

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*January 26, 2025*  
*St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor,*  
*Third Sunday After Epiphany*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #551 "For All the Saints" Public Domain

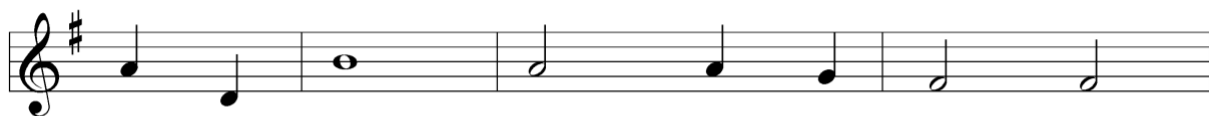
SAINTS AND MARTYRS

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### For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their  
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress,  
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low -  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the



la - bors rest, All who their faith be -  
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain  
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who  
 ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle;  
 war - fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O  
in the well - fought fight And in the  
no - bly fought of old And win with  
they in glo - ry shine, Yet all are  
dis - tant tri - umph - song, And hearts are



Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
dark - ness drear their one true light.  
them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
one with - in your grand de - sign.  
brave a - gain and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



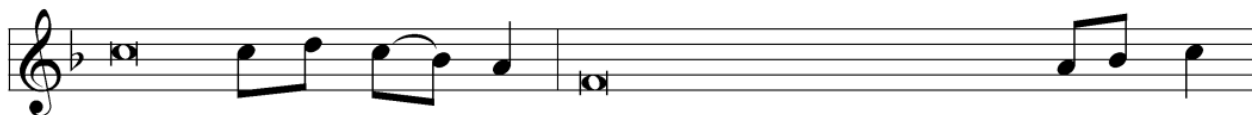
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O almighty God, you have always given your Church faithful shepherds to feed and nourish your flock. Grant that all pastors may rightly preach your Word and administer your sacraments that your people may be guided in the way that leads to eternal life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** Acts 20:28-35

<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that be working hard in the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

### **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 84

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



How lovely is your dwelling place.\*  
O LORD Almighty.

My soul yearns, even faints,\*  
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;\*  
They are ever praising you. **Refrain**

Better is one day in your courts,\*  
Than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God\*  
than dwell in the the tents of wicked.

O LORD Almighty,\*  
blessed are they who trust in you.

**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. Refrain**

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## **SECOND LESSON: Titus 1:1-9**

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word though the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup> To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

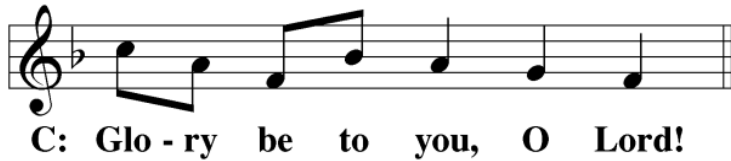
<sup>5</sup> This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— <sup>6</sup> if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (Pastor speaks Psalm 71:15a)

Alleluia. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long. Alleluia.

**STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 24:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<sup>45</sup> “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>47</sup> Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.”

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## **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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,**

**and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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.**

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #552 “By All Your Saints Still Striving”**

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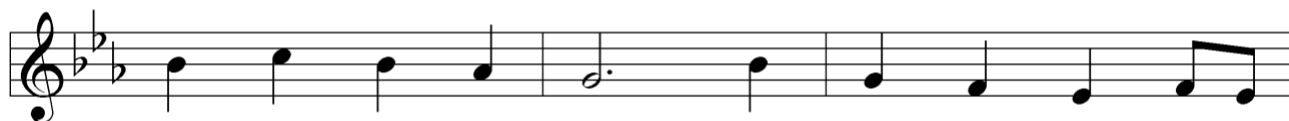
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## By All Your Saints Still Striving

St. Timothy and St. Titus



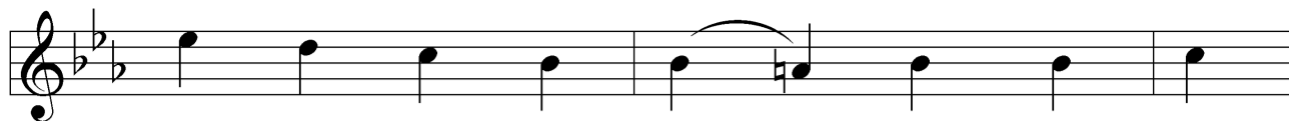
1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For  
 2 All praise for faith - ful pas - tors, Who  
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 preached and taught your Word, For Tim - o - thy and  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You  
 Ti - tus, True serv - ants of their Lord. Lord,  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they  
 help your pas - tors nour - ish The souls  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in  
 with - in their care, So that your Church may  
 be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.  
 flour - ish And all your bless - ings share.  
 glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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# SERMON

STAND

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – EPIPHANY SEASON (p. 124)

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**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C:** You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C:** **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C:** **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and

with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph. **C: Amen.**

## **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.**

## ***BE SEATED***

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

***NOTE:*** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

## ***STAND***





# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

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## For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove  
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove  
 3 They all in life and death, With you,  
 4 For this your name we bless And hum -



in you to live, Who fol - lowed you, o -  
 in you to die, Who count - ed you their  
 their Lord, in view, Learned from your Ho - ly  
 bly pray a - new That we like them in



beyed, a - dored, Our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
 great re - ward, Ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
 Spir - it's breath To suf - fer and to do.  
 ho - li - ness May live and die in you.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, abr., alt.

Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

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## Oh, How Blest Are They



1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are  
 2 We are still as in a dun - geon  
 3 They mean - while are in their cham - bers  
 4 Christ has wiped a - way their tears for -  
 5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that



end - ed, Who through death have un - to God as -  
 liv - ing, Still op - pressed with sor - row and mis -  
 sleep - ing, Qui - et and set free from all their  
 ev - er; They have that for which we still en -  
 bind us; Lead us forth and cast this world be -



ced - ed! They have a - ris - en From  
 giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings Are  
 weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness There  
 deav - or. To them are chant - ed Songs  
 hind us. With you, th' A - noint - ed, Finds



the cares which keep us still in pris - on.  
 but toils and trou - bles and heart - break - ings.  
 can hin - der their un - trou - bled glad - ness.  
 that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed.  
 the soul its joy and rest ap - point - ed.

MINISTRY

# 542 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to  
 2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your  
 3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their



you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to  
 Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and  
 sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns



serve you, Lord, They go to share your  
 make them strong To heal sin's ills, to  
 what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,



liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -  
 right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and  
 Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment



claim That all may know your sav - ing name.  
 wave, And might - y is your arm to save.  
 seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

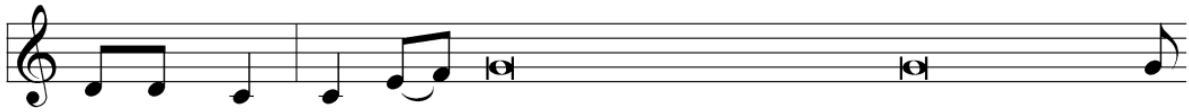
# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

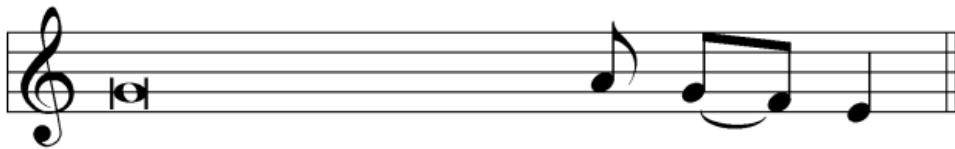


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

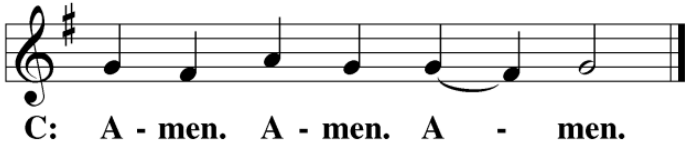


C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



### **OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer  
Communion Assistant: Ron Bude; Organist: Jan Jacobi

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:30 AM Sunday School  
~10:40 AM Stewardship Presentation  
Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class  
Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal  
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:30 AM Sunday School  
~10:40 AM Stewardship Presentation

**Serving Feb. 2:** Altar Guild – Sarah Burcon; Ushers: #4

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All members are asked to attend at least on the Stewardship Presentations:

Sunday, January 26	10:40 AM
Sunday, February 2	10:40 AM
Wednesday, February 5	6:30 PM
Saturday, February 8	10:30 AM

You should have received an email about these presentation. It is anticipated the presentation will take 1.5 hours. Please reply to



Pastor Schaefer ([peschaef5@gmail.com](mailto:peschaef5@gmail.com)) so that the proper amount of snacks and materials can be prepared. If you are out of town, it is possible to Zoom the presentation to you. Please let Pastor Schaefer know. Thank you!

**RESULTS OF CALL MEETING** – Last Sunday, St. Peter’s congregation called the Rev. Robert Frick to be our associate pastor. Pastor Frick currently serves as associate pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Waukesha Wisconsin. He is married to Amy. The Lord has blessed them with five children. Please keep Pastor Frick and his family in your prayers as he prayerfully deliberates where the Lord would have him serve in the Lord’s kingdom.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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