

**March 8, 2026**  
**Oculi Sunday**

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**

A large, stylized cross graphic is overlaid on the word 'LENT'. The cross is composed of a vertical bar and a horizontal bar, both with a rough, hand-painted texture. The vertical bar extends from the top of the 'L' down to the bottom of the 'T', and the horizontal bar spans across the 'E' and 'N'.

**Christ's Lutheran Church**  
700 East Pennsylvania Avenue  
Oreland, Pennsylvania

*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.*

## Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdainful the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW # 533



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

*Our HOP today, "Rock of Ages," was written by Augustus Toplady in 1923. Toplady wrote a number of hymns in his short life, but "Rock of Ages" is by far his most famous. It has been said that he was inspired by a rock cleft where he took refuge during a storm. The hymn is a blessing and has remained a testimony of the powerful sacrifice of our Saviour. It has been claimed that it appears in more church hymnals than any other hymn and is well known among churchgoers.*

## Hymn of Praise

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me ELW # 623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 95

Bless the Lord

*The congregation will sing the following response:*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. —

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**Response**

- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup> "Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'

**Response**

## **Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-11**

A reading from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now

been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation  
(Sing Twice)**

**Return to the Lord  
ELW Setting Four**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 4:5-42**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our

ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

**A Moment of Prayer**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**  
**ELW # 752**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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**The Message**

**Pastor Axel Kaegler**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Hymn of the Day

ELW # 658 | O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## Apostles' Creed

Let us name and proclaim the God who saves us, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayers.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain the earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. We pray especially for Matt, Michael, Hans, Marie, Nancy, Scott, Darlene, Annette, Ryan, the Engstrom family, the Rothenheber family, the Daniels family, the Wendte family, the Miller family, and the Griffin family. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you  
and to greet those who are worshipping online.*

*Please be seated.*

## Musical Offering

## "My Dying Lord"

Parker/Lantz

*"My dying Lord is like a lamb gently led away.  
Yielding to the tyrant's rod,  
Jesus is the Lamb of God,  
My Shepherd and my stay.*

*Please stand.*

## Offertory

## Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV # 732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Gracious God, you have been faithful to our ancestors, bringing us throughout time to this very day

Beyond our divisions, you remind us that we are all kindred in your eyes

**We are better together.**

You have given us all we need to trust in your abundance, to live generous lives, and recognize that your good work is done best in communion with you and one another

**We are better together.**

And so in service to our neighbor, in love for all creation, and in proclamation of your good news for all:

**We are better together.**

Bless these gifts we've gathered, help us to remember all you have done, give us vision for all we can do, honest commitment to the call you've placed before us, and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency Let us be your people, and serve the world in love as you first loved us

**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

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## The Sending Song

**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**  
**ELW # 618**

**Please see the next page for the hymn.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Your Prayers Are Invited

*We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed for longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long-term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.*

Bob

Mary Jane Brenneman

Matt Cirigliano (friend of Pastor Kaegler)

Hans Noerr (friend of Don & Pat Hallman)

Michael Nugent (Stephanie Staerk's cousin)

Darlene Pappas (friend of Bob Kelly)

Nancy Renner

Scott Robinson (son of the congregation)

Ryan

Annette Weaver

Marie Wilson (member of 60 Plus)

*The flowers on the altar today have been sponsored by  
The Menard Family celebrating March birthdays  
and  
by Leigh-Ann Bussinger in celebration of  
Ann's birthday!*

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## This Week at CLC!

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Family Tables (chapel)
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour (narthex)
	2:00 pm	Community Garden Seed Swap (200)
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:30 pm	BS Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	6:00 pm	Lions/Tigers (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (200)
	7:00 pm	Webelos (203/204)
	7:00 pm	AOLs (PH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
	7:00 pm	Mid-week Lenten Service (chapel)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 am	60 Plus (PH)
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 pm	AA (200)

## Mid-week Lenten Services

Please join us every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the chapel for a contemplative prayer service oriented around the Lord's Prayer.

## Extra Mile Giving Envelope Wall

Similarly to last year, in order to balance the budget and close a gap, we once again included Extra Mile Giving into the 2026 budget. Our goal for Extra Mile Giving this year is \$43,114.00.

To help us achieve this lofty goal together we will be having several Extra Mile Giving events. This week we are launching a project that is as simple as picking a number but as powerful as our entire CLC community coming together.

Starting this Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, if you look at the bulletin board between the sanctuary doors in the Narthex, you'll see our **Extra Mile Giving Envelope Wall**. There are 100 envelopes, numbered 1 through 100. Our goal is to clear that wall completely by Easter to support our Extra Mile Giving Efforts in 2026.

Here's the challenge: We're asking you to stop by the wall, pray about it, and pick an envelope. The number on the outside is the dollar amount of your donation. If you pick #14, you take the envelope and put \$14 inside. If you pick #75, you take the envelope and put \$75 inside.

If we fill every single envelope, we will raise exactly **\$5,050**. Whether you can give \$1 or \$100, every single envelope brings us one step closer to our goal. Let's see how fast we can clear this wall together!"

Envelopes can be placed in the plate offering during Sunday service or returned to the church office. Additionally, if you are unable to select an envelope in person, please contact the church secretary directly and indicate the number that you would like to select and send that amount in the mail to the church.

Thank you in advance for your support. It is just a small piece of our larger goal, but I know that we can do this because **We Are Better Together!**