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Dear Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Brenner, Cantor Childs, and the entire CBB community,

We grieve with you for the loss of life, the breach of security, the hate and evil that has erupted in Israel and Gaza. There is no sense to the madness of war. Our anger is not enough, and yet, even worse to ponder, is whether our love can ever be enough. But know you are loved. In the confusion - you are loved. In the sorrow - you are loved. In these anxious and uncertain days - you are loved. For the justice sought - you are loved.

We trust in the faithfulness of God. We deplore the infidelity of humanity. As you rightfully lament your suffering, may you also be reminded of the promises God has made to you. You are not alone. You have a community to lean on, and we are grateful to be included in that.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.
Psalm 121*

With prayers for peace,

Mark A. Marius, Pastor
On behalf of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



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