

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018



Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means,
“Little girl, I say to you, arise.” *Mark 5:41*

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/July 1-7, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
Wednesday	4th of July	Independence Day-Office Closed
Thursday	10:30 am	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office led by Pastor Jepsen

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Sarah DeBord
in celebration of July birthdays.**

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Larry Vollmer; **Ushers**- Don & Carol Brennan; **Acolyte**-Kailan Burdick; **Lector**-Cheryl Hedlund; **Communion Set-up/takedown**- Mary Vollmer, Sharon Johnson, Dave Ostendorf; **Communion Assistants**- Nancy Martin, Yvonne Olson; **Comm. Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers** – Kaye Sims, Judy Krumweide; **Coffee Hour**-Sharon Johnson, Linda Schmidt; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Laura Burdick, Sharlene Parker; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman; **Parking Lot Duty**-Ron Johnson; **Julian Estates**-Mike & Debbie Stankovich

LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Sunday's Offering:

Last Sunday's Attendance:

Next week's Scriptures:

Ezekiel 2:1-10

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Mark 6:1-13

Happy 4th of July - Independence Day!

**You're invited: Meeker Mansion 4th of July Family Social & Puyallup Band Concert
2:00pm to 5:00 pm**

(Meeker Mansion is located at 312 Spring Street in Puyallup.)

With a hot dog in one hand and a glass of lemonade or strawberry shortcake in the other, enjoy an old fashioned 4th of July while playing games with the family and listening to some good old music. Be sure to spread out your blanket or set up your chair to enjoy the afternoon. Games begin at 2pm and the band will play from 3 to 5pm. Activities are FREE, with nominal charges for refreshments. For more information contact: ezra@meekermansion.org or [253-848-1770](tel:253-848-1770)



Finding freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness. —Vincent Nichols

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

Opening Hymn

“God Is Here”

WOV #719

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):

Oh God of life and death, our weeping may linger with night, but You give joy in the morning. Touch us with Your healing grace that, restored to wholeness, we may live out our calling as Your resurrection people. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Book. Lamentations, the 3rd chapter (ESV)

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;
³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever,
³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³ for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children
of men.

(Here ends this reading.)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 30. (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

Congregation: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

R: ² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C: and you have healed me.

R: ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

R: ⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C: and give thanks to his holy name.

R: ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

R: ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
C: I shall never be moved.

R: ⁷ By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;
C: you hid your face; I was dismayed.

R: ⁸ To you, O LORD, I cry,
C: and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

R: ⁹ “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
C: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

R: ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
C: O LORD, be my helper!”

R: ¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C: you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

R: ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

This reading is from Paul’s 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, the 8th chapter (ESV)

⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter, I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.

¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in

desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased, and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

(Here ends this reading.)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter (ESV). C: *Glory to You, O LORD.*

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell

down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sermon

Eric D. Hullstrom, Pastor

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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

**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. 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:

"Jesus Loves Me"

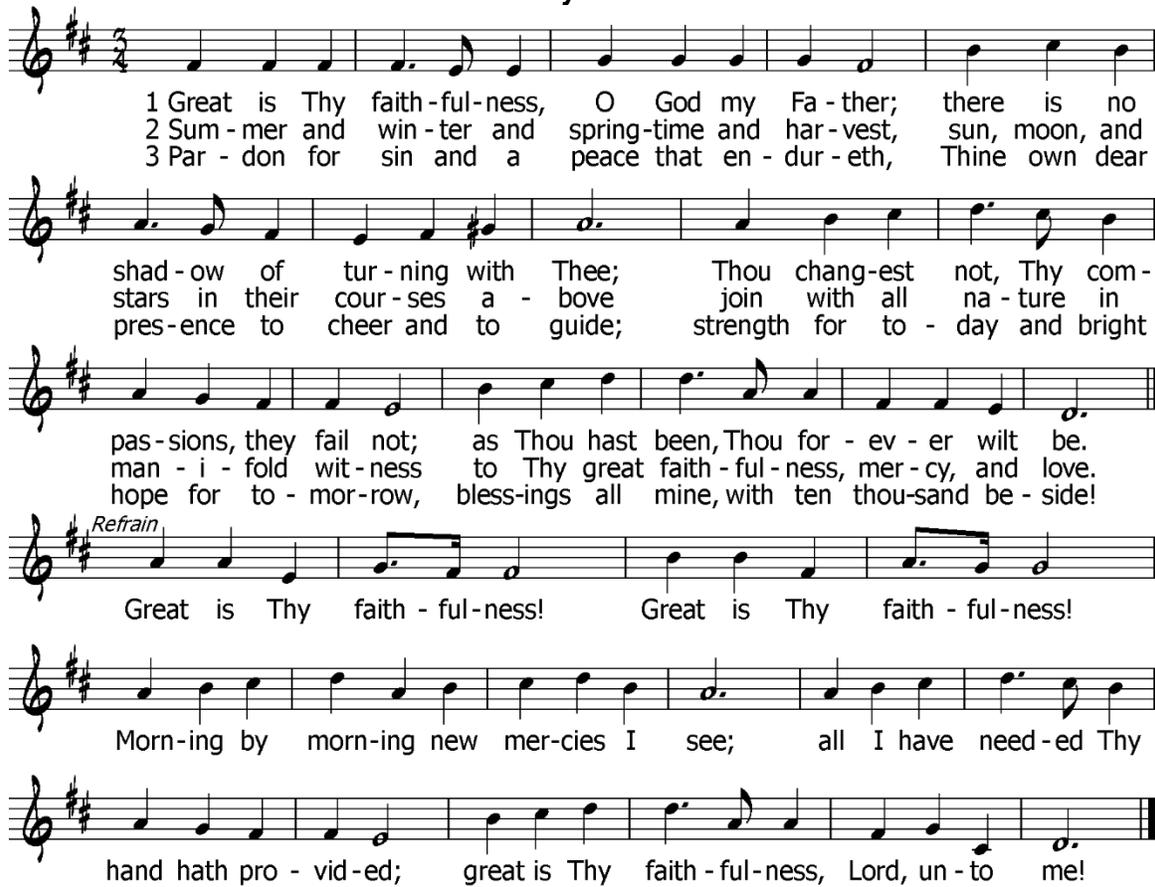
1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so:
2 Je - sus loves me! Loves me still, Though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be - side me all the way;

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died up - on the tree.
He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear
shad-ow of tur-ning with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-
stars in their cour-ses a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright
pas-sions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed Thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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“Blessed Assurance”

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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”**

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn:

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

WOV #723

We Worship by How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Lori Schmidt

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***Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
If you are a visitor, please sign the Red Registration Book.
Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.***

NEXT WEEK'S (July 8) 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** - Kaye Sims, Tom Groce; **Acolyte**- Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**-Pastor Gary Jepsen; **Sound System**-Ron Johnson; **Tellers**-Bonnie Socey, Judy Krumwiede; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Mary Vollmer, Lorraine Stargel; **Coffee Hour**-Linda Kupka, Jan Halverson; **Communion Setup/take down**-Sharlene Parker, Valerie Claiborne; **Communion Assistants**- Lorraine Stargel, Kitty Jepsen, Sharon Johnson; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Flowers**- Ardis Kilber; **Parking Lot**-Dennis Krumwiede; **Julian Estates Worship Leaders**- Dave & Judy Ostendorf

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. Peace and comfort to all who knew and loved **Elaine Kroger** (Dwight & Barbara Griswold) who passed away.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn). **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin), **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel), **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel). **Snookie Pankrantz**. **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). **John Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant. **Tony Horne** (Bob Martin & Hal Martin) **Robert Hawthorne** (Jim & Mei Barker), Sister-in-law **Wanee** (Sharlene Parker) starting her chemo, may her treatments go smoothly and she have no side effects. May God's peace be with her and her family. **Mary Anne Horiskey** (Bonnie DeBord), prayers for her eternal soul & for a peaceful passing as she is in the last days of hospice care.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.

Bob Ostrom (Steves' daughter-in-law's father) prayers for wisdom for caregivers to restore him to full mobility after stroke. **Kay Dightman** (relative of Phil & Virginia Steves) who has shingles, pray for recovery back to full health and to be pain free. Praise to God for **sister Dixie's** (Sharlene Parker) successful surgical procedure, prayers for quick healing. **Luda Vashchenko** (Barbara & Dwight Griswold), recovering from surgery, pray for comfort, peace and a speedy recovery. Pray for **Jim Held** for quick recovery and freedom of pain from shingles. Pray for son-in-law **Kurt Alfano** (Tom & Denise Alvord) as he recovers from a stroke, pray for strength, comfort and quick healing. Pray for continued healing and comfort for **Joe Burdick**. Pray for healing and comfort for **Joan** (Sarah DeBord's grandma) in the hospital for an infection that is having complications. Niece **Savanah** (Sharon Edwards) who has Graves disease, pray for her wellbeing and safe travel while on vacation. Prayers for **Roger** (Gary Gjerstad's brother) diagnosed with throat cancer, pray for doctor's discernment and successful treatment. Healing for daughter in law **Michelle Schmidt** (Larry & Linda Schmidt) hospitalized with rare fungus in lung, pray for doctor's wisdom, correct diagnosis and comfort and peace for Rob and Michelle. Pray for cousin **Merle** (Jan Halverson) hospitalized due to a fall.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world. Pray for safe travels for all Living Word members during the summer.

Independence Day lessons for church life

• **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.

• **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

• **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.

• **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann