Second Sunday in Lent March 5th



CONCORDIA

Lutheran Church Preschool & University Ministry

1015 NE Orchard Dr. Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 332-2830, www.concordiapullman.org

Matt Gulseth, Pastor matt.gulseth@ concordiapullman.org Elizabeth O'Loughlin, Church Life Coordinator ElizabethOloughlin@ concordiapullman.org Amber King, Preschool Director preschool@ concordiapullman.org Jodie Stahlecker, Administrative Assistant jodie.stahlecker@ concordiapullman.org

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +



Text: © 1984 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005419 Tune: Public domain

(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ HOLY BAPTISM +

(Stand)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of

Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

(The pastor addresses each candidate:)

- P How are you named?
- R [Name]

(The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:)

- [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your
 → forehead and upon your
 + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold <u>[name(s)]</u> according to Your boundless mercy and bless <u>[him/her/them]</u> with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in <u>[him/her/them]</u>, which has been inherited from Adam and which <u>[he himself / she herself / they themselves]</u> [has/have] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that <u>[he/she/they]</u> be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, <u>[he/she/they]</u> would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- IP From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

- P Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- **R** Yes, with the help of God.
- God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

(The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:)

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.
- P [Name(s)], do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.

- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- [P] [Name], do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

(The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:)

- [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:)

- P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + + everlasting.
- C Amen.

(The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:)

Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

(Stand)

- \mathbf{P} Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

- P What is the third commandment?
- **C** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

P What does this mean?

• We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

P What is the fourth commandment? Honor your father and your mother.

P What does this mean?

• We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

- 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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Kneel/Stand)

(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.

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

(Sing the Glory be and then resume with the antiphon (He remembers...))
INTROIT
Psalm 2

Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

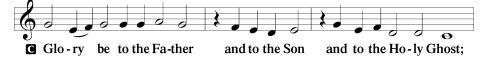
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

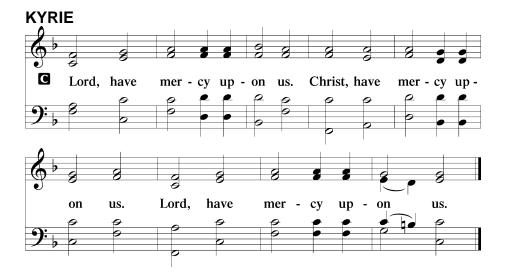
He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



LSB 186

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



• O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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



¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills.* From where does my | help come?
²My help comes | from the LORD,* who made | heaven and earth.

³He will not let your | foot be moved;* he who keeps you will not | slumber.
⁴Behold, he who keeps | Israel* will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all | evil;* he will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep

your going out and your | coming in* from this time forth and for- | evermore.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."...

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

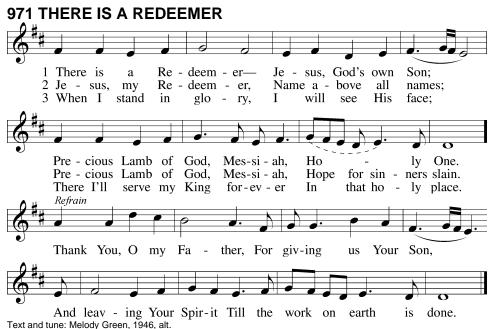
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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.

(Sit)

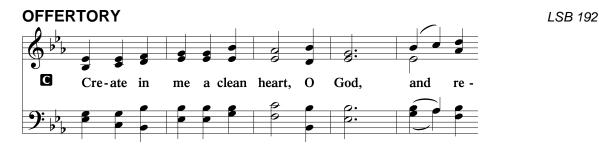


Text and tune: © 1982 Birdwing Music, admin. EMI. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005419

SERMON

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

(Stand)





(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

■ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For grace that we with Abraham hear and follow the call to faith and that God count such faith as righteousness, as once Abraham was commended to God, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- For grace that, having received the new birth of water and the Spirit, we daily manifest this new life and show forth the fruits of this new birth in word and in deed, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For grace that our government and those who lead us be equipped with wisdom and courage to do what is pleasing in God's sight, for peace among the nations, and for the protection of the unborn and the frail against threat and abuse, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace, that God relieve the suffering and heal the sick according to His will, that He give peace to the dying and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, [*especially*...], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- For grace that the forces of evil be hindered and for freedom that the Gospel be preached in every place and to every people, that they become with us sons and daughters of Abraham by faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For grace, that God grant His blessing to our Church; to [name], presiding in our Synod; [name], our District President; [name], our Circuit Visitor; [name(s)], our pastor(s); and to all of God's people as they fulfill their baptismal vocation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

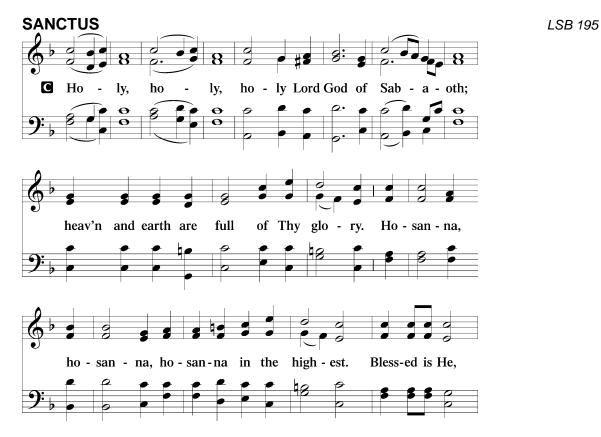
- For grace that we give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings, for His mercies new every morning, and for generous hearts that we return to Him the tithes and offerings of money with our song of praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For grace, that we who approach the Lord's Table be prepared to receive there the holy body and precious blood of Christ and so be nourished and strengthened for His service, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.
- **C** Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. Amen.

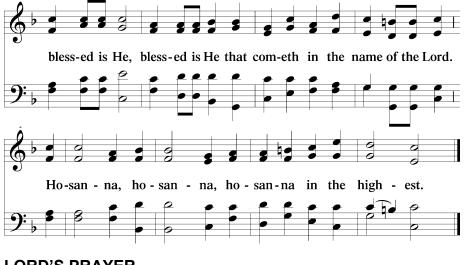
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

LSB 162

LSB 197

LSB 197

AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION

543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

644 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

550 LAMB OF GOD

617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

(Stand)



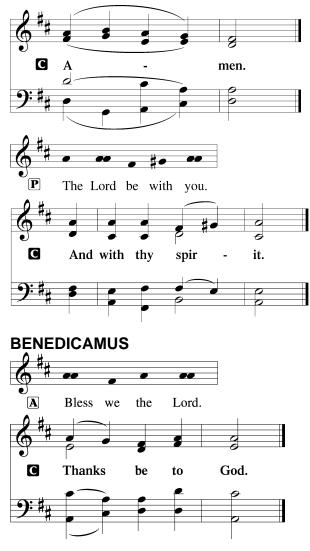


THANKSGIVING

LSB 200



▲ 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 in 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.



BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- **G** Amen, amen, amen.

LSB 202

LSB 202

435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN 1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin ners, ru - ined 2 Come in pov - er and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with ty 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed. im - po -4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er: 'Tis soul - re а fall; the Here heal - ing foun - tain by а pure and From in - fec - tion out. with - in; and un - clean - ness, tent, and blind; the guilt - y, Here free re - mis - sion, faith - ful; new - ing flood. God is God will nev - er Flows for you, for me. for all. In full. per а lep - ro - sy Wash your From the of sin, robes and Here the trou-bled, peace find. Health this foun - tain may Break His cov - e - nant of blood. Signed when our Re pet - ual tide, 0 when our Sav - ior died. pened make them white: Ye shall walk with light. God in will They that drink shall thirst re - store; no more. Sealed He deem - er died. when was glo - ri - fied. Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

Text and tune: Public domain

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible,

English Standard Version[®]), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

PrayersPrayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for Sarah Knight, Karl Olsen, Andrea Cady, Desmond O'Loughlin, Alvina Whetzel, Lainey Robinson, Carol Thornton, and Shay Connell who are celebrating their birthdays.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **mental health concerns.**

Prayers for comfort and understanding for **all those who are battling cancer.**

For **Cindy Linnemann** who has cancer.

Healing for Jim Steck, Kristen Robinson's dad, as he has pancreatic cancer.

Comfort for Linda Sitze and family as she is now on hospice and for all on hospice

For **Clark** as he mourns the death of his wife.

Healing for **Shay**, as she has a series of viral infections and is undergoing other tests and treatments.

Other Prayers

Safety for **all who are traveling**.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

For those who are pregnant that God would protect them.

For the unemployed and underemployed that God will provide.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.