

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52**

## ***“TREASURE”***

*What is our ultimate value? Where do we put our treasure, energy and drive? Do not be fooled about where true treasure really is in this transient world. The true treasure is the Kingdom of God!*

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 26, 2020**

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**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

*Psalm 122:1; Psalm 127:1; Genesis 28:16-17*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

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P: Oh, come let us worship!

**C: Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship! Oh, come let us worship!**



- 1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING**

#### **1 KINGS 3:5-12**

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

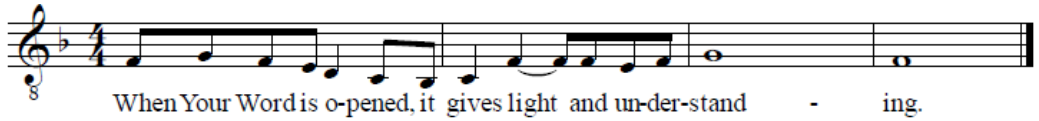
<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:129-136

Mark Mummert-rhythmic arr. R. Myers



<sup>1</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>2</sup>When Your Word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

<sup>3</sup>I open my mouth and pant because I long for Your commandments.

<sup>4</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me, as You always do to those who love Your Name.

### Refrain:

<sup>5</sup>Order my footsteps in Your Word; let not iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>6</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep Your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>Let Your face shine upon Your servant, teach me Your statutes.

<sup>8</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your teaching.

### Refrain:

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from Psalm Settings for the Church Year

## THE SECOND LESSON

## ROMANS 8:26-39

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against

us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

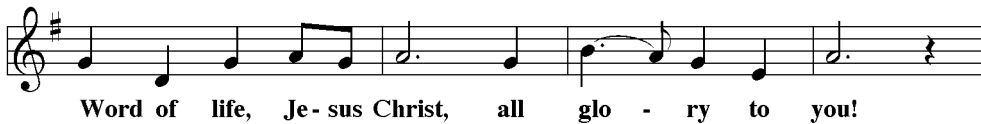
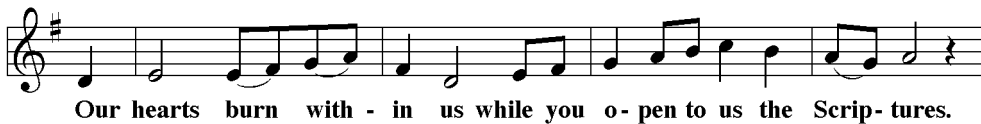
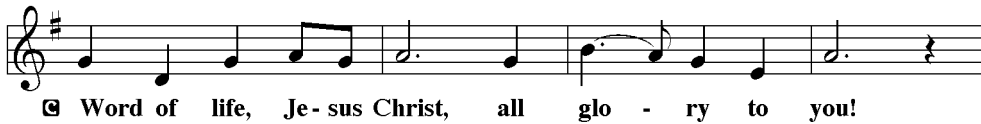
<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*



## GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

Response after the announcement:

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

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

*"Treasure"*

What Is the Kingdom of Heaven?

From the Mustard Seed to the Fisherman's Net

What Does This Mean for My Life?

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I fail to see the Kingdom now. I lose sight of the future fulfillment due to worldly anxieties.*

***The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: In Christ the true Kingdom is open to all who trust Him, past, present, and in the fulfillment.*

***On Discipleship:** Who or what do I truly treasure? Clarify and focus on the true treasure - God's eternal Kingdom. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

**ELW #759**

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**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.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *Jude 20*

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *Jude 21*

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Merciful God, your reign is revealed to us in common things: a mustard shrub, a woman baking bread, a fishing net. Help your church witness to the surprising yet common ways you encounter us in daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude:*

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

## **SENDING**

## **THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## DISMISSAL

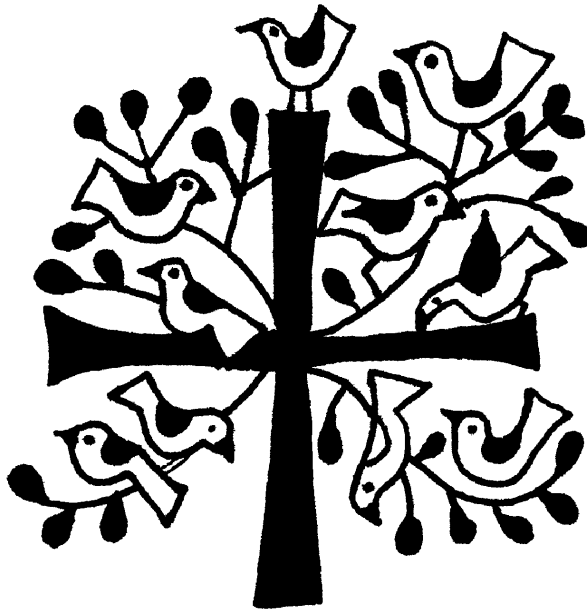
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Amy Burch Carpenter's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday by Chuck and Lisa Burch.



## **PARISH NEWS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** We have returned to in-person worship for the 10:30 service only at limited capacity. For those who are able to come and it is determined safe in their personal circumstances, we look forward to prayers together. For those who are unable to attend due to personal circumstances or choose to refrain from gatherings, please pray on-line using one of the streaming options available: Facebook, YouTube or from the church website. As we continue in these days of the pandemic, changes to the service will be observed to do our best to be safe while gathering. Please note that facemasks are required to be worn indoors while in public per a mandate by the state.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00. Please email Steve Laws at [stephenclaws@gmail.com](mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com) to sign up.

**THANK YOU!:** I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the adults and youth that made the July workdays possible. I am very proud of what our Roots youth group was able to accomplish in those two days. Galatians 6:10 states, "So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone and especially to those who are of the household of faith." - Amy

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We are in the process of updating the church directory. Please email Kim at [churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org) with any changes. Thank you!

**NEWSLETTER:** Please email articles for the August newsletter by July 23 to [churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org). Thank you!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** We will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 16th. Amy will give a short presentation at the beginning of the church service. For any school age youth that is attending the service in the sanctuary, please bring your backpack to church. During the presentation, you will remain seated in your pew. For any school age youth that will be attending the service online, please have your backpack near you at your home.

**WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUB:** Amy would like to continue the women's book club in the fall. If you would like to be a part of this book club and feel comfortable meeting at the church picnic pavilion, please contact Amy at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org). Once Amy gets a feel for how many are interested, she will decide whether to proceed with book club for the upcoming season.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** As of July 12, the fellowship has given **475 bags** of food to Crisis Assistance Ministry, thanks be to God! The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

**FACE MASKS:** Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. *If anyone still needs or would like a facemask, please contact Kay.*

**HOME COMMUNIONS:** If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to the church. Options include: utilizing offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail, dropping off in locked mailbox at educational building, or giving on-line through our church website: [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org), top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

## **DAILY PRAYER**

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2)** A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit [odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe). Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Ed Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Paul Reaves, Craig Rooney, Pat Rudisill, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Jim Warren, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

### **WEEK 31: JULY 26, 2020 to AUGUST 2, 2020**

**07/26** Morning Reading: Acts 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Psalms 40, 41, 42  
**07/27** Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45  
**07/28** Morning Reading: Acts 28—Evening Reading: Psalms 46, 47, 48  
**07/29** Morning Reading: Romans 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 49, 50  
**07/30** Morning Reading: Romans 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 51, 52, 53  
**07/31** Morning Reading: Romans 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 54, 55, 56  
**08/01** Morning Reading: Romans 4—Evening Reading: Psalms 57, 58, 59  
**08/02** Morning Reading: Romans 5—Evening Reading: Psalms 60, 61, 62

**Song Of Praise**      “*God Himself Is Present*”      LBW #249

### **Next Sunday, AUGUST 2, 2020**

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: Luke 19:1-10  
10:30 Holy Communion: Matthew 14:13-21 ~ “5,000”

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.





**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 26 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020**

**Sun-26**    9:00 am    Sunday School via Zoom  
              10:30 am    In-person and streamed Worship Service

**Mon-27**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Tues-28**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Wed-29**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Thur-30**    8:30 am    Preschool



*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.  
Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew  
following the service. Thank you!*

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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