

# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024

"...she... put in  
everything -  
all she had..."

Mark 12:44



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together  
toward abundant life in Christ.*

## **2024 THEME: JOY COMES IN THE MORNING**

*For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 (ESV)*

### **ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE**

*(Based on Lutheran Service Book Divine Service Setting One)*

#### **THE PREPARATION**

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”  
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

**A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY:** We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In a safety emergency, please keep calm and do not leave the secured building unless instructed by a safety team member or elder.

**A REMINDER:** Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

As the liturgical year is coming to its end, God our Father gives us great encouragement that our salvation and deliverance from sin and sorrow is complete because of the forgiveness won for us by the blood of Jesus, the one and only sacrifice for your sin and the source of daily cleansing, faith, hope, confidence, and love. This faith is certain and full of hope even if your current circumstances would have you think otherwise. As God provided for the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17), so was the widow’s offering (Mark 12) an expression of confident faith in God’s promised salvation. No clearer picture can be given of the certainty of hope in Christ our Savior than in the letter to the Hebrews as it tells of Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice that not only forgives but takes away all sin and supplies us with newness of life by His life-giving body and blood all our days!

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME, The TOLLING OF THE BELLS**

WELCOME TO  
church

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
 Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
 With songs and anthems I come before Him  
 As long as He allows me breath.  
 From Him my life and all things came;  
 Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

4. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
 Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
 Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
 Their faithful God He will remain.  
 He helps His children in distress,  
 The widows and the fatherless.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
 With happy heart its amen sings.  
 Children of God, with angel host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia, alleluia!



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**THE INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB pg. 151*

**C** **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

## INTROIT FOR PENTECOST 25

*Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8*

P Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
C **for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
C **whom He has redeemed from trouble.**

P He raises up the needy out of affliction  
C **and makes their families like flocks.**

P The upright see it and are glad,  
C **and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
C **for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

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*(Please be seated)*

## T Confession and Absolution T

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We  
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk  
in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

## T Service of the Word T

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 154*

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

*(Elijah's name is a combination of two names for God, Elohim and Yahweh. It means literally "Yah is El" and could be translated "Yahweh is God." Although he is one of the best-known prophets in the Old Testament, we know very little about his early life. According to verse 1 he was born in Tishbeh, an unidentified village probably in the vicinity of Gilead, where he was living when he appears on the scene.)*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:24–28

*(Christ's sacrifice is perfect and finished. It is repeated neither in the Holy Supper nor in the suffering of believers. Instead, in the Lord's Supper we eat and drink His body and blood, already sacrificed once, and we receive the benefits of His sacrifice (forgiveness, life, and salvation). Therefore, the Spirit conforms our lives to His life so that we offer to Him sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.)*

<sup>24</sup>For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

LSB pg. 156

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Mark 12:38–44

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



**HYMN OF THE DAY** Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus *LSB 529 sts. 1–2,4*  
(*Sung to Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain - LSB 435*)

1. Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus,  
Bears the name above all names,  
Reigning Son of God, surpassing  
Other titles, pow'rs and claims—  
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed,  
Let us hold our witness fast!
2. Since we have a priest who suffered,  
Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
Who like us was tried and tempted,  
Unlike us, without a stain—  
Since He shared our lowly place,  
Let us boldly seek His grace.
4. Love's example, hope's attraction,  
Faith's beginning and its end,  
Pioneer of our salvation,  
Mighty advocate and friend;  
Jesus, high in glory raised,  
Our ascended Lord be praised!



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**SERMON** “The Only Sure Thing”

Rev. Jerry Menk

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Lord God, our confidence and hope of life everlasting, graciously hear our prayer for Your whole church everywhere in the world, especially for those who hold steadfast to Your Word and promises. Sustain all faithful pastors with Your grace that they may deliver Your Word of salvation to all. Keep all Your people in peace and unity of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give all nations and especially our own country trustworthy leaders who look to You for Your guidance in all their ministrations. Make their purpose to provide justice, peace, and freedom to all whom they have been called to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

P As we all live out our lives in a world disfigured by sin, sickness, and death, give to all who call upon You for help in times of trouble, anxiety, or illness Your healing presence, [*especially . . . Brenda Hanak (friend of LCC), the family of Ron McCormick, the family of Phil Miller, Carol Mueller*].

Help all who attend to those in need with Your strength and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all those who have faithfully served You in the past, the patriarchs and prophets, the evangelists and apostles, and all Your saints, we give You thanks. Though undeserving, grant us communion and fellowship with all those in heaven whose victory we celebrate while still in our journey. Give us the faith and confidence to remain steadfast until we hear Your call to enter Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Graciously receive our prayers, O God. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      “The Lord’s Prayer”

## **OFFERING**

*For those worshipping online, please visit [www.lccross.org](http://www.lccross.org) to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ymlHuZ9DCsq9s6>*

*For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.*



**OFFERING MUSIC**

## Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691 sts. 1-3



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en  
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er  
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,



Rich in love and joy - and peace.  
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.

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**VETERAN'S PRAYER**— Verse 1 *Sung to TAPS*

God of love, from above,  
 Shine your face; may your grace Still increase.  
 Stretch your hand o'er our land;  
 Grant us peace.

**VETERANS DAY PRAYER**

**P** Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have dedicated their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who have served or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom.

**C** **We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.**

- P We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.
- C **We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.**
- P Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans and their families.
- C **Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients' suffering.**
- P God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

**VETERAN'S PRAYER**– Verse 2 *Sung to TAPS*

Shepherd dear, kindly hear:  
Guard and keep all your sheep Far and near;  
Firmly hold in your fold,  
Free from fear.

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har-vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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**SILENT PRAYER**

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk  
Guest Organist: Sarah Stolarczyk  
Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman  
Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman ~ Flute: Raymond Stolarczyk  
Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

November 10, 2024

*Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ*

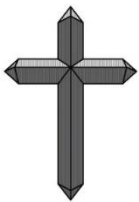
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The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by Steve & Lori Nelson in remembrance of fathers; Edward Nelson & Donald Pioch.  
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by Jim & Margaret Andrews to celebrate their wedding anniversary (11/08).

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### **WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Bell Tollers	Marita Noe, Sue Richard
Elders on Duty	Jim McCabe, Wayn Nelson
Greeters/Ushers	Gary Fleming, Donna Leach, Dorothy Christman
Altar Servers	Suzanne Fadely, Cathy McCabe, Lori Nelson, Joyce Spier
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Alex Scherer, Luke Stolarczyk



### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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**IF YOU HAVE** any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact:

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Head Elder	Jim McCabe:	847-471-1421

In case of Emergency you may reach	<u>Pastor Stolarczyk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-979-7490</u>
	<u>Pastor Menk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-327-9453</u>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### **Homebound Care:**

John & Lois Arens, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Ann La Fave, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Dale Kuhn, Dale Sawicki, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

### **Strength, Healing, Guidance: \***

Fran Boatwright	Recovery
Carol Burgess	Strength & healing
Ann Hagey	Strength & healing
Brenda Hanak	Friend of LCC; Hospice Care
Sue Heim	Healing
Val Korman	Hospice Care
Tom Rittenhouse	Pain relief & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Dale Sawicki	Peace & comfort
Phil Woodruff	Medical guidance, strength & healing

*\*Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

### **Battling Cancer:**

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
Eric Sr.	Family of Rene & Sue Richard; terminal cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Karen	Daughter Ann LaFave; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Cate Bocassi	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Diana Chesen	Battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Mack Gonzales	Battling cancer
Steve Kirkland	Brother of Bruce Kirkland; battling cancer
Todd Kliez	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Phil Miller	Battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Kathy Sanders	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Barb Sullivan	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with cancer
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer

Lori Truelove  
Connie Warner

Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace  
Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma

**Military:**

US Army SSG. Paul Behling  
USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.  
US Army CSM Matt Hopkins  
USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL  
Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM  
Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski  
US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski  
US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski  
USCG SCPO Robert Kecken  
USAF A1C Riley Latarski  
Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz  
Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker  
USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell  
US Army PFC Parker Woodruff  
Bragg

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound  
Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND  
Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD  
Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA  
Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

We commend to our gracious God the body and soul of Ron McCormick, beloved husband of RoseMarie McCormick and Father of Rebecca Remberg.  
and also the body and soul of Phil Miller, beloved husband of Ro Miller.

**Family Prayer:** We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

**LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2024**

<b>Week Of: 11/03/2024</b>			
<b>On-Site Attendance</b> 38 / 118	<b>Weekly Contributions</b>		
	Income:	\$ 11,225	
	Expense:	\$ 13,846	

**VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS:**

The week of November 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> the church office will be operational on Virtual Hours only. If interior access will be needed for the church or FMC buildings, please call-in advance to schedule this access.

Please note the church office will be closed 11/28 & 11/29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Normal Office hours will resume Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES**

**YOUR GENEROSITY WILL:** //

- » **HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING** of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training and support.
- » **HELP PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** – of our chaplains and LCMS military members. We have always been — and will continue to be — a strong advocate and defender for chaplains to preach and teach in accordance with the tenets of their faith. We work tirelessly to ensure that all military members retain their God-given right and constitutionally protected freedom of religion.
- » **HELP SUSTAIN OPERATION BARNABAS** – a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people in our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting [lcms.org/operationbamabas](http://lcms.org/operationbamabas).
- » **HELP ENABLE THE MINISTRY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE** as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please send military contact information to [lcmschaps@lcms.org](mailto:lcmschaps@lcms.org).
- » **HELP FACILITATE CHAPLAIN AND FAMILY WELLNESS** by funding the travel and expenses for chaplains and their wives to attend our annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.
- » **HELP GROW A CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND** that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.



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