



## February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

### Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

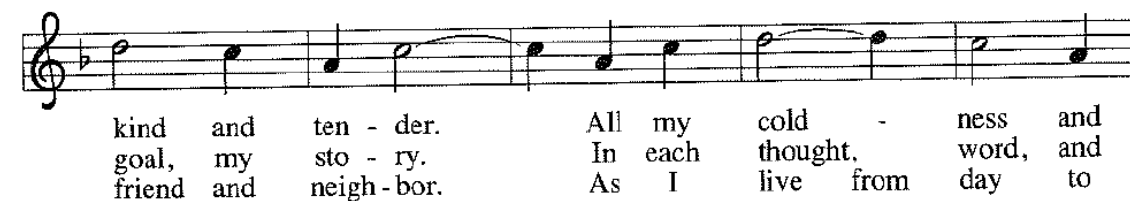
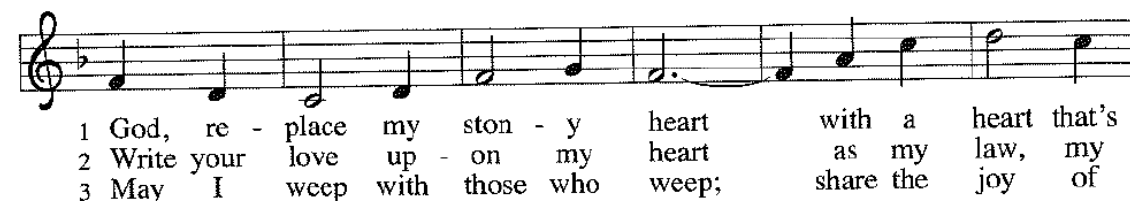
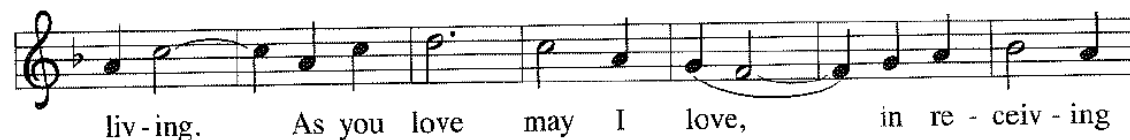
**Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

No. 1043

1043

## Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain**Refrain*

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Music © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME  
7 6 6 8 and refrain

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Hymn of Praise



**G** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



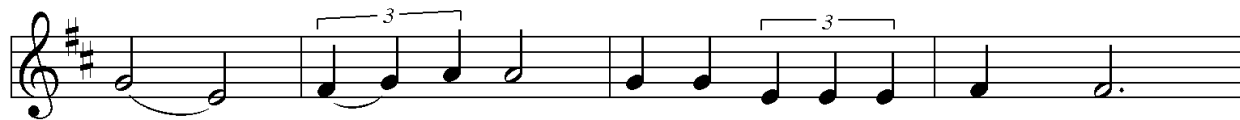
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



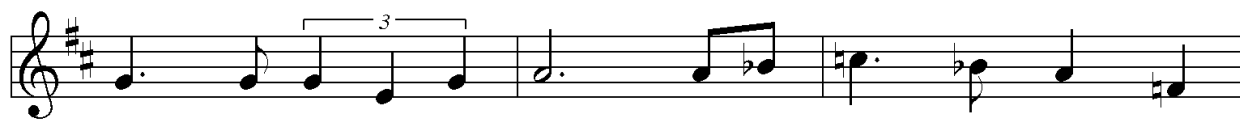
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**☐** 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; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**☐** 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



## Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:1-8

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!
- <sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- <sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.
- <sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**
- <sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**
- <sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- <sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’

<sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

<sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children Sing: “With Faith as Big as a Mustard Seed”**

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: Healer of Our Every Ill**

**No. 612**





# Healer of Our Every Ill

612

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 was descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible (*especially*), empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need (*especially*). Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration (*local restorative efforts may be named*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

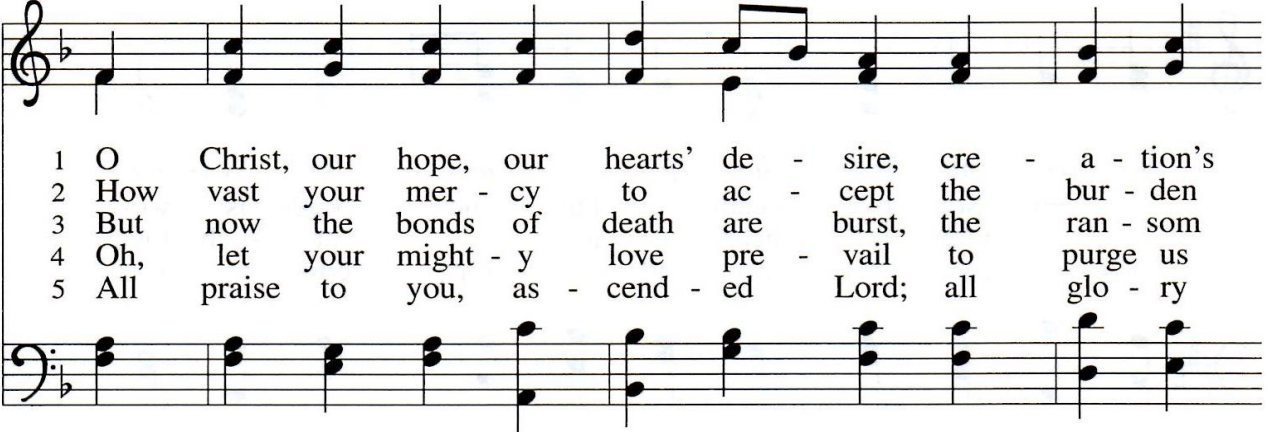
**Closing Hymn: O Christ, Our Hope**

**No. 604**




**O Christ, Our Hope,  
Our Heart's Desire**

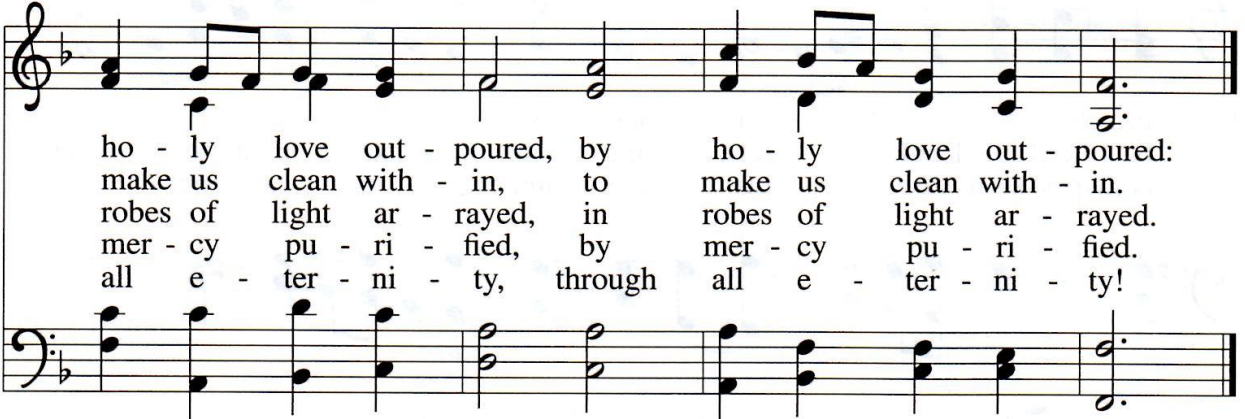




1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Greg Norman and Cindy Norman in memory of their parents Les & Mabel Norman's anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **ATTENDANCE**

February 5: 49 + 30 = 79

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Millie McCready, following a sever ear infection;  
Donald Baum, following a health scare last Sunday;  
Jean Cline & family; in the passing of her brother-in-law and brother  
within ten days of each other from Cancer;  
Paul Wiedenheft, at Providence Care;  
Norm Stierhoff, at Providence Care;  
All those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria;  
For all directly or indirectly effected by blizzards, tornadoes, and flooding,  
Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;  
FAITH members, including; Bernie & Mary Ann Neidler;  
the students, faculties, and staff of the colleges, universities, and seminaries of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;  
the ministry of Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, serving people with  
developmental disabilities.

## **AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Greg Norman
Acolyte:	Carlie Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Barb Sessler
Acolyte:	Eli Conner

February Altar Care:	Linda Gantz and Cindy Norman
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**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 am
	Kids Sing	
	Pick up your Subs	
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Jam Session	9:30 am
MONDAY	Dartball	7:00 pm
	V1 @ Bellevue      V2 @ Castalia	
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal	1:00 pm
	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service	8:00 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am

**2023 GIVING ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the educational wing hallway. If you do not see one for yourself, please let the office know and Carol will get you one.

**2023 ALTAR AND MEMORIAL FLOWER SIGNUP SHEETS ARE UP.**

**PLEASE PICKUP ANY EMPTY CONTAINERS** you may have left in the kitchen. The containers are now up in the fellowship hall table for everyone’s convenience.

**WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES.** Church will be closed if it is a Level 3 snow advisory. Please check the office answering machine message for updates. The west sanctuary doors and educational wing doors will not be unlocked, and the sidewalks will not be shoveled. Please use the south and east doors for entry.



**DON'T FORGET TO PICKUP YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS today after each service.**

Subs are \$5.50 each. With your sub you will also get a bag of chips, a kosher pickle, and some candy bits.

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2. Click **Direct Choice Dollars**.
3. Log in by entering your User ID and password.  
(If you haven't yet registered on [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com), click **Register for account access**.)
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    - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

### Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

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(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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# PROJECT SHORE

of Margareta Township

## *Annual* **SPAGHETTI BENEFIT**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Saturday, March 4th**

**4:30 pm until sold out**

**Free Will Offering**

**Spaghetti with meat sauce,  
Salad, Breadstick, and  
Dessert**

**Drive-Thru Pickup ONLY  
in Back of Church**

Project Share of Margareta Township is a 501(c)(3) organization who annually provides gifts, clothing, and food for families of Margareta School District who share a need.

**Delivery is available for  
shut-ins, call 419-357-3672  
to schedule a delivery.**





# What to Give Up:

*A Lenten Reflection*

**Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.**

**Give up pessimism—become an optimist.**

**Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.**

**Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.**

**Give up discouragement—be full of hope.**

**Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.**

**Give up hatred—return good for evil.**

**Give up negativism—be positive.**

**Give up anger—be more patient.**

**Give up pettiness—become mature.**

**Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.**

**Give up jealousy—pray for trust.**

**Give up gossiping—control your tongue.**

**Give up sin—turn to virtue.**

**Give up giving up—hang in there!**

# Calling all Family & Friends of “Music Man” Bill Kraus!



Mr. Bill Kraus & family invites you to come visit with him and celebrate his life and legacy on a “musical journey” through the memories we all share.

**Why?** Bill has Stage 4 esophageal cancer so he wants to visit with you NOW!

**Where?** First Presbyterian Church  
265 Jackson St, Sandusky, OH 44870

**When?** February 18, 2023 11 AM  
Doors Open at 10:30AM  
Lunch to Follow at Noon

**Where Can  
I Learn More?**

<https://fb.me/e/4tgHK0RPd>



**Come Sing in the Volunteer Choir!**

Practice: 2/18/23 10-10:30AM  
at First Presbyterian Church

Music will be provided

Song Selection:

Beautiful Savior

Go Now In Peace

The Lord Bless You and Keep You