

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



## **God Promises Abraham Many Descendants**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 7, 2022**

**8:00 am & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm**

## 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 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 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:** Today we will be studying *The Foundations in Faith* series that explores Luther's Small Catechism in four parts. Today we will be studying The Apostles' Creed. This class will be a great introduction to Luther's Small Catechism and the Christian faith or a great refresher of the truths of faith for the rest.

**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.

**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 1

## AS WE GATHER

### The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRELUDE

*We Walk by Faith*  
Lynn Trapp

### PASTORAL GREETING

### OPENING HYMN

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*  
LSB 936

*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*

## INSTALLATION OF VICAR ELECT AVERY HJULBERG

### BAPTISM

(Please turn to page 17 for the Baptism liturgy)

(8:00am) Evelyn Grace Lippe

### 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.**

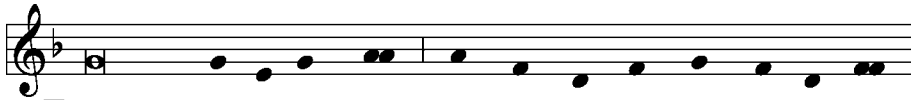
*[John 20:19-23]*

# ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis* ~ (Latin: *Glory to God in the Highest*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



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.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

**Hebrews 11:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts.

And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**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? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:22-34**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Sit

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

**P** THE APOSTLES' CREED: SECOND ARTICLE

**C** **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, 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.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Vicar Avery Hjulberg**

**SERMON HYMN**

***Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing***  
**LSB 737**

**SERMON**

***Waiting for the Lord***  
**Genesis 15**  
**Vicar Avery Hjulberg**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(located on the 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 faith in the wise and gracious will of God, and power to turn from false belief in our own plans and natural powers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Your Church on earth, that by the seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, she would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary; and that by Your Holy Spirit, Your people would live unto righteousness in Christ and shine like stars in the heavens forever and ever, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Christian fathers, that they, with faith like Abram, would prize the gift of their children and work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are baptized into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, especially Evelyn Lippe, that they would grow in the faith throughout their days of pilgrimage on Earth and so obtain the promise inheritance of the new creation on the last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For rulers to be granted wisdom to know how small and fleeting their reigns are, and that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in the midst of tribulation, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would cast their anxieties upon God, our heavenly Father, who cares for them in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

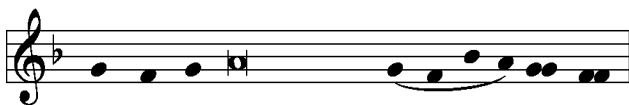


**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



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



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

[Psalm 136]



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

## 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



**C** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

*Sit*

## INVITATION

**P** Welcome to the table of our Lord.

## 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 720 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***

**LSB 575 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

**LSB 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***

*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 all who seek the Lord re - jice 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

*Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

**LSB 813**

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

**Allan Mahnke**

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





**Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor**  
**Vicar Avery Hjulberg, Student Pastor**

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## Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching ..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg  
 Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada  
 Liturgist..... Pastor Joel Schultz  
 Organist..... Deb Miller  
 Acolytes..... (8:00) Timothy Schlef & TBD (10:45) Blake Hughey & Hudson Vogt  
 Greeters .....(8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) Paul Peterson  
 Ushers.....(8:00) Tom Bremer, Shannon Buckendahl, Jim DeLaney, Greg Enserro,  
 ..... George Ledgerwood & Terry West  
 .....(10:45) Keith Gloe, Kevin Gunning, John Koetting, Eric Olson & Dave Smith  
 Altar Guild..... Angela Hodge, Deb Hodnik, Debbie Johnson & Karen Kuhn  
 Nursery..... Matt & Nicole Christensen  
 Counters.....Debbie Johnson, George Ledgerwood, Juan Martinez & Todd Scheumann  
 Altar Flowers.....Bob & Debbie Newman’s 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 .....Scott & Angela Hodge – Scott’s Birthday

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**HOLY BAPTISM – Evelyn Grace Lippe**, infant daughter of Andrew and Marissa Lippe, will be baptized this morning in the 8:00am service. We pray special blessings upon Evelyn and her family as she becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.



# ✠ The Rite of Holy Baptism ✠

Evelyn Grace Lippe

## BAPTISMAL PROMISES

## ADDRESS TO PARENTS & CONGREGATION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Because this child cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with her parents, faithfully speak on her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C** **Yes, I believe 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.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, 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.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

**P** **Evelyn Grace Lippe**, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *(Parents)* **Yes, I Do**

**P** **Evelyn Grace Lippe**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE**

## **PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Evelyn Grace Lippe the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

- ⓘ In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.
- Ⓒ **We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.**

*Baptismal Party may return to their seats.*

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK**

For **Charlotte Hundley**, who is recovering slowly at home from Covid.

For **Del Gentile**, Brenda Brown's brother who has bladder and prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.

For **Jerry Deke**, who is recovering at home from cancer surgery and praying for good lab results.

For **Maggie Gardner**, who passed her hearing test and has no hearing loss from her fall in December.

For **Dr. Mike Moffitt**, Debbie Hodnik's brother-in-law who is fighting an infection from gallbladder surgery.

For **Lloyd Harfst**, Matt Riecher's grandpa, who was diagnosed with lymphoma of the brain.

For **Wendy Robenalt**, friend of Brett and Bobbie Clark, who was diagnosed with lung cancer that has spread to her spine and organs. She is undergoing treatment.

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 **Brad Cornell**, who is dealing with painful sciatica nerve pain.

For **Beth Chain**, John Chain's mother, who is in hospice and battling nausea.

For **western KS and NE farming communities**, as they go through one of the worst droughts in years.

For **Kent Thompson**, who is recovering from surgery to remove an infection in his knee.

For **Kurt Norem**, who is now recovering at home from cervical spine surgery.

For **Steve Bremer**, who is home recovering from esophageal cancer surgery.

For **Gwen Anrico**, who is recovering at home from complications with chemotherapy.

For **Kari Allen**, daughter of Karen Kuhn, who has been moved to hospice.

For **our expectant mothers: Audra Bruschi and Sarah Walsh**, and for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Leslie Beller, Ryne Clark, Karen Feldes, Lauren Kandt, John Mahnken, Geordie McGuire, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Erica Slaymaker and Eydie Taylor**.

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**

#### **Two Families Barred from Village for Their Christian Faith - India**

Two Christian families were recently kicked out of their village due to their faith in Jesus Christ. Twice, the families were brought before the village council where, in the presence of police officers, government authorities and radical Hindu leaders, they were pushed to reconvert to Hinduism. When the families stood firm in their faith, village leaders banned them from the village. Pray that these families are able to find new homes and remain strong in their faith and pray that their former village comes to faith in Christ as well.