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Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) is a community of believers growing in faith through worship, learning and fellowship — reaching out in Christ's love to witness and serve.

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TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

PRELUDE *"Worthy of Worship"* Blankenship | Hayes

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is observed for reflection.

P Compassionate God,
C **we confess to you all our sins.**
Our burden is heavy,
and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy
and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *(songsheet)* *"Soon and Very Soon"* Andraé Crouch

1 Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are goin' to see the King

3 No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE


Assistant:
P In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation:
C Lord, have mer - cy.
3rd time to Coda
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -
Assistant:
P For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
P For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you
cy.
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the
Coda
P Help, save, and de - fend us, O
cy.
*
Ending for Kyrie
God.
C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY



℗ Let us pray: O God of power and might,
your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right
and the strength to serve the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

℄ **Amen**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children (Pre-K thru 4th) are invited to the Kid's Room for a Bible story and craft.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

℔ A reading from the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

℔ Word of God, word of life.

℄ **Thanks be to God.**

L *Let us read the Psalm responsively with the pulpit side reading* I Psalm 95:1-7a
and the piano side reading II.

I O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!

II **Let us come into his presence**
with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise
to him with songs of praise!

I For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.

II **In his hand are the depths of the earth;**
the heights of the mountains are his also.

I The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

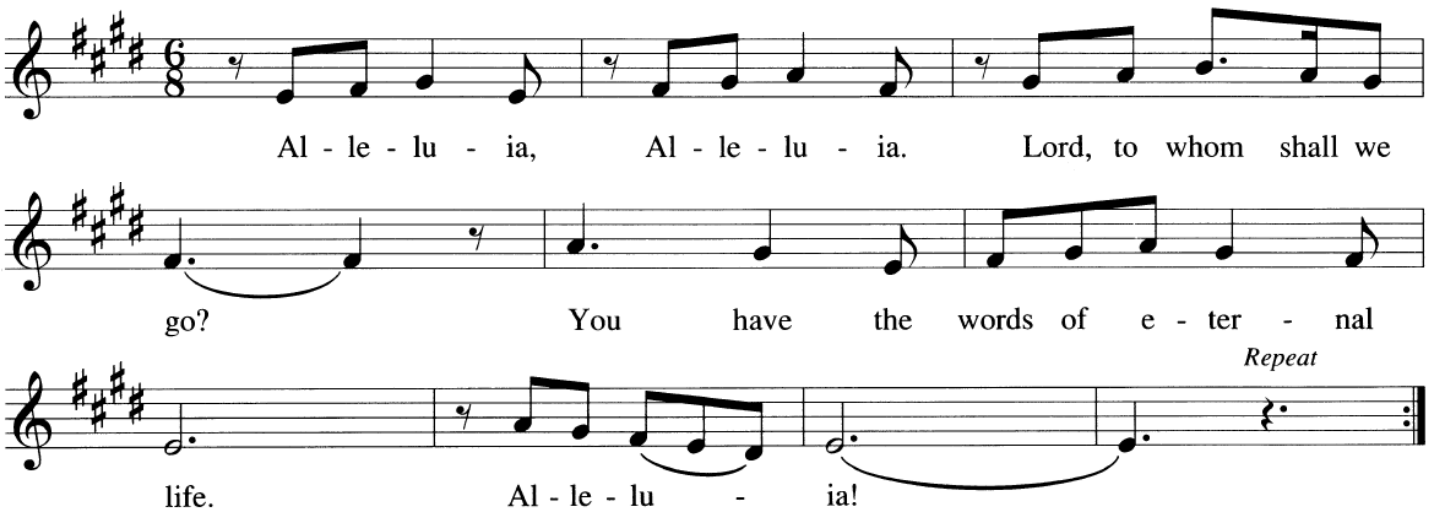
II **O come, let us worship and bow down;**
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

I For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

II **O that today you would listen to his voice!**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P A reading from the first chapter of Ephesians. Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. ►

That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE *"That's Our Lord"* Parish Lay Minister, Sally Weber-Hawthorne

HYMN *"I Will Follow"* Chris Tomlin

LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

A Let us profess what we believe:
C **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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need *especially … and those whom we name now….* God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"We Gather Together" Sorenson

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

"As the Grains of Wheat" Marty Haugen



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray: Loving God,

C **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

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 God thanks and praise.**

℗ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

℃ **Amen**. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

℃ **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

℗ Let us pray with confidence using the words our Savior taught us:

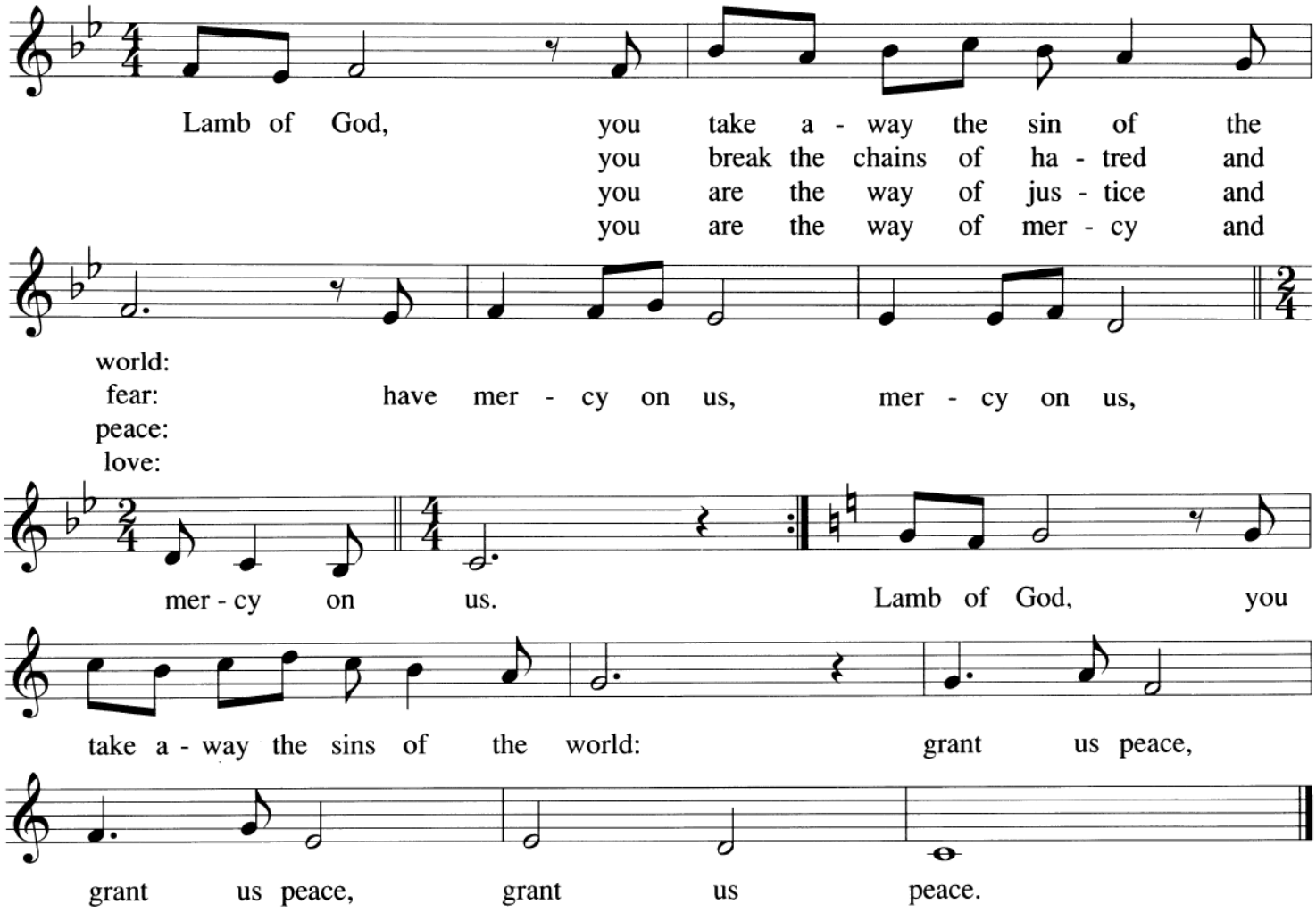
℃ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.

Invitation to Communion

℗ We say as a congregation that all are welcome at God's table.
No one is turned away that is seeking Christ.
If you have questions about what Communion is about,
please let me or one of our ushers know.
You are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION SONGS

"Goodness of God" — CeCe Winans

LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

(songsheet)

"Lift High the Cross" — Kitchin | Newbolt | Nichelson

Refrain

Lift high the cross
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name

1 Come, Christians, follow
Where our captain trod
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God
Refrain

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows
The seal of him who died
Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree
As thou hast promised
Draw us all to thee
Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Refrain

Instrumental music will follow the hymns as time allows.

℗ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

℄ **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle



Prayer after Communion

℟ Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

℄ **Amen**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✢ and give you peace.

C **Amen**

Sending Song

"He Is Exalted" — Twila Paris

Lyrics Will Appear on Screens

Dismissal

A God loves you. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God, and we will!**

Postlude

"God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again" — Hayes | Tomer

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Announcements

Decorate the Sanctuary & the Chrismon Tree
Volunteers are needed to stay *after worship on Sunday* to **decorate the sanctuary and the Chrismon tree**. With you help, it will go quickly!

Annual Christmas Toy Distribution
Do you know a family who is struggling and will not have a Merry Christmas? Contact the church office and we will include them in our **annual Christmas toy distribution**. We serve children ages birth-11. The deadline for turning in children's names for our annual Christmas Toy Distribution is *Thursday, Dec. 4th*. Families must sign up and pick up their own toys; no exceptions will be allowed. If you would like to be one of the elves who help bag the toys, please contact the church office.

No Wednesday Night Online Bible Study
The **"Evenings with Jesus"** online ZOOM Bible study meets not meet this coming *Wednesday. The study will resume Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 7pm*.

Advent Wreaths
Advent wreaths, calendars and devotionals are available *outside the sanctuary*. If you got a large wreath last year, but would prefer a smaller wreath, you're welcome to swap!

Church Office Closed
The **church office will be closed** *Thursday & Friday, Nov 26th and 27th* in celebration of **Thanksgiving**. Normal business hours will resume on *Monday, Nov. 30th at 8am.* Please contact Kathy Manning on her cell phone for immediate assistance.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to *Dixie Eoff's granddaughter, Addison,* who is a sophomore member of the Sulphur Springs High School Wildcat Marching band. They competed in 4A State finals in San Antonio on Nov. 11th and took home 2nd place of 23 competing bands! Also, Dixie's grandson, *Caleb* was part of the band's "road crew." We're so proud for Dixie and her family!

Life gets busy. In addition to our normal weekly schedule, here are the upcoming December events:

Crafters Club
Friday, Dec. 4th at 9:30am

Sing-a-Long at Asher Point
Sunday, Dec. 6th at 1:15pm

Outreach Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 6th at 12pm

Women's Bible Study & Lunch Group
Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 12pm

Confirmation Class
Sunday, Dec. 13th at 11:45am

Christmas Cookie Baking
Saturday, Dec. 12th TBD

Second Sunday Spaghetti Lunch & Christmas Cookie Exchange
Sunday, Dec. 13th at 11:45am

VBS Pizza & Planning
Sunday, Dec. 20th at 11:45am

Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, Dec. 24th at 3pm

Christmas Eve Service - Candlelight & Communion
Thursday, Dec. 24th at 6pm

Serving Today

Sunday School Facilitators

Adults.....Pastor Adam Stockton
Youth.....Collin Tang
Nursery.....Cassie Denney

Sunday Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister...Sally Weber-Hawthorne, PLM
Assisting Minister.....Joyce White
Pianist / Organist .....Dr. Barbara Case
Lector .....Rev. Charles Meyer
Acolyte .....Juliana Torres
Children's Church .....Sue Peippo
Altar Care .....Brenda Barajas
Communion Assistant .....Steven Richardson
Ushers .....Amanda Beisert & Gary Beisert
Welcome Table .....Nancy Dreesen
Projectionist .....Mark Peippo
Videographer .....Kathy Manning

Stewardship

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Week of Sunday, November 15, 2026

Attendance

In-Person Worship.....66
YouTube Online Viewing 66
Sermon YouTube Viewing.....26
Children's Church.....0
Nursery 1
Adult Sunday School.....13
Men's Coffee Group 8
Evenings with Jesus Study 6

Total Month Income:

General Offering.....$13,211.00
Expense Goal $22,660.08

Designated Offerings

Building Usage $20.00
Fellowship $287.00
Helping Hands.....$100.00
Lutheran Disaster Response.....$100.00
Market Depot $50.00
Pastor Appreciation $25.00
Quilt Raffle $305.00
Retirement Fund: Kathy Manning.....$225.00
World Hunger.....$106.24
Total $1,218.24

Calendar

Sunday, November 22nd
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship / Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

Monday, November 23rd
7:00 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, November 24th
5:30 pm Life Group at Pfeiffer's

Wednesday, November 25th
10:00 am Men's Coffee Group

Thursday, November 26th
Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29th
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship / Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship & Children's Church
11:45 am Confirmation Class

Prayer Requests

Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.

Barbara Case (strength/healing)
Lorna Case (injection/healing/pain relief)
Sarah Cheek (healing)
Michael Eblen (healing)
Muriel Johnson (healing)
Sabra Maddox (healing)
Xitlali Mendoza-Hale (peace)
Paul Richards (healing)
Penny Yarasavich (healing)
Paul Wasmund (healing)
Joyce Tjosvold (healing)
Doug (Alzheimer's/stroke) brother of Stan Simmons
Mary Holland (healing)
Renita Wright (healing)
Brad (cancer/healing) brother of Loide Wasmund
Brenda Neal (long COVID/healing)
Johnny (healing/palliative care) uncle of Chuck Manning
Ember & family (healing/medical bills) friends of the Stockton family