**TO GRACE:** We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord.

#### **Grace's Mission**

♣ Sharing God's Grace♣ Living His Word♣ Making Disciples

**Grace Lutheran Church** is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16* 

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16* 

**We Believe** "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9* 

**We Believe** our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12* 

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available. A nursery is available for children age 3 and under. Ask an usher for directions.

**Hearing Impaired** For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 2024

"SERVICE AND SACRIFICE"

#### AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

#### TEACHING CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Pase or the Elder on duty.

If your health limits you, please don't feel required to stand during the worship service.



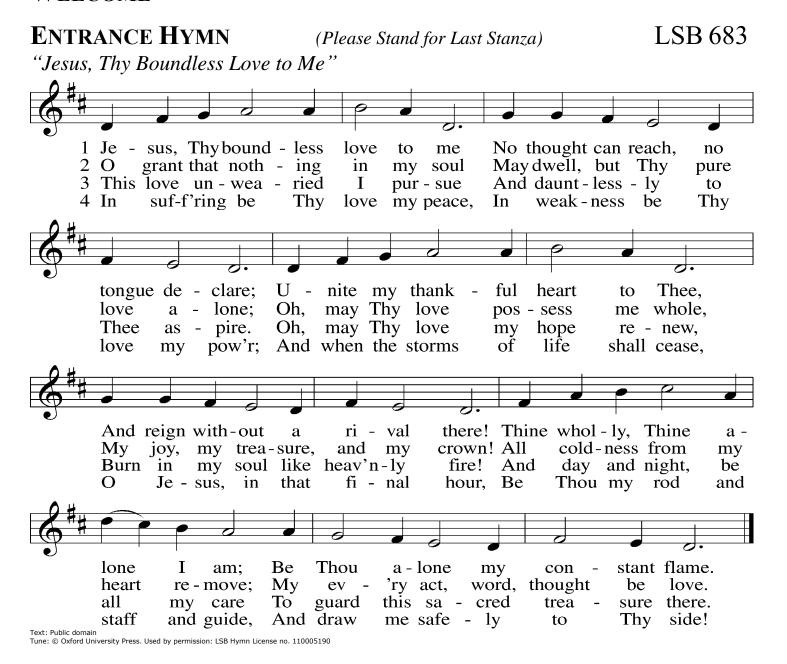
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



# **♣** SERVICE OF PREPARATION **♣**

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME

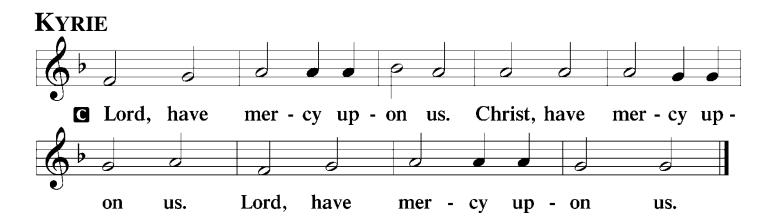


#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the **▼** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ▶ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# → SERVICE OF THE WORD →

(please be seated)

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

(God's new covenant.)

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM**

# PSALM 119:9-16; ANTIPHON V. 10

- With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!
- **P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
- **C** By guarding it according to Your Word.
- **P** With my whole heart I seek You;
- **C** let me not wander from Your commandments!
- **P** I have stored up Your Word in my heart,
- c that I might not sin against You.
- P Blessèd are You, O LORD;
- **C** teach me Your statutes!
- **P** With my lips I declare
- all the just decrees of Your mouth.
- **P** In the way of Your testimonies I delight
- **C** as much as in all riches.
- **P** I will meditate on Your precepts
- and fix my eyes on Your ways.
- **P** I will delight in Your statutes;
- **C** I will not forget Your Word.
- A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!

HEBREWS 5:1-10

(Jesus is our great High Priest)

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)

### **VERSE**

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. *Mark* 10:45

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45

(The Son of Man came to serve and give His life.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



## **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life # of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

"My Song Is Love Unknown"





love - less shown That they might love Love to the 1y me, The longed - for stow; But men made strange, and none Christ would sing; day their Re - sound-ing all the Ho - san - nas to spite? He made the lame He blind their to run, gave the





#### 5 They rise and needs will have

My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful He

To suff'ring goes

That He His foes

From thence might free.

My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

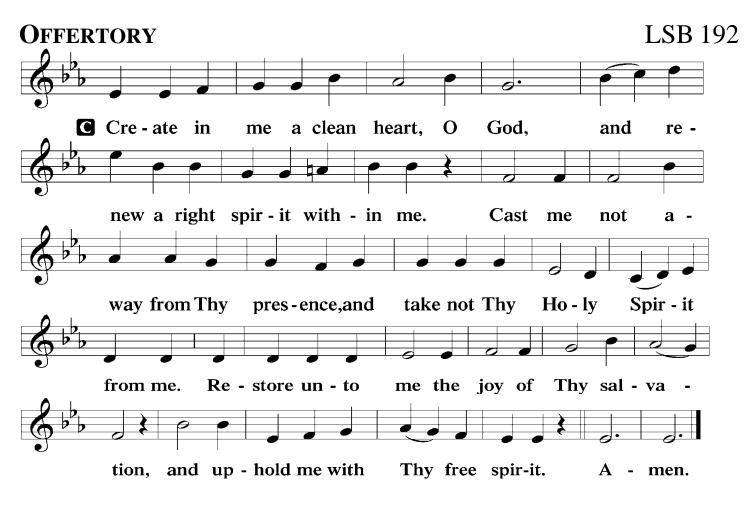
7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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SERMON TITLE: "IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU"
SERMON TEXT: MARK 10:35-45

(please stand)



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#### WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY ORGAN

"Love Unknown"

(please stand)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

## 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 and ever.
Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

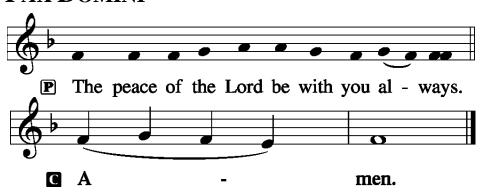
#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

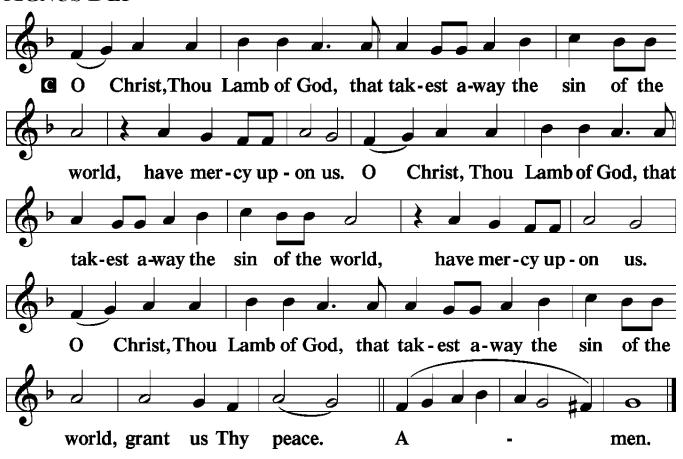
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**



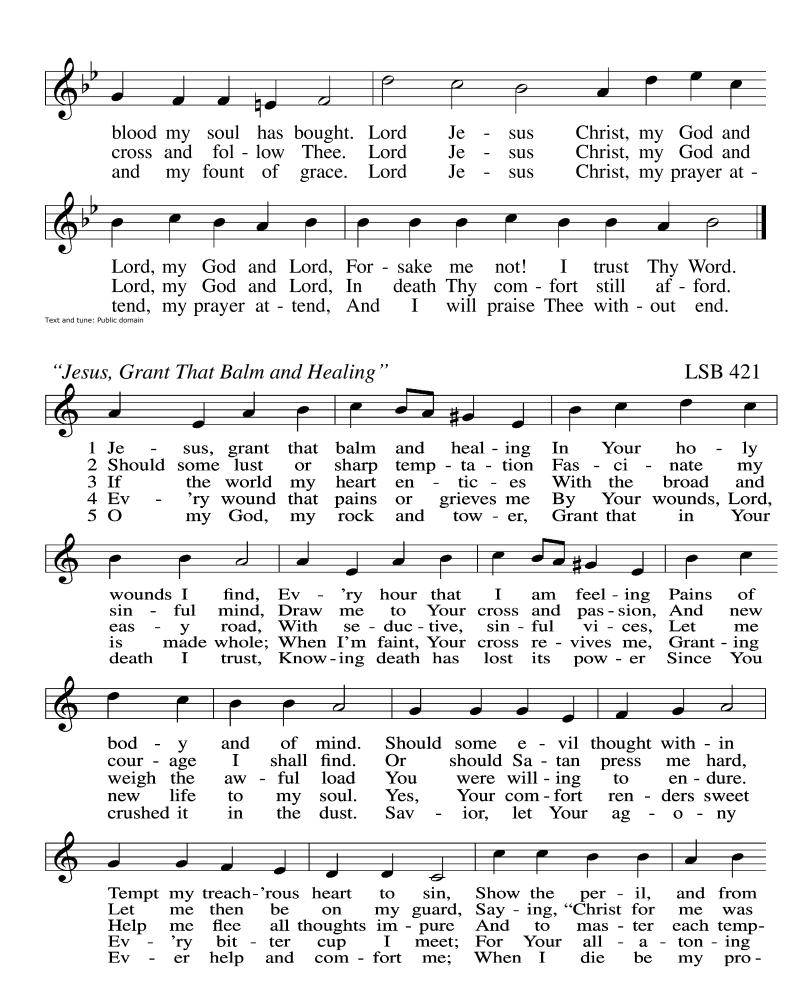
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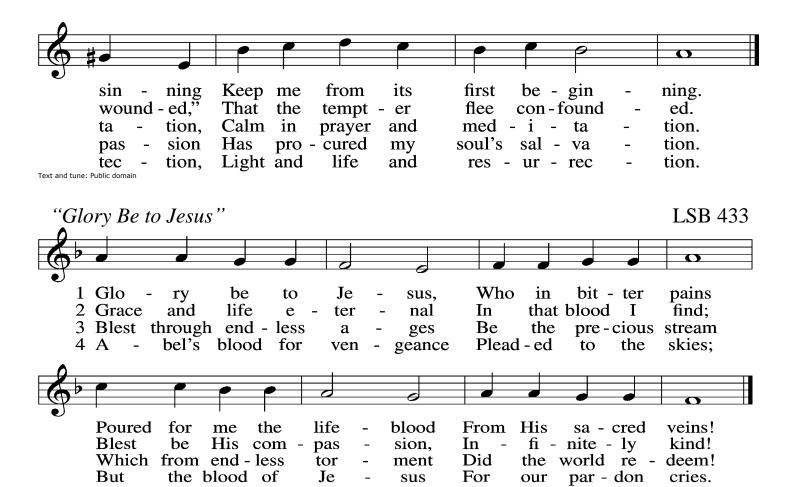


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#### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**







- 5 Oft as earth exulting
  Wafts its praise on high,
  Angel hosts rejoicing
  Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
  Swell the mighty flood;
  Louder still and louder
  Praise the precious blood!

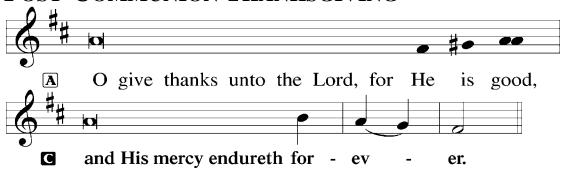
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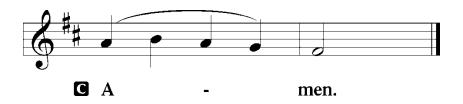
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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**



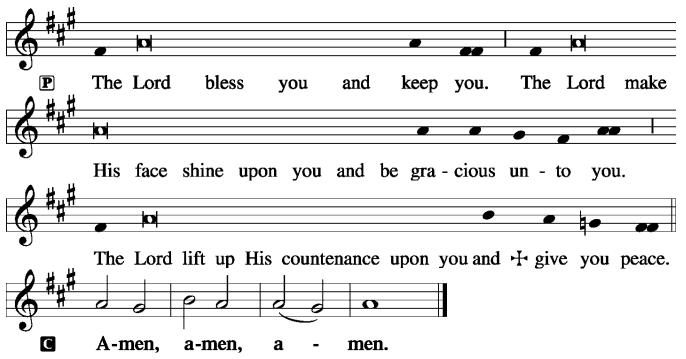
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"



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## **POSTLUDE**

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# To God Alone Be the Glory THOSE WHO SERVE

Presiding Minister	
Organist	Virginia DeBerry
Joyful Chorus Director	Cindy Hilton
Acolyte	Cadence Hall
Elders	Tim Benton / Pete Lufholm
Ushers	Jerry Gilmore
	Brent Keesee
	Steve DeShaw
	Jim Raven
	Dennis Wehmeyer
Altar Guild	. Cindy Hilton/Pat Lufholm/Margie Norton
Teller	Jonathan McCann
Nursery	Michelle Boyles

## **GRACE PRAYS**

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation's leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

## ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

\* Mike Barbian, Jim Hill, Melinda Richmond, & David Stock.

## ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Diane Richey (Carol Massie's sister) was diagnosed on 12/28 with stage 4 Metastatic Lung cancer. Tests showed a mutation. She will be treated with a chemo pill (1 daily, for 6 weeks.) Prognosis is months to 1 year.
- ❖ Walther Marcis (Pastor's father-in-law) Tests scheduled to determine if he is a candidate for the TAVR procedure.
- ❖ Lana's father (friends of Virginia DeBerry) has Stage 3 or 4 lung cancer. PET scan shows it hasn't spread. He will have chemo and possibly radiation if not operable.
- ❖ Bryce (Khristi Moritz's nephew) was in a serious motorcycle accident. He is improving slowly. The vent was removed. Recovery will be a long one.
- ❖ Michele Hayden has abdominal pain. Ultrasound shows enlarged liver & kidney cysts. Following up with specialists.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

❖ Jana (friend of Sandra Parsley) the scan showed her lungs are clear and healthy.

## PRAYERS OF MOURNING

❖ Kayla Rigney (friend of RJ & Kinsey Pase) died on 3/1.

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Please see Grace in Action for the week's calendar and other important information regarding the ministry of our congregation!