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I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.*

# The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

June 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

# ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made Heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

**C** 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.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## Introit

*Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6; antiphon: Psalm 56:11-12*



*In God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\**

*What can man | do to me?*

*I must perform my vows to You, | O God;\**

*I will render thank offerings | to You.*

**Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,\***

**though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,**

though its waters | roar and foam,\*

though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\***

**God will help her when | morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\*

He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*In God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\**

*What can man | do to me?*

*I must perform my vows to You, | O God;\**

*I will render thank offerings | to You.*

## Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high!

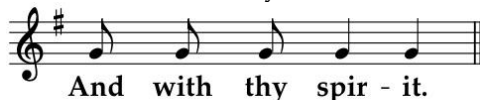
And on earth. peace, good will toward men. We  
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we  
glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great  
glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al -  
might-y. O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have  
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test - at the  
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the  
Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly



Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God— the Fa - ther,  
A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Sit

## Old Testament

*Nehemiah 8:1–12*

*In those days:* <sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uria, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the Book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan,

Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the Book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." <sup>11</sup>So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup>And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.



## Gradual

*Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city | of our God!

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\***  
**consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**  
**that you may tell the next gener- | ation\***  
**that this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 6:3–16*

*Dearly Beloved:* <sup>3</sup>If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, <sup>4</sup>he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. <sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds

of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.



*Stand*

### Alleluia & Verse

*Psalm 119:46*



Alle- | luia!\*

Alle- | luia!

**I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, | O LORD,\*  
and shall not be put to shame. Alle- | luia!**

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:26–33*

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



*At that time Jesus said to His disciples:* <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone



who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in Heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in Heaven."

**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*

**Hymn of the Day**

Salvation Unto Us Has Come


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**Sermon**

**Offering**

Stand

## Offertory



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 Thy  
pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion  
and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

## Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

☐ The Lord be with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts.



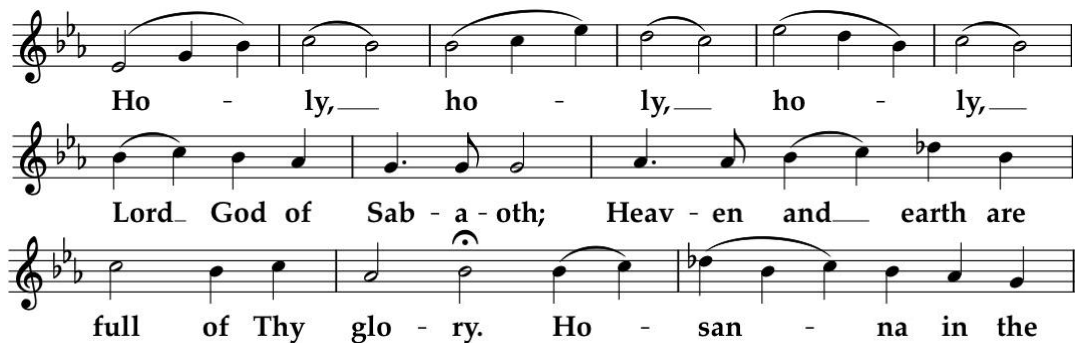
☐ Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



## Proper Preface

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



high - est! Bless-ed is - He that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## The 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

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.

A - men.

## Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on\_ us. O\_

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
 sin of the world, grant us Thy\_ peace. A - men.

*Sit*

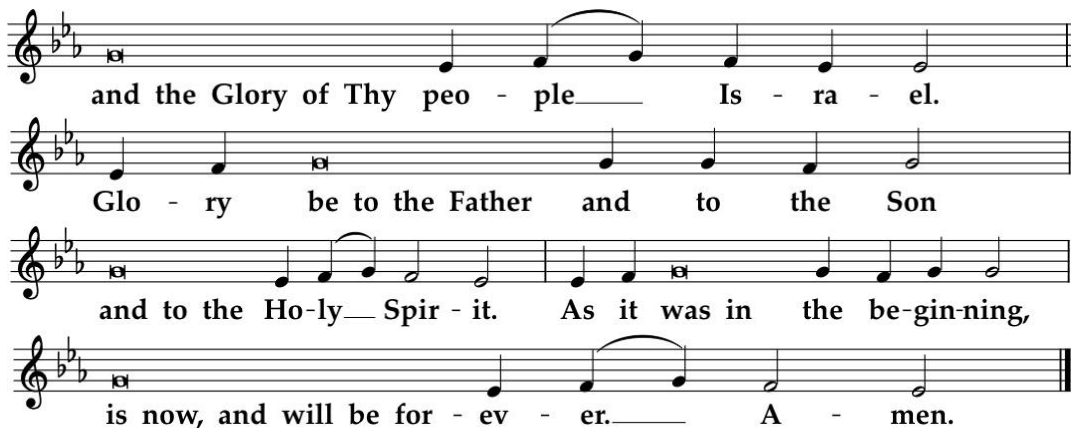
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### Nunc Dimittis

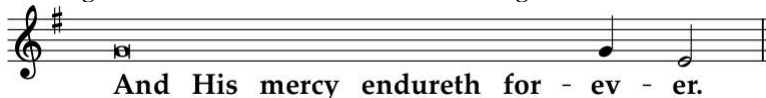
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace  
 ac - cord - ing\_ to Thy Word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion  
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all\_ peo - ple,  
 a\_ Light to light - en the Gentiles



and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. As it was in the be - gin - ning,  
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

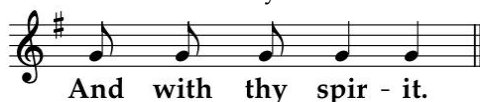
**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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



A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God

## Benediction

- P** 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  $\dagger$  give you peace.



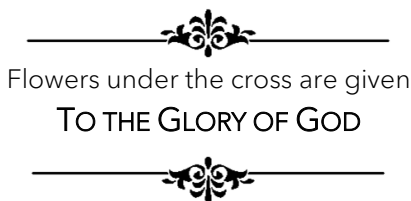
## Hymn

## Now Thank We All Our God

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, June 25	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Wednesday, June 28	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
Saturday, July 1	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

06/25 – Jonathan Brant  
06/28 – Sharon Meyer  
06/30 – Laura Jimenez

## ANNIVERSARIES

06/25 – Joe & Taryn Winger

## PASTOR PROCTOR SUMMER VISITATION

This summer I plan to visit all the member families of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The visits will take place on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday in pastor's study or at your home (your choice) beginning July 5, 2023. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If your schedule doesn't permit a visit during one of the listed time slots, speak with me and we'll make a special arrangement. I'm looking forward to our visit!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER READING

Just a friendly reminder to all St. Paul families: With summer here, it's a good time to read again the Arch books. Parents and/or older children may want to look up the stories and read them directly from the Bible.

## UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.



## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaulslutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaulslutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

**Barbara Sand**, suffering from severe back pain.

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

**Wayne Bartels** – recovering from brief hospitalization

**Debbie Dyjak** – ongoing eyesight concerns

**Jonathan Brant** – recovering from surgery

**Beulah Richards** – for health concerns

**Bea Hendricks** – fell and currently in a care center

**Michael Moreno** – recovering from surgery

**Rose Tressler** – health issues

**Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda**

**Kevin Stamm** – recovering from surgery

**Christopher Richards** – recovering from fall

**Dennis Stonecypher** – seeking employment

**Suzanne Berna** – health concerns

**Suzi Riley** – suffering from sleep apnea

**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Pastor Andrew Byars**, Apostles Lutheran in Peoria, suffered a heart attack.

**Nick Koontz**, husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

**Pam Werdabaugh** (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

**Jean Lorenzen** (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, **Joan**, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, **Marco**, serving in Guatemala.

**PSWD Missions**

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, **Maggie, and children**, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith