

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**



## **First & Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**2740 Parker Ave.**

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*The Rev. Dan Baker, Pastor*

*The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Breznen, Pastor*

# Order of Worship

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: 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 perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

*(Kneel if you wish)*

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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

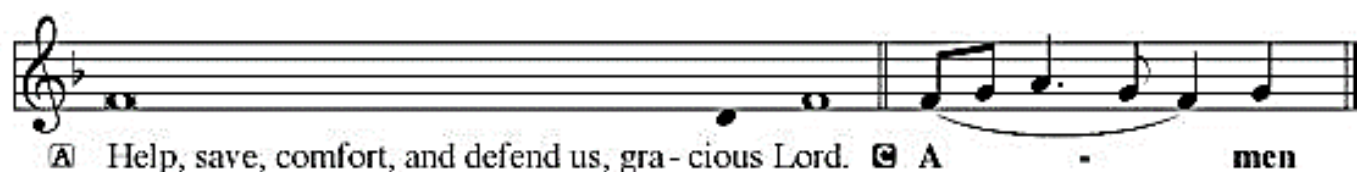
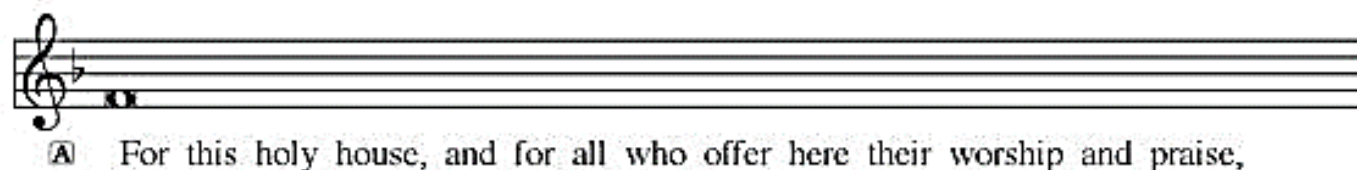
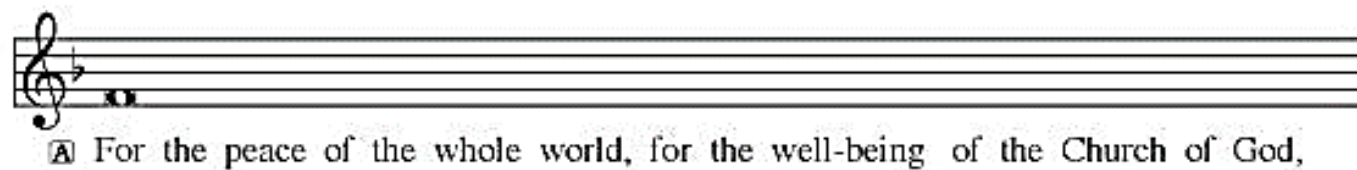
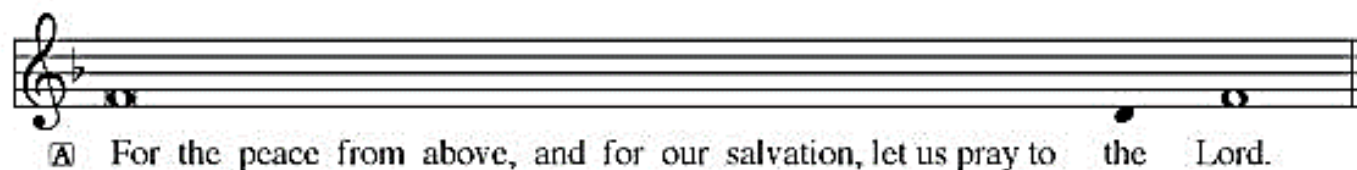
**C: Amen**

## **GREETING**

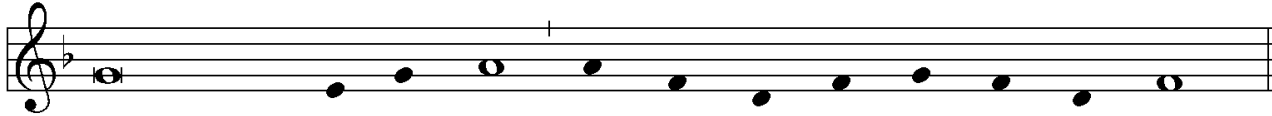
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



**☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:**



**We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.**



**Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:**



**You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther;      re-ceive our prayer.**



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,      you a-lone are the Lord,



**you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,**



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . . Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*First Lutheran Church Council will meet on Sunday, July 7th after worship.

\*\*\*Would you like to share in the deeper life and mission of the church? Join us for two **New Members Classes** on July 28 and August 4th where you will meet others joining, discover more about what our churches are doing together, and how you can be a part of this vital ministry. Contact the office (561) 833-9653 or [secretary.firstchurch@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.firstchurch@outlook.com) today!

\*\*\*Everyone has a gift to offer, time to give, and/or talent to share that will help make our congregations vibrant places of worship and service to our Lord. Individually, prayerfully fill the **Time and Talent** sheets and turn them in today!

\*\*\*Join us for a three-week **Bible study** July 7, 14, and 21 after worship: "The Elijah Book: The Story of the Passover." Come and deepen your understanding!

## FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;

<sup>26</sup> it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> It is good for a man to bear the yoke  
while he is young.

<sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone in silence,  
for the LORD has laid it on him.

<sup>29</sup> Let him bury his face in the dust—  
there may yet be hope.

<sup>30</sup> Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,  
and let him be filled with disgrace.

<sup>31</sup> For no one is cast off  
by the Lord forever.

<sup>32</sup> Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,  
so great is his unfailing love.

<sup>33</sup> For he does not willingly bring affliction  
or grief to anyone.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

<sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> 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 through his poverty might become rich.

<sup>10</sup> And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. <sup>11</sup> Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

<sup>13</sup> Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. <sup>14</sup> At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, <sup>15</sup> as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**KIDS TALK**

Pastor Dan Baker



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

<sup>31</sup> “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Michael Breznen

*Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: - *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 turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es 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.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P: The Lord be with you!**

**C: And also with you!**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

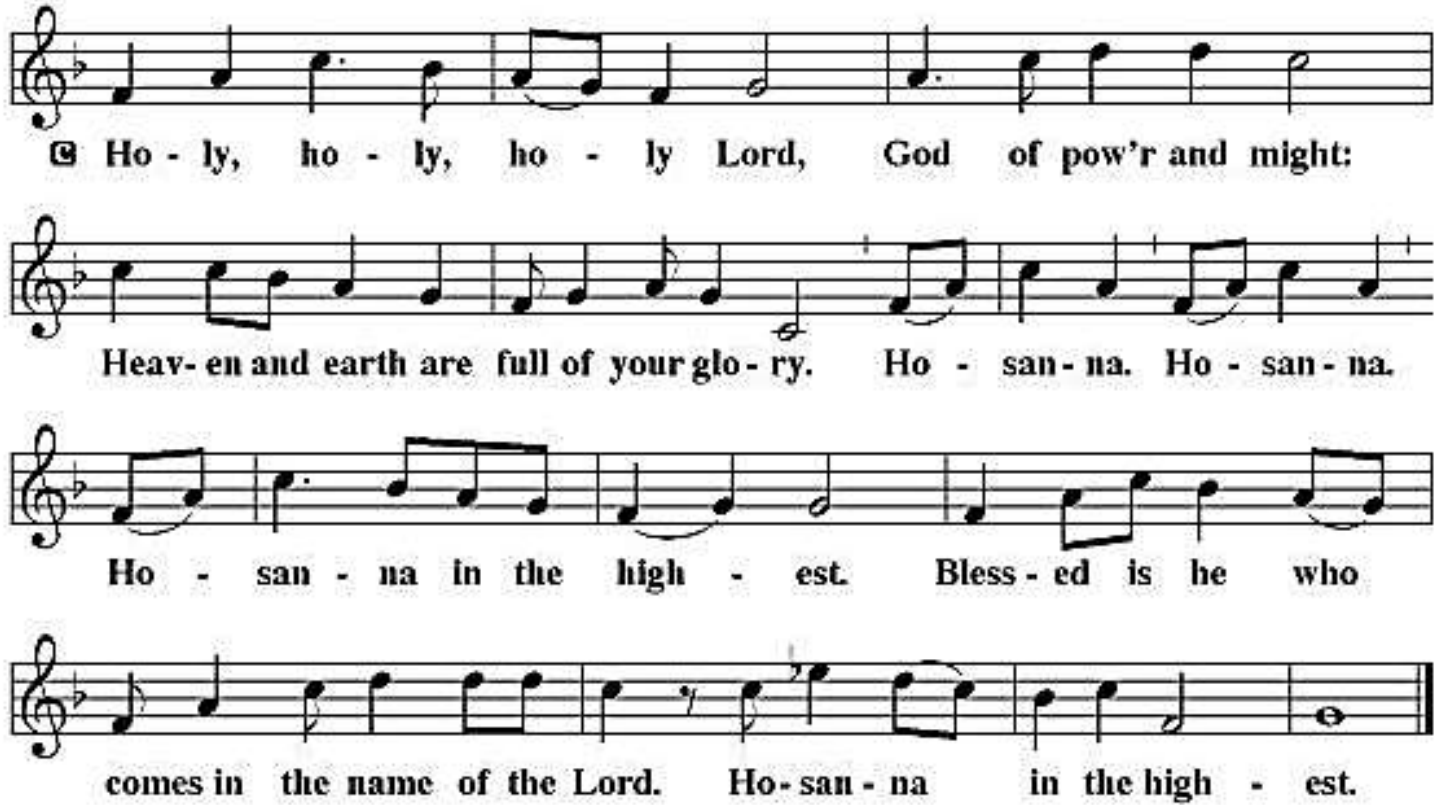
**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT**

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Lutheran. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing, but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is located in the center of the communion trays.

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **BENEDICTION**

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**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN – *Oh, For a 1000 Tongues to Sing*



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fearsand bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.  
5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me.  
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**WELCOME** to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

### **Serving in Worship Today**

<b>Presiding:</b>	The Rev. Dan Baker	<b>Supplicant:</b>	The Rev. Dan Baker
<b>Assisting:</b>	The Rev. Michael Breznen	<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Dan Baker
<b>Liturgist:</b>	The Rev. Dan Baker	<b>Crucifer:</b>	Tom Kalorgis
<b>Lector:</b>	Gary Sellari	<b>Comm. Asst.:</b>	Dianne Breznen & Pastors
<b>Gospeler:</b>	The Rev. Dan Baker	<b>Music &amp; Video:</b>	Sera Butz
<b>Preaching:</b>	The Rev. Michael Breznen	<b>Sound:</b>	Ken Burton
<b>Musician:</b>	Anne Akerson		

### **Remember in Prayer**

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and Ukraine; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for Youth for Christ, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt. We also pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Brian Bell** – car accident (Lori Kinney’s son-in-law); **Grunwald/Mansfield Families** – on passing of Cheryl Grunwald (LeeAnne’s aunt); **Carson Lanza**; **Judith Miller**; **Logan** – heart complications (2-month old cousin of Todd Parrish); **Ken Wolf** – throat cancer (friend of Todd Parrish); **Malary Palmer** (Todd Parrish’s cousin) – chemical dependency; **Patrick Murphy** – addiction; **Elizabeth Ducally**- breast cancer (Tracy Graham's mother); **Nina** (Todd Parrish’s friend) – brain surgery; **Dale Bedwell** (recovering from stroke complications); **Cyndy Sellari** - for healing; **Joan Cannon** – health issues; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

Holy Cross prayer requests: **Allan, Claudia, Diane, Gertrude, Hal, John, Jyl & Family, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, Memphis-Rose, Patrick, Peter, Stan, and Wayne.**

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