

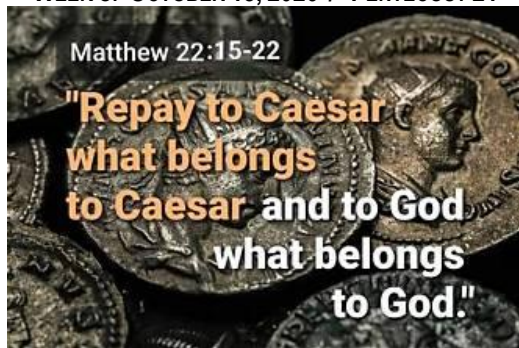


Image Based on Gospel from Matthew 22:15-22

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen. (Source: Lectionary A 2026)

Loving God, You lead our world and all humanity to their destiny in You. In a complex and noisy world where many powers demand our allegiance, help us to remember to whom we truly belong, Amen. (Source: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

LET US PRAY: For Our Pastor Ken Greble and for our Church, our Congregation, and Church Council (President Kim Richardson, Vice President Greg Stiles, and Secretary Nancy Collins, and Council Members Holly Hatter, Ryan Lane, Lori VandenBoss, and Treasurer Dale Salewsky). We thank You for Your constant presence and for the wisdom You so freely offer. Lead us today and always, so that everything we do may bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Gracious God, we pray that you continue to draw close and provide strength, peace, comfort and healing to all who are on our Prayer List and those who we pray for in our hearts, especially:

FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

- **WILLIAM SMURPHAT.** William recently moved to his next phase of specialized training with the Marines in Dam Neck, Virginia. Please continue to keep William and his family in your prayers. Updated 10112026
- **TOM O'BRIEN.** Please continue prayers for Tom and Nancy for peace and to comfort their hearts and to fill them with strength. Updated 04132026

MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION who are ill, recovering from illness, awaiting surgery, results of tests or guidance after recent medical diagnoses, and those who are not able to worship in person at this time because of health, travel, or other concerns.

FOR OUR ELDERS AND FRIENDS, and those unable to worship with us in person.

FOR CHURCH MEMBERS' FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- **Deanna Durbin,** childhood friend of Karen Warsop. Deanna has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and is now on medication. She still has a tumor in her head and doctors are monitoring her condition. Updated 09272026
- **Bernie Huss,** brother-in-law of Darrel Sterzinger, home after a short stay in hospital. His foot is doing better but he has lost

a lot of weight and doesn't have much energy. Continue to keep Bernie in your prayers for strength and healing. Updated 09272026

- **David Krozell,** brother-in-law of Dale and Cindy Salewsky, is home after being hospitalized in Green Bay. Because he is anemic, they cannot do surgery on the noncancerous mass in his stomach for three to six months. The blood that had pooled near his heart and lung has dissipated. Continued prayers are appreciated. Updated 09222026

- **Connie Lutz,** sister-in-law of Mike and Katy. Connie is doing better after knee revision/replacement surgery. She has some upcoming tests and appointments related to her Stage 2 follicular lymphoma diagnosis so they can determine the proper treatment. Thank you for your continued prayers. Updated 09192026

- **Steve Barlow,** Kim Richardson's brother. Steve's prostate cancer has returned and may have spread. He will know more at his next appointment in a couple of weeks. Added 09122026

- **KELLY DENEAU** member of TOPS group at Grace doing well after surgery for breast cancer on Tuesday September 1 and awaiting next steps for treatment. Updated 09052026

- **Charlotte Bader,** member of the TOPS group at Grace, as she continues to recover from extensive foot surgery on August 21. Updated 09052026

- **Tracy,** daughter of Jayne and Karl Petipren, as she navigates new health challenges. Added 08092026

- **AN UNSPOKEN PRAYER REQUEST** for someone who wishes to remain anonymous has been received Heavenly Father, we lift up this unspoken request to You, knowing that You are the God who hears and answers prayers. Amen. Added 08092026

- **NANCY FRAZIER,** friend of John and Jeanette Vlahos, who has health concerns. Added 08022026

- **Dick Riedel,** Michelle Hebert's uncle, in hospice after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Updated 07262026

- **Joe Hebert,** David Hebert's dad, moved to an assisted living facility after having some health issues. Updated 07262026

LONG-TERM PRAYERS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS' FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

We continue to pray for those who suffer physically, emotionally, and those with life-altering and long-term conditions. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that restored, they may joyfully praise Jesus' name, especially:

Stephanie Pinta and Owen Pinta, Nova Przybylski, Ken Crosby, Henry Lin, Earnie Sutfin, Sarah Manning, Mary Ivankovich and her son Josh, Ann Archer, Sean, Iris Dunn, Thomas Leonard, Shane Garrison, Kurt Loudenslager, and Linda Richardson.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING. Father, surround and bring peace to those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. May those who are grieving be in your care and feel your loving presence and compassion during this difficult time.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES OR OTHER SPECIAL DAYS this coming week, especially Jeff Marsh (10/18), Olof Stolen (10/20), and Sherri Huntoon (10/25). May their special days be filled with joy and may God be with them and bless their year ahead.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- We pray together to God who welcomes everyone. We can answer God's invitation and get ready for the kingdom of heaven. God asks us: to be kind, to be welcoming and invite others to share so that everyone has enough food to eat and clean water to drink, to bring peace, to stand up for what is right, to care for and respect one another and to love our neighbor, wherever they are in the world.
- Heavenly Father, give peace to all parents, teachers, and students at all times and in every way. Remind them that You are with them always.
- We pray for our families, our friends and for the community in which we live. As we share in each other's joys and sorrows may we be united in your love and strengthened by the knowledge that we do not travel through life alone.
- Protect our homes and keep people safe from the threat of dangerous and other inclement weather.
- We continue to pray for the victims of mass shootings and the senseless injuries and deaths caused by gun violence. We pray for those families that mourn, and especially for the children who witness and are part of this violence.
- God, we ask for a flourishing community, where neighbors learn to love each other and come to know Jesus. We pray that we can be good stewards of Your love to each one of our neighbors. We ask that You help us to learn from our community, and it may be a place where all are welcomed.
- We pray for all people suffering from war whose lives are suspended and upended by violence and tragedy and those who mourn, are displaced, injured, and desperate for essential needs. We pray for ways to support those in need. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace.

FOR COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL CHILD Isaac Williams QuispeMita who is being sponsored by generous givers at Grace

WITH THANKSGIVING. We are thankful for all who faithfully pray for those on our Prayer List. We are especially thankful for your prayers for our church, our church members and friends, and church council as they navigate the growth and future of our church.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS. AMEN

*Come to me,
all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
For I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30♥*



*The prayers for members,
friends, and family of
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