



# GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## Flowers

Flowers are sponsored by John and Marge Sanger and Debbie Sanger and Frank Clauss in celebration of John and Marge's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## As We Gather

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, with images both familiar and foreign set before us in the readings. Familiar because we know these readings; foreign because most of no longer have connections to an agrarian, pastoral way of life. We can relate to feeling lost, however. We know what it means to be exhausted, to be weary of the wolves of evil, to journey through death's dark vale. In all of this, we hear again that we are not alone. A Shepherd who is good cares for us and journeys with us. He promises to bring us back to still waters and verdant pastures, to the feast of the Kingdom itself. To do this, he is willing to lay down his life for us. He does this willingly, joining us in death in order to lift us back into life. Restored, we are sent with goodness and mercy to bring others into God's expanding flock of grace.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Richard Proulx

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(blue) **WOV #747**



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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.

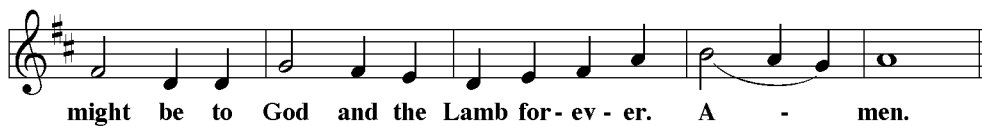
## HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

*Women sing parts marked ❶. Men sing parts marked ❷.*

*All sing parts marked ❸.*

**❸** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **❶** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,  
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.

Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;

heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



# ✝ WORD ✝

## FIRST READING: Acts 4:5–12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd.

John Folkening

℣ The Lord | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.

☞ He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

℣ He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

☞ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall | fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

℣ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

☞ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16–24

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

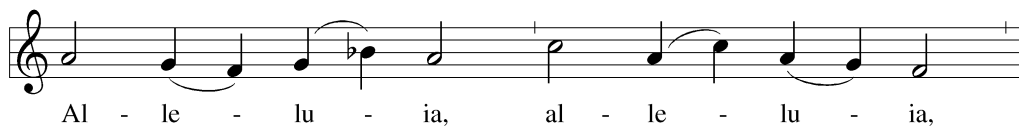
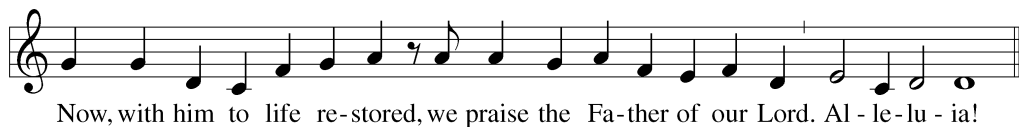
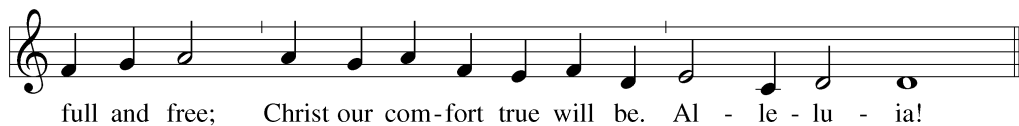
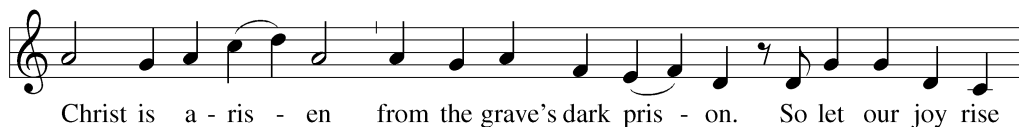
<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen







Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.  
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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## HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

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

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**SERMON:** Crossing the Valley

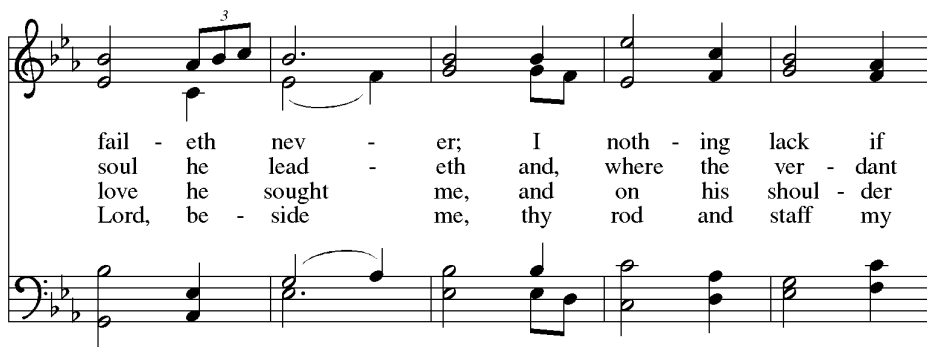
Pastor David R. Lyle  
 John 10:11–18; Psalm 23

# HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

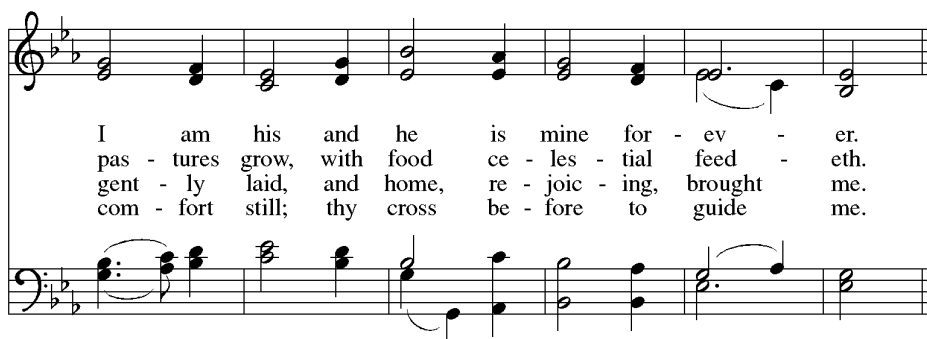
(green) LBW #456



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

## NICENE CREED

¶ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☩ We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.*

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Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt,  
**The Lord is my faithful shepherd,**  
Dem ich mich ganz vertraue,  
**In whom I place my trust completely,**  
Zur Weid er mich, sein Schäflein, führt  
**To pasture he leads me, his little lamb,**  
Auf schöner grünen Aue,  
**In a beautiful green meadow,**  
Zum frischen Wasser leit er mich,  
**To fresh water he leads me,**  
Mein Seel zu laben kräftiglich  
**My soul to refresh powerfully**  
Durch selig Wort der Gnaden.  
**Through blessed word of grace.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**L** 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.

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk in newness of life.

Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

(green) LBW #196



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.  
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.  
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## DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Michael D. Costello

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Gwen Gotsch, soloist

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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

<b>Diane Amati</b>	Anne-Marie Bogdan	Bob Jandeska	Jennifer Murtoff
Rose Mary Anderson	Ed Borg	Joan Koerber	Paul Nelson
Annalise Balock	Rosemary Cheatem	Jerry Koenig	Pat Scala
Cathy Barker	Carl & Donna Gruendler	Carolyn Martin	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
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Len Berghaus	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	
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Valerie Anderson ( <i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley &amp; Stewart Clarke</i> )	Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )		
Vera Leora Barnett ( <i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i> )	Julie Novak ( <i>daughter of Eunice Spurgat</i> )		
Sophie Bartell ( <i>granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell</i> )	Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )		
James Beglin ( <i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i> )	Jacob Pletan ( <i>great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt &amp; Gick Schmidt</i> )		
<b>Francis Benson</b> ( <i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	James Powers ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )		
Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )	Sarah Ponder ( <i>friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys</i> )		
Florence Breed ( <i>cousin of Irmgard Swanson</i> )	Susan Prather ( <i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i> )		
Ken Briggs ( <i>friend of many at Grace</i> )	Ronald Riley ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )		
Nancy Brinkman ( <i>friend of Karen Brunssen</i> )	John Rohleder ( <i>friend of Sandy Grams</i> )		
Family of Jim Cozzi ( <i>friends of Diana Sicuro</i> )	Florence Saeger ( <i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i> )		
Linda DeMeyere ( <i>friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack</i> )	John Schuurman ( <i>friend of Timothy Douma</i> )		
Peggy Dickenson ( <i>mother of Paul Eichwedel</i> )	Lindsay Shaner ( <i>brother of Bob Shaner</i> )		
Clara Dorsey ( <i>mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey</i> )	<b>Kim Shannon</b> ( <i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i> )		
Patti and Neal Enslin ( <i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i> )	Mary Lu Shipstad ( <i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i> )		
Benjamin Galihier ( <i>nephew of Paul May</i> )	Huxley Shoup and family ( <i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )		
Luke Gawencka ( <i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	Nancy Stelling ( <i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i> )		
Stacy Gibb and family ( <i>friends of Kristin Vogen</i> )	Lee Stephens ( <i>brother of Tony</i> )		
Thomas Griffith ( <i>son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )	Jennifer Sylvester ( <i>daughter of Janet Sylvester</i> )		
Mike Guss ( <i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i> )	Martin A. Thieme ( <i>brother of Susan Franzone</i> )		
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Karen Luebbe ( <i>mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel</i> )	Veronica Zurowski ( <i>mother of Tom</i> )		
Joyce and John Lunde ( <i>friends of Susan Messerli</i> )			
Kathy Lyons ( <i>sister of Karin Danganan</i> )			



## **Benevolence ministries**

Harmony Community Church Food Pantry

## **Thanksgiving for**

The 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **John and Marge Sanger**

## **For those who mourn**

**Donald Hostetler** (*uncle of Larry Garber*)

**Susan Kernc** (*cousin of Al Swanson*)

**Tyson May** (*cousin of Larry Garber*)

## **Those serving in the armed services**

Daniel Behrens (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## **Those in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski*)

## **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

## **Those who are homebound**

Christopher Davis

Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke

Joanne Nelson

Ronald Gresens

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

## **Those who need encouragement**

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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**Jeremy Zimmer**, Assistant Cantor  
**William Koehne**, Principal  
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