

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018



“Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”

John 2:16

The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center
(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: “We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

Motto: “Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone.”

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/March 4-10, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
Tuesday	10:00 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Worship & Music meeting at the LWLC Office Lenten Soup Supper at Sunrise Baptist Church, Small Fellowship Hall. Host Committees-LWLC Board & Benevolence Lenten Service at Sunrise Baptist Church Sanctuary
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office Living Way Bible Study meet at the LWLC Office Adult Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz; **Ushers** - Linda & Tony Deas; **Acolyte**-Hannah Vashchenko; **Lector**-Sharlene Parker; **Communion Setup/Takedown**-Nancy Martin, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Assistants**-Dave Ostendorf, Tom & Denise Alvord; **Sound System**-Alex Burdick; **Tellers**-Bonnie Socey, Judy Krumweide;
Altar Setup/Take Down-Yvonne Olson, Sue Fields; **Coffee Hour**-Ardene Bartness, Judy Williams; **Parking Lot**-Tom Groce

On the weekend of April 21st and 22nd, the NW District's LCMC Annual Convention will be held at the Christ Community Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Oregon.

This year's theme is

"Equipping the Saints". 2Corinthians 4:7

Members of our congregation are encouraged to attend, LWLC will pay for the registration (\$50 before April 1st). If you are interested in attending, applications are on the usher's table, please contact the LWLC church office (253-445-4292) for more information.



SCRIPTURE ~ Next week

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21



Quote of the Day: "The serious Christian must be a pilgrim, an alien citizen, a bit 'different' from the world around him." *Antonin Scalia (late supreme court justice)*

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude:

**"Meditation" from Thais, by Jules Massenet
performed by Katrina Cordi on violin, and Mary Kaye Owen on piano**

Opening Hymn

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes [Chorus]

Verse 2

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Chorus]

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus x2]

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

We Worship with Confession

Pastor: Remembering the covenant God has established with us through our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may more fully love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: (invites worshippers to confess their sins): The First letter of John (1:8) reminds us that, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Most Merciful God...*

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

P: (facing the congregation, declares God's forgiveness): In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for Jesus' sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Jesus' authority I declare to you, *being penitent*, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We are called to make disciples of all nations; we begin by sharing the peace of God with one another.

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.

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

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!

Cantors: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His.**

Refrain: ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!***

- 2. Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Men: Blessing and honor and glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

- 3. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Holy God, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing: your word gives life and sustains; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your Spirit and thus manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Book of Exodus, the 20th chapter (ESV)

And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your

daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

(Here ends this reading.)

LWLC Choir

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

African-American Spiritual choral arrangement by David von Kampen, violin arrangement by Katrina Cordi

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 19 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God,

Congregation: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

R: ²Day to day pours out speech,

C: and night to night reveals knowledge.

R: ³There is no speech, nor are there words,

C: whose voice is not heard.

R: ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

C: In them he has set a tent for the sun,

R: ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C: and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

R: ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

R: ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

R: ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

R: ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C: the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

R: ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

R: ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C: in keeping them there is great reward.

R: ¹² Who can discern his errors?

C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

R: ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

C: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

R: ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

C: be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

This reading is from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians, the 1st chapter (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

(Here ends this reading.)

The congregation stands and sings: (LBW p.83)

Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (John 6:68)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter (ESV). C: Glory to You, O LORD.

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

(The Gospel of Our LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian 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

Hymn of the Day

“Beautiful Savior”

LBW #518

Sermon

Eric D. Hullstrom, Pastor

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory:

“I Want A Principle Within”

**a Methodist hymn with text by Charles Wesley, music by Louis Spohr,
performed by Katrina Cordi (violin) and Mary Kaye Owen (piano).**

"I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear, a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire, to catch the wandering of my will,
and quench the kindling fire."

"From thee that I no more may stray, no more thy goodness grieve, grant me the filial awe,
I pray, the tender conscience give. Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake."

"Almighty God of truth and love, to me thy power impart; the mountain from my soul remove,
the hardness from my heart. O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole."

The offering is received.

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward:

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

Let us pray together the offering prayer:

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

(Each petition concludes with "LORD, in your mercy", to which the congregation responds: "hear our prayer".)

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken):

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.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface :)*

***C: Holy, holy, holy LORD, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you. '), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.
(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings: ***"Lamb of God"***
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymns:

<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i>	<i>LBW #456</i>
<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	<i>LBW #448</i>
<i>"When Peace, like a River"</i>	<i>LBW #346</i>

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

***Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let everyone who seeks the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold "Amen"

"Aaronic Benediction" words and music by Misha Goetz, violin arrangement by Katrina Cordi.
Sung by Alexandra and Kylie Steves, accompanied by Katrina Cordi and Mary Kaye Owen.

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

LBW #260

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Ushers table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	<p>Tues, Lenten Soup Supper-6:15 pm in the Sunrise Baptist Church, 12115 Shaw Rd. E., small fellowship hall followed by a 7:00 pm service in the Sunrise sanctuary. Hosting ministry: LWLC Board & Benevolence Committee</p> 									
Mar 11	 <p>Daylight Saving Time-Spring Forward</p>									
Mar 13	<p>Tues, Lenten Soup Supper-6:15 pm in the Sunrise Baptist Church, 12115 Shaw Rd. E., small fellowship hall followed by a 7:00 pm service in the Sunrise sanctuary.</p>									
Mar 20	<p>Mar 13-Hosting ministry: Men's Ministry Mar 20-Hosting ministry: Women's Ministry</p> 									
Mar 24	<p>MEN'S MINISTRY Men's Ministry Breakfast, 8:00 am at the Denny's Restaurant Speaker: Pastor Eric Hullstrom</p> <p><small>CONNECT • GROW • SERVE</small></p>									
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Remodeling EXPO 2018 March 9-11 complimentary tickets are available at the Usher's table. These tickets are normally a \$4.00 value. It will be held at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Tacoma Remodeling Expo donates extra tickets to local ministries and religious organization.

NEXT WEEK's (March 11) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz; **Ushers** -Zale Wood & Carole Williams-Wood; **Acolyte**-Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**-Dan Owen; **Communion Setup/takedown**-Nancy Martin, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**-Nancy Martin, Lorraine Stargel, Sharon Johnson; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman; **Tellers**-Bob Martin, Al Auge ; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Cindy Flood, Lorraine Stargel; **Parking Lot**-Ron Johnson

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Hearld, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother);Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God. *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one: Prayers for peace, comfort and strength for **son Casey and family** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) on the loss of daughter-in-law Crissy. Prayers of comfort for **Kris Harder & family** (Heidi Sturdivant) on the passing of her father. Prayers for peace, comfort and healing for brother **Gene Schroeder and his family** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) for the sudden loss of his wife Sandie. Prayers of comfort for **DeAnn Tangvald and family** (Heidi Sturdivant) as they grieve the passing of her mother Joyce DuVal.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. Dixie (Sharlene Parker's sister). Judy Ostendorf. **Jeff** (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil), **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Pastor Dave Steffenson** (Dave Ostendorf) diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Alice** (Ardene Bartness' sister), comfort and peace in her last months of life. **Hank Anderson** (friend of Kaye Sims) who is terminally ill with cancer. **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel) diagnosed with pancreatic concern. Prayers for her comfort from her pains and discernment of the medical staff with upcoming treatments. **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel) for decisions on treatment for reoccurrence of cancer. **Virginia Held** who has been experiencing debilitating pancreatitis, pray for doctor's discernment and healing and recovery. Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) during her chemo treatment, pray for strong resistance to the flu. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** recently diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law), whose cancer surgery is being delayed because she is too weak for serious surgery. Pray for strength & relief from the severe pain.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery. Pray for permanent healing for **Phil Steves'** knee that continues to be painful because of the accident in February. Nephew **Jeff Bertram** (Carole Williams-Wood), prayers for doctor's discernment in controlling his heart arrhythmia. Peace and comfort for **Carolyn Martin** and that the blood clots will dissolve. **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil) pray for continued healing on her foot. **Jon Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant) recovering from cancer surgery. **Lee Brown** as he prepares to meet his Maker. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) recovering from by-pass surgery. **Michelle** (Judy Ostendorf's niece) recovering from back surgery, pray for quick healing and recovering. Prayers for sister **Londa** (Carolyn Martin) admitted to the hospital for undiagnosed medical problems. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and correct diagnosis and treatment. Prayers for continued healing and recovery for grandmom **Dina Vashchenko** (Hannah & Viviana Vashchenko) after surgery. Daughter **Lynette** (Carole Williams-Wood) for doctor's discernment in treating her immune deficiency disease. Prayers for brother-in-law **Tom Horne** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) for a successful bypass surgery and recovery. Pray for sister **Berny** (Yvonne Olson) in the hospital in AZ with congestive heart failure and pneumonia. **Ben** (Sarah DeBord's cousin) had a concussion at a wrestling match, pray for healing. **Mike DeBord** (Bonnie DeBord's son), prayers for improved health and prayers for doctor's discernment in treatment after a heart attack. Prayers for quick healing strength and recovery for close friend **Becky Lewis** (Rosie Heintz) after back surgery.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world.

Bloom

A gardener planted two small shrubs side by side. During the dry summer, both plants struggled to get established. One developed black spots and lost most of its leaves. The gardener assumed the little plant wouldn't survive but was sure the healthy-looking shrub would bloom. The following spring, to the gardener's great surprise, the stronger plant had not a single bloom but the weak, stricken shrub had produced a beautiful flower. This is often true, as well, of people who've experienced great sorrow and loss. They know the Savior's love and comfort in ways that only those who suffer can know. And by God's grace, they share that love and comfort with others. As Ugo Bassi said, "He who suffers most has most to give."