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Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2021

WELCOME TO GRACE!

We rejoice that our God has brought us together today. We pray that this time will be a blessing to each of us. Please be sure to sign the *Record of Fellowship* in your pew. If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to become better acquainted with us and invite you to join our Christian Family.

We are a Christian church that proclaims Jesus as the Savior of the world. It is our desire to encourage one another to grow in faith, love, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. The name "Lutheran" identifies us as a people of conviction who believe:

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10

Our Worship Service seeks to glorify God and build up His people. We worship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m., followed by our Adult Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Our Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is received every Sunday of each month at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, *those who are not Lutheran, or who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor before communing.*

For further study, see Matt. 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-24.

In distributing the Lord's Supper, we offer the wine in a chalice or in individual cups. For those with special needs, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the tray.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

We are so glad to have you join us for worship this morning. In preparation for the service, **we ask that you kindly maintain silence in the sanctuary when the organist begins playing.** In this way, you and those around you may prepare your hearts to receive our Lord's gifts of Word and Sacrament. You may also consider for your personal meditation the following prayer:

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for his sake. Amen.

PRE-SERVICE REVERENCE 7:55 A.M. & 10:25 A.M.

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Prelude

Announcements

Pealing of the Bells

Opening Hymn: "What Child Is This"

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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 has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Psalms 77:11-20 *(responsively by full verse)*

P I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

C **I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.**

P Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

C **You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.**

P You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

C **When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.**

P The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side.

C **The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

P Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

C **You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

ALL: **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.**

Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



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



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

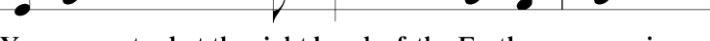


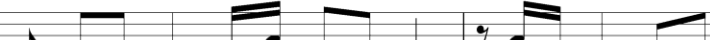
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

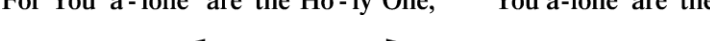



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Continued->

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

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

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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: Genesis 46:1–7

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12–19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written.

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon



Nicene Creed

☐ **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
John 6:41; Luke 15:20

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, *Matthew 26:64;*
Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12

whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42;*

Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Please sign and pass the Record of Fellowship in your pew.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

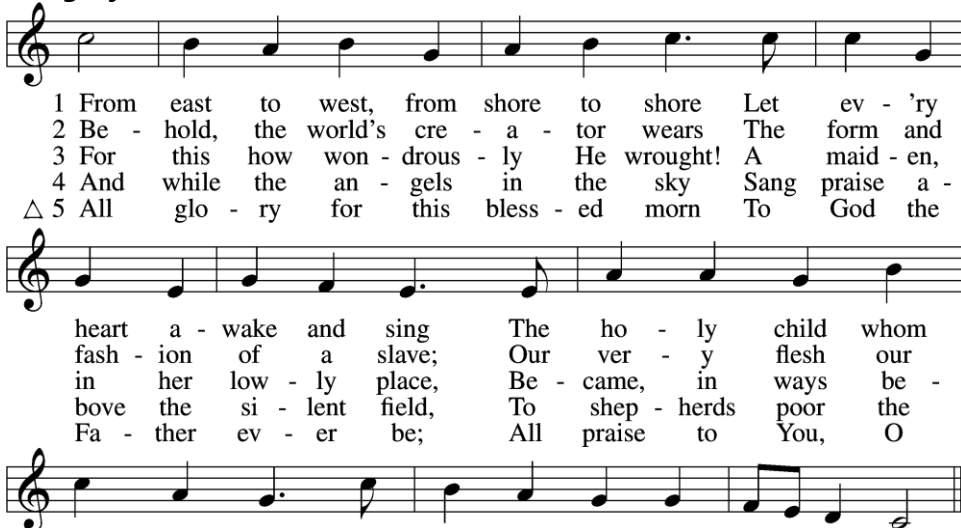
Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "From East to West"

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1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the

heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O

Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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Postlude

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SERVING TODAY

Officiating Rev. Jacob Corzine
Organist Lois Flood
Elders Bob Blessman & Mark Rehn

Sunday, January 3rd	8:00 am & 10:30am	<i>Divine Service</i>
	9:15am	No Adult Bible Class-- Cancelled
Wednesday, January 6th	9:00 am	No Adult Bible Class-- Cancelled
Sunday, January 10th	8:00 am & 10:30 am	<i>Divine Service</i>
		Installation of Officers-during both services
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class - RESUMES
		SCRIP Sunday

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 24; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Connor Blessman 1/4



Please remember others in need of your prayers

Lesley Arca

Garry Atkins, friend of the Blessman family

Peggy Barbieri, friend of Heidi and Myrna Garton

CJ Brown

Ann Cannon, friend of Doris Svec

Jennifer Cinelli, niece of John Huebner

Isaac Defee, friend of the Claster family

Blake Donegan, grandson of John & Lois Flood

John Donegan, friend of John & Lois Flood

Tim Eggert

Richard Flatley, Vietnam Veteran - WS Post

Phyllis Floyd

Christine Fry, daughter-in-law of Bill & Betty Tanzer

Jim Gallaher, friend of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Cassie Gray, cousin of Paul Sulak

Horwath Family, friend of Carolina St. Charles

Lin Johnson

Kooy Family, friends of Eleanor Kulaga

Mary Jane Kowal, family member of Peggy Keeler

Eleanor Kulaga & Family

Jack Lapice, cousin of Doris Svec

Steve Latman

Gail Loos, friend of Karen Hayes

Sonny Mansor, friend of Joey Keeler

Bruce Mazurkiewicz, cousin of Tyna Eggert

Rod McInerney, friend of Pat Schlueter

Debra Muir, daughter of Ron & Nancy Kolar

Lisa Mullarkey

Cathy Muszynski Cox, friend of the Blessman family

Dorothy Neugebauer, friend of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Joyce & Bob Oberst, family of Sue & Tony Napolitano

Col. Carol Ann O'Donnell, Ret. VFW

Levi Olson, cousin of Paul Sulak

Leah Picek

Jürgen Pietzsch, cousin of Jennifer Claster

Realie Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Sandoval Family, friends of the Stetler Family

Pat Schlueter

Shirron Reid, daughter-in-law of Jim & Ruth Reid

Sharon Riordan

Herb Schulz, friend of Marilyn and Gary Clausen

Judy & Kurt Steiner, family of Nancy & Ron Kolar

Don & Gayle Steele

Noah (Picek) Tovar, great-granddaughter of the Floods

Jennifer Voelker, friend of Pat Schlueter

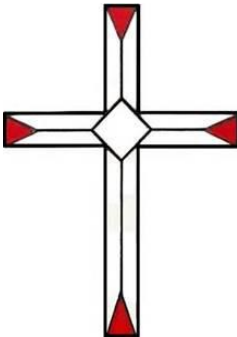
Mike Walters, friend of Donna Perkowski

Ellie Wilkins, cousin of Glen Hass

Lillian Winkelman

Addison Wille

Nancy Wolff, sister of Tyna Eggert



Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers

Karla Bergenthal - Eleanor Kulaga

Lorraine Moller - Suzette Olszewski

From the Women's Club

Thank you for all the donations to Phil's Friends!!!

If you want to donate, but don't want to go shopping, they'll kindly accept gift cards (See list below). Collection continues through January 31st.



We are also starting a 2nd collection of CLEAN plastic grocery shopping bags. The collection boxes are in the Parish Hall

