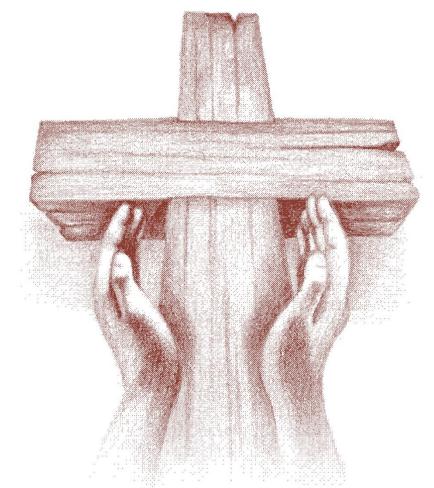
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:

JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.

1 JOHN 3:16

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (currently 9:15-10:15am)

Adult Bible Class: will be studying Christology (The Study of the Person of Christ.)

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Until further notice there will NOT be a staffed nursery during the Sunday School hour.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.**



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Order of Service: Divine Service 1

AS WE GATHER

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14–16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17–19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4–6).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

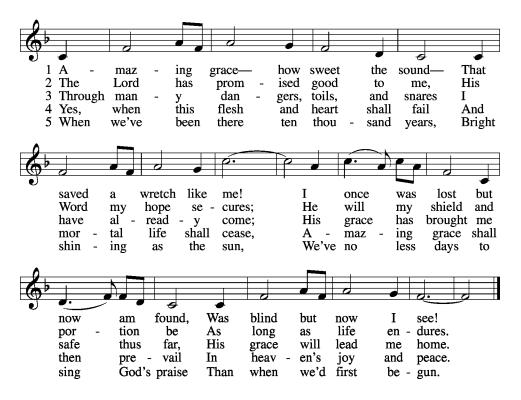
PRELUDE Glory Be to Jesus

John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

OPENING HYMN Amazing Grace



Stand

→ THE PREPARATION →

INVOCATION

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

 $label{eq:P}$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen. Matthew 28:19b

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **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.

 1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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... and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

★ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE

(During the penitential season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

ANTHEM

By Grace I'm Saved arr. Delancy Adult Handbells

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁵and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁵so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your

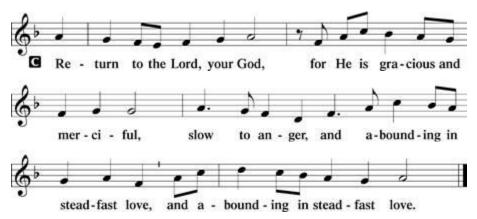
own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Verse for Lent Joel 2:13



HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

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[Jesus said:] "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. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the

world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

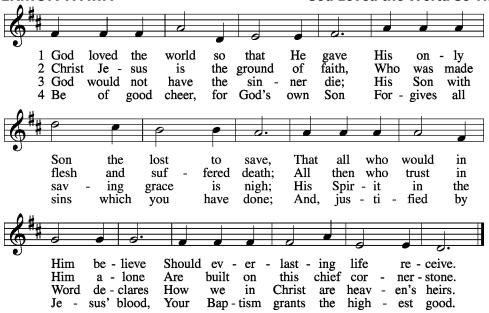
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READING THE FAITH (as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)

- **P** THE LORD'S PRAYER SECOND PETITION
- **C** Thy Kingdom Come
- **P** What does this mean?
- The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
- P How does God's Kingdom come?
- God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.
- THE LORD'S PRAYER THE THIRD PETITION
- Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- **P** What does this mean?
- The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
- P How is God's will done?
- God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

SERMON HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave



- If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.
- Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

SERMON

It's All About Love
John 3:14-21
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P O Lord God, in these Lenten days we pray that You would draw us into Your light. Expose where we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross for our salvation and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P O God, You loved the world by giving Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him might be saved. We pray that You would bless the work of Your Church and

those called to preach Your Gospel [including Pastor Schultz, Pastor Ada & Vicar Elowsky]. By Your Spirit, create and sustain saving faith within us and all who hear Your Word, that we may not be condemned but saved and raised up with Christ to be seated with Him in the heavenly places. Lord, in Your mercy,

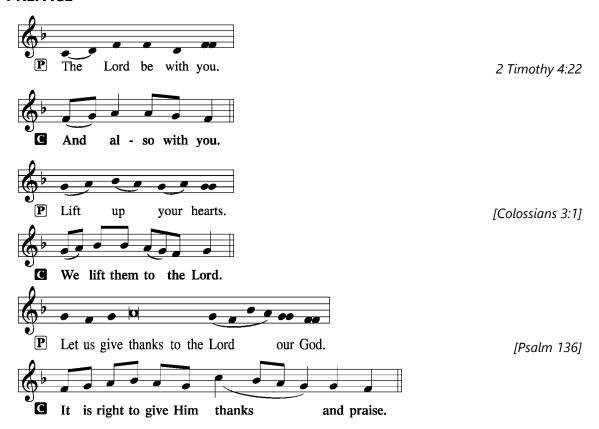
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O God, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. We pray that Your Spirit would be at work within us, that we may not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works You have prepared for us to do in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord God, You have set Joe Biden, our president, and Laura Kelly, our governor, as authorities over us for our good. Keep us, we pray, from speaking against them and so against You. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O God, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter _____ and all who suffer in body, mind or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O good Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever, we lift up our voices in thanksgiving that You have redeemed us out of trouble and gathered us here to feed our hungering and thirsting souls, that they may not faint within us. Satisfy our longing with the good things of Your Son's body and blood, that we may abide in Your eternal peace now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

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OFFERING PRAYER

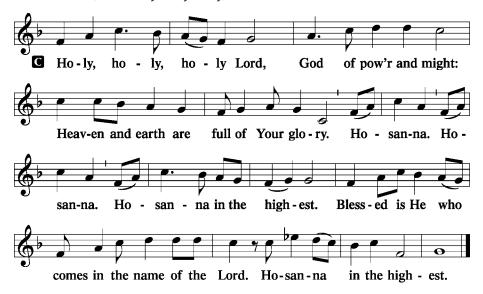
+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

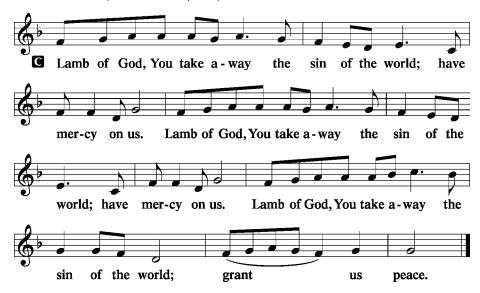
John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

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

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

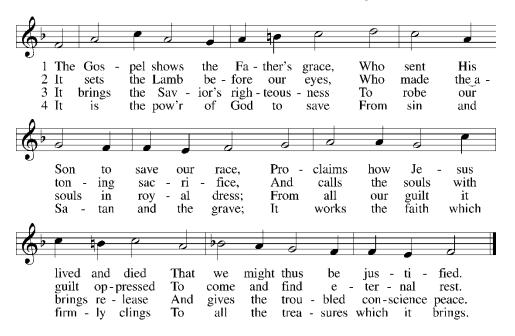
The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you are finished, reverence the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

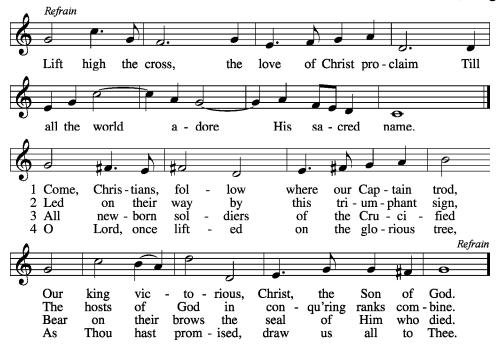
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



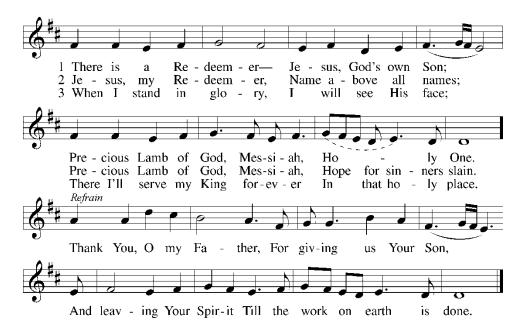
- 5. It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.
- May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Lift High the Cross



- 5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

There Is a Redeemer



Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ightharpoonup The Lord bless you...and ightharpoonup give you peace.

C Amen.

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Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

O Love, How Deep



- For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7. All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

POSTLUDE

God Loved the World So That He GaveWayne L. Wold

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Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Organist	Deb Miller
	Lauran Delancy, director
Acolytes	(8:00) Cora Schreiner
	(10:30) Joel Ada & Carter Clark
Altar Guild	Debbie Johnson, Nancy DeLaney, Carol Brandt
Counters	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy

VOICE OF THE MARTRYS

The Book with All the Answers - Iran

A new believer who has been scared to talk about her faith with her family walked in to a surprising sight: Her brother reading a Bible and her sister working on a crossword puzzle in a Christian magazine. Tala put her faith in Jesus nine months ago, but she was afraid to tell her family. However, a Christian worker secretly delivered a Bible and a Christian magazine to her family home, and her siblings were interested in the materials. "When I asked them how they were answering the crossword puzzle questions, they said, 'This book [the Bible] has the answers to all the questions,'" she said. Tala called to ask for advice on how to start talking to her family. "Pray for them to find Jesus and that God will use me for that," she said. Pray that other families inside Iran who are looking for answers about real love and a relationship with God will find them.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Char Ludwig's mothe**r, **Iona Thrailki**ll who has been diagnosed with stage four cancer, and has been treated for a-fib, pneumonia and fluid on the lungs. She was moved to a rehab center due to complications.

For **John Mahnken**, **Kris Ada and Doug Mahnken's father** as he begins treatments this week to prepare him for a bone marrow transplant.

For **Susan Kreissler**, who has been hospitalized and awaiting test results.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Brad & Cindy Cornell** at the birth of a new grandson, **Matthew James Cornell**. Proud parents are Brad & Amber Cornell.

For **Beverly Bahr**, mother of Zach Bahr, who is recovering from a heart attack.

For Rev. Richard & Diane Pingel mourning the death of Diane's mom, Loris Pueppke,

Praise report for **Megan Hermann**, Nicole Christensen's sister, who is now cancer free.

For Mike Bilbrey, neighbor of Chris Martin, who suffered a minor stroke.

For **Rick Farmer**, nephew of Steve & Tom Bremer, who has contracted COVID.

For **Eric Hundley**, cousin of **Danny Hundley**, who began chemo and radiation treatments for cancer.

For **Lee Kresin**, prayer of thanksgiving that he out of the hospital after a 22 day stay for COVID. He is now in rehab for at least a month, prayers for strength during recovery.

For Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, Karen Lentz, John Mahnken, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Jan Degner, Ashley Hung, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Moriah Obermueller, and Joy Rodenberger continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For **our expectant mothers: Julie Flores,** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.