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Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

## Divine Service for TRINITY SUNDAY May 26, 2024

Guest Pastor: Rev. Richard Johnson

# A word about Communion and Faith Lutheran Church

#### We believe....

- that the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. Jesus is really present!
- that Jesus Christ, who is true God and true man, instituted this sacrament on the night in which He was betrayed.
- that with His body and blood Christ gives us forgiveness for all our sins.
- that the power of the Sacrament depends on Christ's word, not on our faith or the pastor or persons who administer the elements of communion.
- that we come to the Sacrament seeking mercy and forgiveness in a spirit of repentance and a sincere desire to be strengthened in our faith and empowered to lead a more Godpleasing life.
- that we come to the Lord's Supper in a spirit of seeking reconciliation with our relatives, friends, and all people in our lives, trusting in God's mercy to empower us to show his forgiveness to others through our words and deeds.
- that we come to the Lord's table after receiving baptism and instruction as to the complete sense of renewal, restoration, and affirmation of unity given in the sacrament by God to His people.

Individual cups will be offered. If you prefer the common cup instead, keep hands open and the cup will be brought. Please exit to your right placing the empty cup in the silver bowl.

There are cups of dealcoholized wine in the center of the tray (darker cups).

Following the distribution, the pastor dismisses the communicants saying that this sacrament keeps the communicant in the one true faith unto everlasting life. The phrase one true faith means the faith that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world and faith in Him is sufficient for everlasting life.

Should you have any questions or concerns about receiving communion at Faith Lutheran Church, please see the pastor or an elder prior to the worship service.

If you do not wish to commune, you may still come to the rail to receive a blessing. Keep arms folded across chest and Pastor will bless you.

If this is your first time worshiping with us, welcome!

Please fill out a connection card located on the back of the pew in front of you.

#### **WELCOME**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### +INVOCATION

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

Amen!

#### +CONFESSION

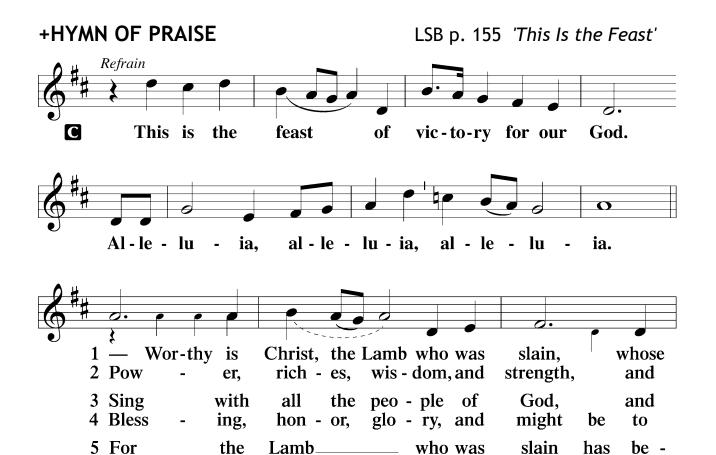
- How great are you, O Sovereign LORD!
   There is no one like you, and there is no God but you,
- How great is your goodness, Psalm 31:19 which you have stored up for those who fear you,
- **P** God is rich in mercy and invites us to confess our sins.

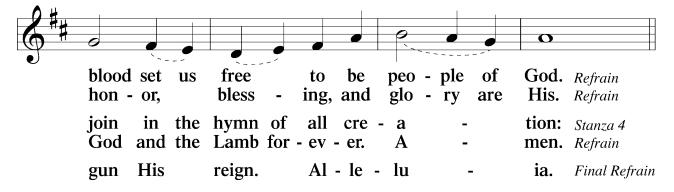
#### We Confess Together:

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 upon 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.

#### +ABSOLUTION

Upon this your confess, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordain servant of the word announce the grace of God to you all and in the stead and by the authority 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. Amen!







#### **+PSALM for TRINITY SUNDAY**

Psalm 29

- P Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
- ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- **P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- **P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
- the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- **P** The voice of the LORD is powerful;
- **C** the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- **P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
- the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- P He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.
- The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.
- **P** The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
- the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- **P** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
- And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- **P** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
- the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- **P** The LORD gives strength to his people;
- the LORD blesses his people with peace.

#### **SALUTATION**

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

#### **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-39

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

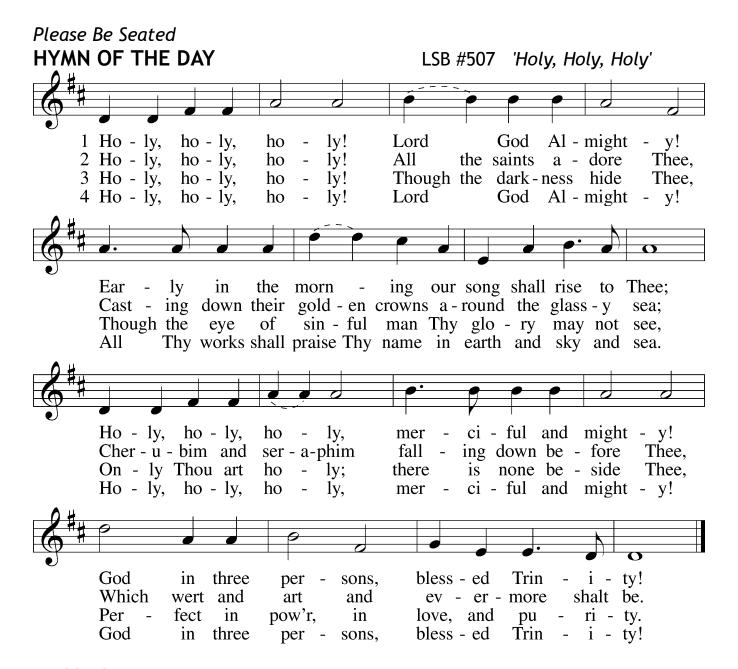
"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



MESSAGE Pastor Rick Johnson

Please Stand

#### +WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH: The 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.

Please Be Seated

#### **OFFERING**

Please Stand

#### **+OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise and serve You. Receive now these gifts as an offering of our lives. May we and our gifts be faithful instruments to bless those whom You bring into our lives, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord.

**G**: Amen

#### **+PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, Your ways are inscrutable and Your judgments

unsearchable. Through Your Word, give us an ever-growing

understanding of the depths of Your riches, wisdom and knowledge,

that we may glorify You forever..

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You delivered up Your Son according to Your definite plan

and foreknowledge to be our Savior. Make our hearts glad in this faith,

that our tongues may rejoice and our flesh may dwell in hope.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of hosts, You sit enthroned as King forever. Bless all who rule

us in Your stead with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice

may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay...

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, uphold all who suffer in our midst by Your truth. By Your Spirit's power comfort and restore those who are hurting and grieving.

Assure them that, since Christ has gone away to the cross and has risen victorious over death that we do have the victory even in the midst of hardships. Lord comfort and heal those who are in need.

We especially lift up to you those we name in our hearts . . .

We commend into Your hands O Lord, all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

People: Amen

#### **▼ THE SACRAMENT ▼**

#### **+THE PREPARATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, Who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer on the cross for our redemption. Assembled in His name and in the communion of all the saints, we pray: Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us, and through Him sanctify and renew us both in body and soul through this, Your holy meal, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ Amen

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**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:

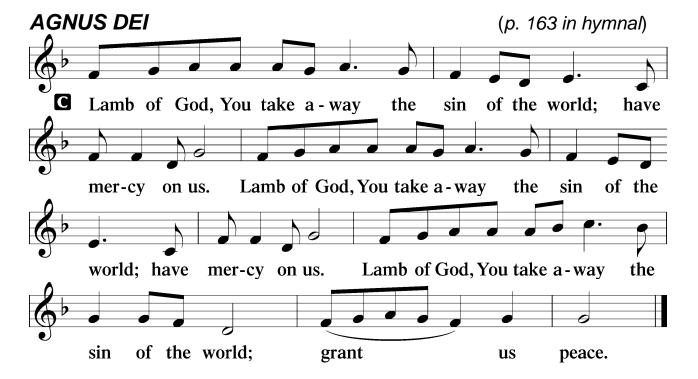
#### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

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.



Please Be Seated

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!



#### **+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Heavenly Father, You have brought us over from death to life through Your Son, our risen Savior, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

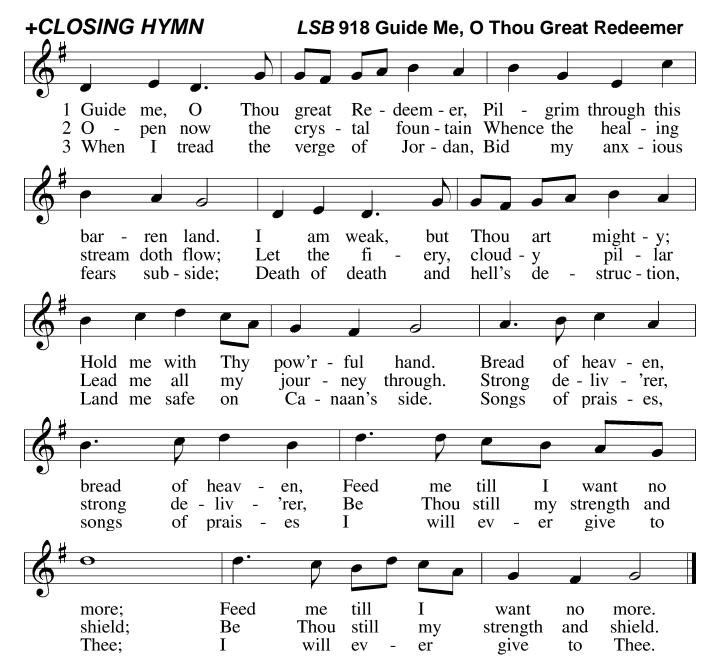
**+BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

**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.

C: Amen.



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#### +SENDING

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## 2024 Officers of Faith Lutheran Church

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## Assisting in Worship This Morning (May 26, 2024)

Pastor - Reverend Richard Johnson Organist/Pianist - Joan Lobeck

Altar Flowers - Bob Hickey **Greeter - Sue Pleger** Ushers - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop Communion Setup - Jana Schumann Reader - Sue Pleger Acolyte - Andrew Behrmann Crucifer - Jerry Gallob

## Assisting in Worship Next Sunday (June 2, 2024)

Pastor - Pastor James T. Sorensen

Organist/Pianist - Joan Lobeck

Communion Setup - Jana Schumann Reader - Colleen Miller Acolyte - Andrew Behrmann

Crucifer - Jaxon Hoffmann

**Altar Flowers - OPEN** Greeter - James Miller

Ushers - Becky Daughety and Jerry Gallob

Cleaning the Sanctuary:

Week of June 2 - 8, 2024: Lisa Stahlecker

Cleaning the Basement:

Week of June 2 - 8, 2024: Clare and Joel Tarcha

Cleaning the Sanctuary and the Basement:

Week of June 16 - 22, 2024: Sharon and Ronnie Carter

## **Announcements**

**WWW:** Check out our presence on the world wide web! Faith's webpage is at <u>faithlutheranbv.org</u>. If you look in the links section, you will find that our Facebook page is linked there as well. Stop in and keep in touch.

Join us at home. Search for Faith Lutheran Church Buena Vista CO on YouTube. There you will find Live service and archived services.

-- OR -- go to: <u>www.faithlutheranbv.org</u> and follow links to Services. See you online!

#### This Month's First Fruits:

For First Fruits, we will respond to the items the Mission currently needs until further notice ...

SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED ONE-DISH MEALS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, TUNA PACKETS, CANNED FRUIT and/or PRE-PACKAGED FRUIT CUPS

-- reflecting the need to feed those without cooking facilities --

These items can be taken directly to the Mission on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. - at their back door.

Food items can also be put in the collection basket in the church narthex. Remember to grab a couple jars/cans every time you go to the grocery store.

#### Bible Studies . . .



Sunday Morning's Adult Bible Study: 9:00 A.M.

We're studying various topics. Come find out what we're studying this Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

**Tuesday Evening's Adult Bible Study:** Pastor Sorensen will resume leading a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings starting June 4, 2024, studying Ist Samuel. Class begins at 6:30 P.M.



Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study is ON HOLD (=



LifeLight is now taking a hiatus over the summer months and resuming in the Fall with a study on Baptism.

MAY 28 - NO LifeLight: breaking for summer.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULE UPDATES...**

TODAY



May 26 - After worship service: graduation reception for Reau Heinitz.

#### Other Events at Faith Lutheran this week . . .



MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 28 - NO LifeLight: break for summer.

MAY 28 - NO Adult Bible Study

MAY 30 - Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 P.M.

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY SCHEDULE UPDATES . . .

May 30 - Regular meeting at Faith at 5:30 P.M. (Replaces June 6 meeting)

June 6 - Meeting Cancelled (replaced by May 30 meeting)

June 20 - Regular meeting at Faith at 5:30 P.M.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24 to June 27, 2024, 9:00 A.M. to noon.

Camp Firelight

Ages 4 - 10

Volunteers needed. Please call Clare, 970.819.8390, for information about the program or volunteer opportunities.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

The Faith Lutheran Representative to the Buena Vista Pregnancy Center would like to pass the torch on to someone else.

Interested?

Please contact Lisa Stahlecker.

#### Please email prayer requests to timjo@centurylink.net

### In Our Prayers

Please pray for **MYRNA CUNNINGHAM**, who's been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep **BOB**, her brother, in your prayers, as he is also battling cancer.

**EVELYN BEHRMANN** is continuing to improve. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she recovers.

Please pray for Marcia's son-in-law, **PATRICK CARR.** He is very ill, and he is beginning to lose his faith.

Please continue prayers for Jody Werner's cousin's husband, **JOHN GEORGE**, who has officially been diagnosed with emphysema and black lung. Thank you so much for the prayers, Jody.

Thank you for your continued prayers for LUCILLE BRINKMANN. Mark's parents plan to move into assisted living this month in Colorado Springs.

Sherry and Vaughn Bishop's 8-year-old grandson, **LINCOLN**. Please pray for his vision, that it does not continue to worsen, and that the new lens helps. Thanks so much for your prayers! Sherry.

Please pray for **ZHARIA HEINITZ**, whose first surgery of several went well, and she's to start physical therapy. Thank you for your prayers.

Please pray for **BENNINGTON**, **NEBRASKA**, and the surrounding area – as they recover from the tornado that destroyed many homes. Blessings, Lisa.

Please pray for **ERIN's friend** from the community, who needs the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and bring repentance.

Please pray for **JOSH and HEATHER DORAN and BABY**, through their pregnancy journey. Prayers for a healthy baby girl – as she has known TAR syndrome.

Please add **GARY LONGWELL**, Dar's son, to your prayers. He has a fungus infection in his left foot. He is in the hospital where he is being treated. If the medical staff cannot cure the infection, he may need his foot amountated.

**PASTOR JARED HARTMAN**, who was a brother in Christ here in Salida and Buena Vista, has cancer which is in many of his internal organs.

Please pray as you are led. Thank you.

The address for him is:

Pastor Jared Hartman, PO Box 797, Wisner, NE 68791

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email: <u>Hartman@icloud.com</u>

If you are sick or injured, please get in touch with Pastor or one of the Elders so that we may visit and/or pray for you. [See page 24 for contact info]

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