the wilderness is where God dwelt with His people. It was seen as the center of worship for the Israelites. See how it points ahead to Jesus who became flesh to dwell among His people.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

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.

Order of Service: Divine Service 2

AS WE GATHER

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity
That I your child and heir may be.

LW 197:1

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Ronald A. Nelson

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Rejoice, This Easter Day

arr. LeDoux

Children’s Choir with piano

Stand

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy... and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve

tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . ²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul

arr. Delancy
Laudate Ringers

*(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played,
please turn to LSB 814 stanzas 1 and 6 in your hymnal)*

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of tumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68

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

READING THE FAITH *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

BAPTISM PART 4

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P Where is this written?

C **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

LSB 854

SERMON

Scenes of God at Work

Acts 6

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

NICENE CREED *(located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all His adopted children in Christ, that they would long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the royal priesthood of believers, that they would offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and church workers and those preparing for church-work vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of His Word, and for Vicar Hjulberg and Vicar-elect Harkins, that God would continue to grant them growth by His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the households of God's people, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in His grace and share together in His forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For good government; for our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all civil servants, that they may honor the holy God, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers, [*including _____,*] that for the sake of Christ's restoring cross, God would grant them healing, comfort and entrance into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who eat and drink the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord, that they would taste that He is good and continually grow up into His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

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

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Psalms 136

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

- 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 OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
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)

John 1:29



C 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.

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 HYMNS

LSB 564 *Christ Sits at God's Right Hand*

LSB 473 *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free*

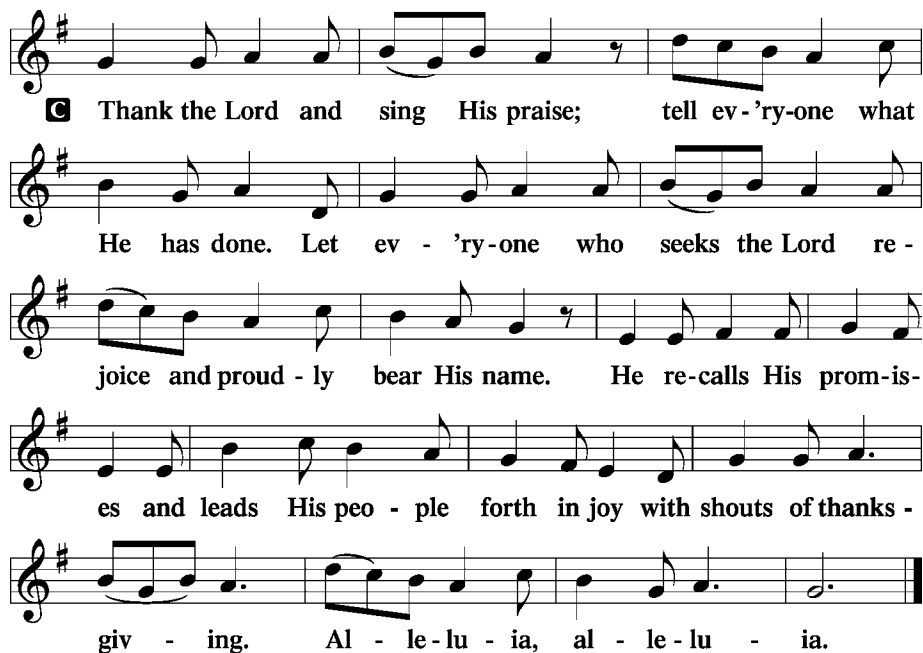
LSB 628 *Your Table I Approach*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

**Before you go:
Visitors and Members –
please register your attendance.**



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Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist..... Deb Miller
Acolytes..... (8:00) Layla Schepmann & Blake Hughey (10:45) Kelsey Teply & TBD
Greeters..... (8:00) Zach & Stephanie Gardner (10:45) Barb Gossen
Ushers (8:00) Joel Ada, Zach Bahr, Chad Ronsick, & Bob Welsh
..... (10:45) Carter Clark, Adam Holste, Jim Teig, & Joshua Watt
Altar Guild..... Doris Baker, Karen Kuhn, Debbie Johnson, & Gina Stoehr
Nursery Jason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands) Zach & Alaina Booth
Counters..... Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
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..... Elizabeth Booth's Baptismal Birthday

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Couple Receives Replacement Bible After Attack - Burkina Faso

Christians have been a primary target of Islamists in Burkina Faso since April 2019 when approximately 70 Christians were killed and five churches attacked. In 2022, Islamist activity increased in the southwestern part of the country, resulting in numerous destroyed churches and the murder of several pastors. As many as 10,000 Christians have fled their homes due to violence and threats; more than 1.7 million people have been displaced by the conflict. Two years ago, when Muslim militants attacked their village, one young couple fled with their lives and almost nothing else. They fled so quickly that they couldn't even grab their Bible. Front-line workers recently had the opportunity to provide Bibles for the displaced couple as well as many other displaced Christians. "They were so happy they were crying," said a front-line worker. "They said it was an answer to their prayers." Praise the LORD for the lives of these believers. Praise the LORD for the Bibles. Pray the Holy Spirit keeps them strong in their faith.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Danniel Christensen and Elise Kammeyer**, as they were united in holy matrimony, April 29th.
For **Judy Landall**, who began chemotherapy treatment this past Wednesday.
For **Ava Hodge**, who is recovering from surgery.
For **Payton Clause**, Janette Copeland's granddaughter as she goes through difficult times.
For **Suzee Dittberner**, Abby Bean's friend who is recovering from surgery on Monday.
For **Lyle Claudy**, Helen Claudy's ex-husband, who is in assisted living for liver cancer treatment.
For **Sharon Wurl**, who is recovering from pancreatitis.
For **Bob and Debbie Newman**, as they mourn the death of Debbie's mom, Ruby Krahn.
For **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 **Bryson**, the Schreiners friend, prayers for him as he adjusts to a new foster family and that they may encourage him to grow in his faith.
For **Jeremy and Sam Ruiz**, friends of Jake and Taylor Lewallen who lost their house to a fire.
For **Danny Hundley**, who was diagnosed with bile duct and liver cancer. He will begin treatment soon.
For **Stacy Martinez**, who is awaiting test results and dealing with other medical issues.
For **Sharon Kirchner**, Tara Wolff's mom, who is hospitalized due to multiple medical issues.
For **Marian Schulteis**, who is in a rehab facility for a broken knee cap.
For **Mikaela Koch**, Kim Koch's 4-year-old niece, who has a brain mass that is cancerous.
For **Karen Rinne**, as she recovers from surgery at home.
For **Ivan Rees**, continued prayers as he recovers from health issues.
For **our expectant mothers: Kaylyn Bartels, Charisse Meier, Allie Melton, and Stephanie (Seutter) Thomas** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.
For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Gwen Anrico, Leslie Beller, Mandy Bender, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Paul Hennegan, Brian Jenkins, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Eydie Taylor, and William Wolgast.**
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.
For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that the Lord would continue to bless them and keep them in His care and that the Lord would turn their eyes toward Jesus. Fieldstone Apartments is a mission outreach project of BSLC.