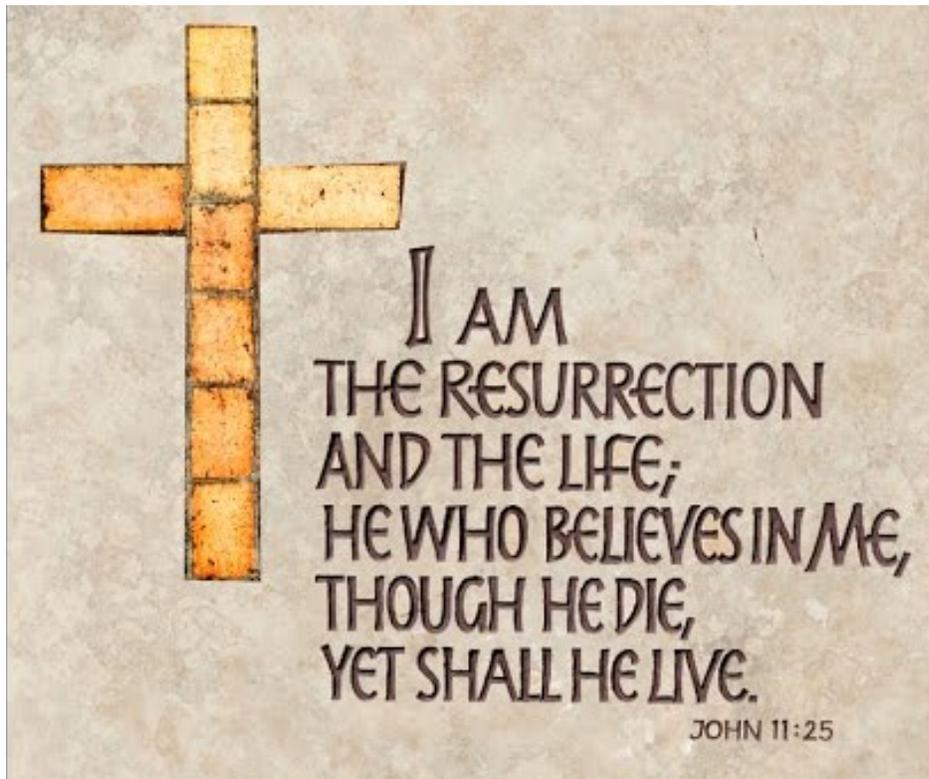


St. Ludmila Parish

Journey From



Death to Life

The Ministry of St. Ludmila **In the “Journey From Death to Life”**

The circumstances of the journey through death to life are as unique and individual as are the lives of each member of our faith community. Tragedy can strike with sudden fierceness. For some there is a time of lingering illness, while still others find the growing weakness of old age a burden and their death a blessing. However, the events of our journey bring us to death and lead us on to life in God. The St. Ludmila Pastoral staff is here to help, support and offer the healing vision that you are not alone and that the love and friendships we have forged here on earth are only a shadow of what waits for us as we walk into the embrace of God.

As you and your family prepare for the inevitable transition from death to life, it may be a comfort to you to know how the Community of Faith will minister to you and your family at this powerful time of emotional pain and faith-filled joy. As a pastoral team, we make this pledge to you, that as much as is humanly possible we will be with you in this journey in the following ways.

AS DEATH NEARS:

Anointing of the Sick: This Sacrament is for all who are in need of the healing presence of Christ. During this time of terminal illness this Sacrament offers the grace of Christ and the presence of our faith community in prayer and support to bring spiritual peace to you and your loved ones.

Ritual of Viaticum: This beautiful ritual brings the Eucharist as “food for your journey” to strengthen you as you grow close to the eternal Kingdom of God.

The Commendation of the Dying: A beautiful prayer of the church freeing you from the cares and troubles of this life and bringing solace to your family as they gather around you in prayer.

The Prayers After Death: Prayers said as your family and friends gather at the time of your death. Together we thank God for the wonder of your life and pray for your safe passing and journey to God.

AT THE FUNERAL HOME:

Gathering in the Presence of the Body: This ritual is prayed when your immediate family gathers before the public arrives to offer their support and friendship. At this time the family begins the process the official ritual of the church to acknowledge your death and to support your family by ritualizing your death in a prayerful way.

The Vigil for the Deceased: The official prayer of the church at the funeral home. At the vigil the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ’s presence. The vigil centers on the word of God which brings meaning and solace to the grief and loss that the family and community experience. It is common during the vigil that the focus of our thoughts brings to mind our memories of the deceased and are expressed in a time of sharing stories of how the one who has died touched the lives of those who gather to mourn his or her absence. This remembering is very healing for those present as our looking back prepares us and helps us to begin to look forward to the great promises of eternal life. Many families desire to bring pictures and mementos of the important experiences and life symbols of the deceased to the the funeral home and this is a very good thing. Also, this is the place for special poems or recordings for the family to share with those who come to keep vigil with them.

AT THE CHURCH:

Transfer of the Body to the Church: Here at St. Ludmila Parish, the body of the deceased is usually brought to the church one hour before the funeral liturgy. Just before the liturgy begins there is a time of prayer called the **Transfer of the Body to the Church**. At this time the family is invited to prepare to take the body of their loved one into the church for the funeral mass and marks the beginning of the final separation of the mourners from the deceased. The rite ends with the words, “The Lord guards our coming in and our going out. May God be with us today as we make this final journey with our brother/sister.”

The Funeral Liturgy: The gathering of the entire faith community in celebration of Word and Sacraments, blessing God for the great promise of eternal life. At the funeral liturgy we look forward to life and resurrection as we express our faith and hold fast to our communal memories of God’s faithfulness to the deceased and to us all. At the end of the funeral liturgy the final words of the presider are, “In peace let us take our brother/sister to his/her place of rest.”

AT THE CEMETERY

Rite of Committal: This rite concludes the prayers of the church. It is the final act of the community in caring for the body of its deceased member. The rite of committal is an expression of the farewell prayers of the community as the deceased passes from the community of believers into the welcoming company of those who need faith no longer but see God face to face.

AT A PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP:

The family and friends gather to continue the celebration of the life of the deceased around the table by sharing a meal and their memories of the deceased.

All of these moments of prayer are our way of celebrating faith and life as a community that believes that Jesus came “that we may have life in abundance,” and celebrating that life to the fullest helps us all to make the passage into the next life of even greater love and friendship with God.

A Note from the St. Ludmila Funeral Committee:

On behalf of the St. Ludmila Funeral Committee, we extend our sympathy to you and yours. We hope this note will be of help to you in planning the funeral luncheon.

The funeral committee will contact a committee member with the date and time of the funeral. They will also give us the contact person's name and their phone number. They will then contact a family member for the following information:

1. Approximate number of people you plan to have attend the luncheon.
2. The time you wish to start the meal. This will depend on if you will be going to the cemetery immediately following Mass or coming straight down to the Social Hall immediately after Mass.
3. We will go over the options that we have available. If the family wishes to have some or all of the food catered, please let us know. We are happy to help serve and provide the donated desserts and salads but do not get involved with catering. This is the responsibility of the family.
4. The family is charged the actual cost for potatoes, vegetables, buns and meat.
5. There is a charge per plate based on the number of people that are actually served. (This helps with the cost of all the extras that are provided such as coffee, lemonade, plates, condiments, etc.)
6. All desserts and salads are donated by the parishioners of St. Ludmila.
7. Please specify if the leftover food is to be taken home by the family or if it is to be donated to the poor. St. Ludmila will take care of distributing the food to the poor if that is your intention.
8. Please provide the name of the person that the bill should be given to, or if it should go directly to the funeral home for payment. Please make checks payable to St. Ludmila Altar & Rosary.
9. There is no charge to parishioners for the use of the Social Hall for funeral luncheons.

If you have any questions, they can be addressed when the arrangements are made. A phone number will be provided for any questions that may come up at a later time. We hope this helps with planning. Please accept our sincerest sympathy for your loss. We will help in any way we can.

First Reading

Old Testament

1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-13:

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage does the worker from their toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for us to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without us ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and do well during life.

The Word of the Lord.

2. 1Kings 19:7-13:

The angel of the Lord came to Elijah a second time, touched him, and said, “Elijah, get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!” He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

There he came to a cave, where he took shelter. But the word of the Lord came to him, “Why are you here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been most zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, but the Israelites have forsaken your covenant. They have destroyed your altars and murdered your prophets by the sword. I alone remain, and they seek to take my life.”

Then the Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will pass by.”

There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; after the wind, an earth quake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; after the earthquake, fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; after the fire, a light silent sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave for he had heard the voice of God.

The Word of the Lord.

3. Job 19:1, 23-26:

Job answered and said, “Oh would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust: whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another’s, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.”

The Word of the Lord.

4. Numbers 6:22-27:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: “This is how you shall bless the Israelites.” Say to them, “The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.” So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

5. Proverbs 3:13-18:

Happy is the person who finds wisdom, the person who gains understanding! For her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold is her revenue; She is more precious than corals and none of your choice possessions can compare with her. Long life is her right hand, in her left hand is riches and honor; Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace; She is a tree of life to those who grasp her, and happy the person who holds her fast.

The Word of the Lord.

6. Proverbs 31:10-31:

When one finds a worthy woman, her value is far beyond price. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings good to her family, all the days of her life. Like merchant ships, she secures provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She fears not the snow for her household; all her children are doubly clothed. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. Her voice is that of wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly council. Her children rise up and praise her, her husband too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

7. Romans 8:14-19:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through baptism, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him in everlasting life.

The Word of the Lord.

8. Wisdom 3:1-6, 9:

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before humankind indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, God proved them, and as sacrificial offerings God took them to himself. Those who trust in God shall understand truth and the faithful shall abide with him in love. Grace and mercy are with God's holy ones, and God's care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

9. Wisdom 4:7-14 (Paraphrased - Man/Woman):

The just (man/woman) though (he/she) die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for humankind, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. (He/She) who pleased God was loved; (he/she) who lived among sinners was transported-snatched away, lest wickedness pervert (his/her) mind or deceit beguile (his/her) soul; For the enrichment of paltry things obscures what is right, and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, (he/she) reached the fullness of a long career; for (his/her) soul was pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

10. Sirach 2:3-11:

Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity. Cling to God, do not forsake God; thus will your fortune be great. Accept whatever befalls you; in crushing misfortune be patient; for in fire gold is tested, and worthy people in the trials of humiliation. Trust God and God will help you; make straight your ways and hope in God. You who fear the Lord, wait for mercy, turn not away lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust him and your reward will not be lost. You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. Study the generations long past and understand; has anyone hoped in God and been disappointed? Has anyone persevered in the fear of God and been forsaken? Compassionate and merciful is the Lord; God forgives sins; God saves in times of trouble.

The Word of the Lord.

11. Sirach 26:1-4; 13-16:

Happy the husband of a good wife, twice lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, and her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens; the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The Word of the Lord.

12. Isaiah 12:2-6:

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and God has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountains of salvation, and say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim God's name; among the nations make known God's wondrous deeds. Sing praises to the Lord for his glorious achievements; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

13. Isaiah 25:6-9:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain God will destroy the veil that veils all peoples. The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people will he remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

14. Isaiah 35: 1-2; 3-6; 8a, 9b, 10:

The desert and the parched land will exult: the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands of the feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those who are frightened; be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared. Then will the lame leap like a stag, and the silent tongue will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sand will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water. A highway will be there, called the holy way; it is for those with a journey to make, and on it the redeemed will walk. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will gather in joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will disappear.

The Word of the Lord.

15. Isaiah 40:31; 41:10, 13:

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles wings. They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed, I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice. For I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand. It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

The Word of the Lord.

16. Isaiah 43:1-5, 10-11:

Thus says our God, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Because you are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you, I give you people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you. You are my witness, says the Lord and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe in me and understand that it is I; I am the Lord, there is no savior but me.

The Word of the Lord.

17. Isaiah 46:4-10:

“Listen to me, descendants of Jacob, all who are left of my people. I have cared for you from the time you were born. I am your God and will take care of you until you are old when your hair turns white. I made you and will care for you; it is I who has done this, I who will continue, and I who will carry you to safety. To whom will you compare me?” says the Lord. “Is there anyone else like me? Listen to me, I am bringing the day of victory near. It is not far away at all. My triumph will not be delayed. I will save Jerusalem and bring honor to my Holy City.”

The Word of the Lord.

18. Jeremiah 29:11-14:

“For I know well the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which you were carried into exile.”

The Word of the Lord.

19. Lamentations 3:22-26:

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to the one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

20. Ezekiel 47:1-12 “The Wonderful Stream:”

The guide led me outside the temple, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where the water that began at the altar trickled from the southern side of the Temple. Then the guide walked off to the east carrying a measuring cord in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water, which was ankle deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and had me wade through the water; the water was up to my waist. Once more he measured off a thousand, but there was now a river that could not be crossed except by swimming. He asked me, “Have you seen this, son of man?” Then he brought me to the bank of the river, where I saw very many trees on both sides. He said to me, “This water flows in the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, where it makes the salt waters fresh. Fisherman shall line its banks spreading their nets. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

The Word of the Lord.

21. Daniel 3:52a, 57, 62-63, 65, 75-76, 80-82:

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors, praiseworthy, and exalted above all forever. Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt God above all forever. Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt God above all forever. Sun and moon bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. Stars of heaven bless the Lord, praise and exalt God above all forever. Sun and moon bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. All you winds bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. Everything growing bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. You children of the earth bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all forever. You children of the earth, bless the Lord; praise and exalt God above all.

The Word of the Lord.

22. Micah 4:1-3, 5-8:

In the days to come, the mount of the Lord's house shall be established higher than the mountains. It shall rise high above the hills. And people shall stream to it. Many nations shall come, and say, "Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may instruct us in his ways that we may walk in God's paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. God shall judge between many peoples and impose terms on strong and distant nations; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we walk in the name of the Lord, our God, forever and ever. For we have been told what is good and what God requires of us; only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Second Reading

New Testament

1. Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10 “The Beautiful Gate”:

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. A (woman/man) who had been crippled for many years was carried and placed at the gate of the temple, called “The Beautiful Gate,” every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When (she/he) saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, (she/he) asked for alms. But Peter looked at (her/him), as did John, and said, “Look at us.” (She/he) paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, “I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.” Then Peter took (her/him) by the right hand and raised (her/him) up, and immediately (her/his) feet and ankles and hands grew strong. (She/He) leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw (her/him) walking and jumping and praising God, they recognized (her/him) as the one who used to sit begging at “The Beautiful Gate” of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to (her/him).

The Word of the Lord.

2. Acts: 10:34-36, 42-43:

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words, “I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, ‘the good news of peace’ proclaimed Jesus Christ who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets testify, saying that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

3. Romans 6:3-4, 8-9:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

4. Romans 8:31-39:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised who also is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, no principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

5. Romans 5:1-5:

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But, not only that—we even boast of our afflictions. We know that affliction makes for endurance and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

6. Romans 12:9-13, 15-16a, 18:

Your love must be sincere. Do not let your love be a pretense, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love one another with the affection of brothers and sisters. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; the one whom you serve is the Lord. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope; this will make you cheerful. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Have the same attitude toward all. Live peaceably with everyone.

The Word of the Lord.

7. Romans 14:7-12:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each of us shall give an account of (himself/herself) to God.

The Word of the Lord.

8. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8:

Set your hearts on the greater gifts. I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging symbol. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking; it is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.

9. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

10. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, 17-18:

We hold this treasure in earthen vessels; that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. The present burden of our trial is light enough, and earns for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. We do not fix our gaze on what is seen but on what is unseen. What is seen is transitory; what is unseen lasts forever.

The Word of the Lord.

11. 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1:

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

12. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous. Although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please God, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what (he/she) did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

13. Ephesians 4:1-6:

I plead with you in the name of our Redeemer, to lead a life worthy of your calling. Treat one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one hope when you were called. There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one God and Maker of all, who is over all, who works through all, and is within all.

The Word of the Lord.

14. Ephesians 5:16-17, 18b, 19-21:

Make the most of the present opportunity. Do not continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of God. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and inspired songs. Sing praise to God with all your hearts. Give thanks to God always and in everything in the name of Jesus our Messiah. Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

15. Philippians 3:7-14:

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing, forgetting what lies behind, but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling of Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

16. Philippians 3:18-21:

Be imitators of me, my brothers and sisters. Take as your guides those who follow the example we set. I have often said this to you before, this time I say it to you with tears. As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

17. Philippians 4:4-9:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again; rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious; if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

18. Colossians 1:9b-14:

We do not cease praying for you, and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to please God in every good work, bear fruit and grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength of his glorious might, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. With joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption.

The Word of the Lord.

19. Colossians 3:12-17:

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all these other virtues, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

20. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord, himself with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

21. 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 11-12:

We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters, as is fitting, because your faith flourishes ever more, and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater. We ourselves boast of you regarding your endurance and faith in all of your trials and afflictions you endure. This is evidence of the just judgment of God, so that you may be considered worthy of the Kingdom of God for which you are suffering. We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

22. 2 Timothy 4:6-8:

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The time of my passing has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on the Day of the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me-and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

The Word of the Lord.

23. Hebrew 11:1-3, 6:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well proven. By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the Word of God, so that what is visible came into being by the invisible. But, without faith it is impossible to please God, for those who approach God must believe that God exists and he rewards those who seek him.

The Word of the Lord.

24. 1 Peter 1:3-10:

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who in his great mercy gave us new birth; A birth unto hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; A birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; A birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen him, you love him, and without seeing, you now believe in him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation. This is the salvation which the prophets carefully searched out and examined. They prophesied the divine favor that was destined to be yours.

The Word of the Lord.

25. 1 Peter 4:8-11:

Let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received.

The Word of the Lord.

26. 1 Peter 5:5-11:

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon God because he cares for you. Be sober and vigilant. Resist evil and be steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same suffering. The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory through Christ Jesus will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little. To God be dominion forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

27. 1 John 3:1-2:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

28. Revelation 14:13:

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

29. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and he will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be (her/his) God, and (she/he) will be my very own."

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

1. Matthew 5:1-12:

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

2. Matthew 5:13-16:

You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt loses its taste, with what can it be restored? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

3. Matthew 10:26-31:

Do not be afraid. Everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the night, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. Do not be afraid of what kills the body but cannot kill the soul. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without God knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

The Gospel of the Lord.

4. Matthew 11:25-30:

On one occasion Jesus said, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. For although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. So, come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

5. Matthew 19:13-15:

Then children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

6. Mark 5:21-24, 35-43:

An official of the synagogue named Jairus came up to Jesus and fell at his feet. He pleaded, "My little girl is critically ill. Please come and lay your hands on her so that she may get well and live." The two men went off together and a large crowd followed, pushing against them. While they were on their way some people from Jairus' house arrived saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the teacher further?" Jesus disregarded the report that had been brought and said to Jairus, "Fear is useless. What is needed is trust." At this point Jesus would not permit anyone to follow him except Peter, James and John. As they approached the house of Jairus, Jesus was struck by the noise of people wailing and crying loudly on all sides. He entered and said, "Why do you make this din with your wailing? The child is not dead. She is asleep." At that they began to ridicule him. Then he put them all out. Jesus then took the child's father and mother and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand he said to her, "Little girl get up." The girl stood up and began to walk around. At this the family's astonishment knew no bounds. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

7. Mark 10:13-16:

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

8. Mark 10:46-52:

They came to Jericho next, and as Jesus was leaving that place with his disciples and a sizable crowd, there was a blind beggar Bartimaeus (“son of Timaeus”) sitting by the roadside. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to call out, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” Many people were scolding him to make him keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, “Son of David, have pity on me!” Then Jesus stopped and said, “Call him over.” So they called the blind man over, telling him as they did so, “You have nothing to fear from him! Get up! He is calling you.” He threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Rabboni,” the blind man said, “I want to see.” Jesus said, “Be on your way. Your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him up the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

9. Luke 7:11-17:

Jesus went to a town called Naim, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he approached the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of a widowed mother. A considerable crowd of townsfolk were with her. The Lord was moved with pity upon seeing her and said to her, “Don not cry.” Then he stepped forward and touched the litter; at this, the bearers halted. He said, “Young man, I bid you get up.” The dead man sat up and began to speak. Then Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear seized them all and they began to praise God. “A great prophet has risen among us,” they said; and, “God has visited his people.” This was the report that spread about him throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord.

10. Luke 8:42-48:

As Jesus and his disciples were traveling up the road, the crowds almost crushed him. An elderly woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who had spent her whole savings on doctors and was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind Jesus and touched the tassel of his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the old woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before Jesus, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

11. Luke 10:38-42:

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

12. Luke 12:22-28:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not worry about your life and what you will eat or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the birds of the air: they do not sow, they do not reap, they have neither cellar nor barn - yet God feeds them. How much more important you are than birds! Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life span? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why be anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies: they do not spin, they do not weave; but I tell you, Solomon in all his splendor was not arrayed like any one of them. If God clothes in such splendor the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, how much more will God provide for you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

13. Luke 18:15-17:

Saying on children and the Kingdom: People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus, however called the children to himself and said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

14. Luke 24:13-35:

Two of the disciples of Jesus on the same day [the first day of the week] were making their way to a village named Emmaus seven miles distant from Jerusalem, discussing as they went all that had happened. In the course of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them. However, they were restrained from recognizing him. By now they were near the village to which they were going, and he acted as if he were going father. But they pressed him, "Stay with us. It is nearly evening-the day is practically over." So he went in to stay with them. When he had seated himself with them to eat, he took bread, pronounced the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him; whereupon he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven and the rest of the company assembled. They were greeted with, "The Lord has been raised! It is true! He has appeared to Simon." Then they recounted what had happened on the road and how they had come to know him in the breaking of bread."

The Gospel of the Lord.

15. John 6:37-40:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise (him/her) on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

16. John 11:21-27:

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” “Your brother will rise again,” Jesus assured her. “I know he will rise again,” Martha replied, “in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied. “I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; he who is to come into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

17. John 12:23-28:

Jesus told his disciples, “The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves (his/her) life loses it, and whoever hates (his/her) life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. I am troubled now. Yet, what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

18. John 14:1-6:

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

19. John 15:1-8:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

20. John 15:9-12, 14, 15b-17:

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I call you friends, since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name, He will give to you. The command I give you is this, that you love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Liturgical Planning Sheets

Prayer of the Faithful

(Presider's Opening Prayer)

Commentator: Please respond, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**"

1. In baptism, _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead *him/her* over the waters of death. We pray...
2. Our *brother/sister*, _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. May _____, _____, _____, and all the saints welcome *him/her* to the table in God's Kingdom today. We pray...
3. For the family and friends of _____, who are gathered here today; may they be comforted in their grief by the faith we share. We pray...
4. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray...
5. For peace in our world and for all those who serve their country in the military. We pray...

The above prayers of the faithful are the common ones used at a funeral. Below are intercessions that have been suggested by families. Six or seven petitions are all that are needed.

- A. _____ engaged in life and in relationships which nurtured his/her spirit; may all of us follow _____ example in reaching out to others. We pray...
- B. In thanksgiving for all who have cared for _____, and have been a comfort to *him/her* in his/her last years. We pray...
- C. In thanksgiving for the example of faith and courage we have witnessed in _____ life and in his/her illness. We pray...
- D. In thanksgiving for the beauty that surrounds us in nature, especially for the joys _____ had in _____. We pray...
- E. Amid the hectic and busy world, _____ rejoiced in the quiet and simple things of life; may we all follow *his/her* example. We pray...
- F. _____'s, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the center of *his/her* life; may they hold him/her dear. We pray...
- G. For all who suffer from cancer and for those who care for them. We pray...
- H. _____ lived life to the fullest and brought joy to others in many ways, may we follow *his/her* example. We pray...

I. _____ brought joy to others through *his/her* many activities at St. Ludmila and *his/her* friendly ways; may we not forget the real and important things of life *he/she* taught us. We pray...

J. _____ experienced God in many relationships and activities of *his/her* faith community at St. Ludmila; may *his/her* memory live on in our hearts. We pray...

Write out some of your own petitions if you wish:

Personal Reflections

Please list three important events of your life and why they affected you:

1.

2.

3.

The values which best describe how I have directed my life are:

A special family tradition which has added meaning to my life is:

A message I would really like to leave with my children, grandchildren and friends is:

A scripture passage that I have always liked or has had a special meaning for me is:

A church song or songs I have liked are:

Deceased members of the immediate family:

Any other information or anecdotes I would like to share:

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Deceased: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Age:** _____

Date of Death: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Immediate Family Members:

Spouse: _____ **Date of Death (if applicable):** _____

Children:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Siblings:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Funeral Home: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Committal: Cemetery: _____ **Plot Purchased:** Yes No

City: _____

Date/Time if not immediately after the Mass/service: _____

Luncheon: Anticipated # attending: _____ Announce at the Liturgy: Yes No

Location (if not at the parish): _____

Luncheon Contact: _____

VIGIL SERVICE / LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Rosary: Date: _____ Time: _____ Led by: _____

Vigil Service: Location: _____

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Vigil Service Presider: _____

Old/New Testament Reading: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Readers: _____

Special Music: _____

Sharing of Memories: **Yes** **No**

FUNERAL LITURGY/LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presider for funeral: _____

Placing of the Pall: _____

Servers/Acolytes: _____

Lector(s): _____

Gift Bearers: _____

Eucharistic Ministers: Presider _____

Musicians/Organist/Pianist: _____

Cantor/Choir: _____

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: (Old Testament): _____

Second Reading: (New Testament): _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Prayers of the Faithful: From the book (Y/N) _____ Written by the family (Y/N) _____

Homily: It is very helpful to the homilist if the family would provide some written background information and personal reflections about the deceased. Include information about their faith life, how they have shared their faith with others and some insights into their lives and organizations.

Musical Selections:

Opening Hymn: _____ Song Number: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ Song Number: _____

Preparation of Gifts: _____ Song Number: _____

Communion Hymn: _____ Song Number: _____

Song of Farewell (circle one): O Loving God Song of Farewell

Recessional Hymn: _____ Song Number: _____

Additional Notes:

St. Ludmila Funeral Hymns

Opening/Closing

Abide With Me
Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem Rise
All Are Welcome
Amazing Grace
As We Gather At Your Table
Be Not Afraid
Be Still My Soul
Beautiful Savior
Blest Are They
Blest Be the Lord
Christ Be Our Light
City of God
Companions on the Journey
For All the Saints
Gather Your People O Lord
Glory and Praise to Our God
Here I Am Lord
How Great Thou Art
Jesus Remember Me
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Let Heaven Rejoice
Lift High the Cross
Lord of the Dance
Morning Has Broken
On Eagle's Wings
Praise the Lord Ye Heavens
Praise to the Lord
Sing a New Song
Sing to the Mountains
Sing with All the Saints
Soon And Very Soon
Table of Plenty
The Strife Is Over
Though the Mountains May Fall
We Are the Light of the World
You Are Near

Responsorial Psalms

Loving and Forgiving
Psalm 23 (The Lord Is My Shepherd)
Shepherd Me O God
The Lord is Kind and Merciful
The Lord is My Light and My
Salvation

Offertory

Eye Has Not Seen
Hosea
I Have Loved You
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
In Every Age
Isaiah 49
Love Divine All Love Excelling
Only A Shadow
Open My Eyes
Peace Is Flowing Like a River
Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow
Prayer of St. Francis
Precious Lord Take My Hand
River of Glory
Servant Song
Softly and Tenderly
Take My Hands
The King of Love is My Shepherd
We Are Many Parts
We Have Been Told
We Remember
We Will Rise Again
You Are Mine

St. Ludmila Funeral Hymns

Eucharist

At The Lamb's High Feast
Bread Blessed and Broken
Bread of Life (Cooney)
Come to the Feast
Come to the Water
Eat This Bread
Gift of Finest Wheat
Here at this Table
I Am the Bread of Life
In the Breaking of the Bread
In This Place
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Let Us Break Bread Together
Like A Shepherd
Love Divine, All Love Excelling
One Bread, One Body
Seed Scattered and Sown
Seek Ye First
Song of the Body of Christ
Table of Plenty
Taste and See (Moore)
The Supper of the Lord
This Bread that We Share
To Be Your Bread Now

Song of Farewell

O Loving God (Londonderry Air)
Song of Farewell (Old Hundreth)

St. Ludmila Song Book

Going Home
In The Garden
Just A Closer Walk With Thee
Knebesum
Surely The Presence
The Hand of God
The Old Rugged Cross
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Prelude/Postlude ONLY Songs

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