

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5/6, 2025



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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME! The psalmist invites us: “Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name” (Psalm 30:4, NRSV). Welcome to worship.

GOD IS the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat ... take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

WORSHIP BEGINS in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God’s word.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

THE BLUE WELCOME PAD in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

LEAVING THE SANCTUARY during worship, please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 12-13: Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37.

IF YOU’D LIKE someone’s name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week’s prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person’s name during the intercessory prayers.

GATHERING

PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.

PRELUDE

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

BELL, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand as you are able to face the font for the confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, break our bonds, and lead us on the path of life. Amen.

We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

Amen.

Stand as you are able for the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN # 863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

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.

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

A reading from Isaiah.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9

Spoken responsively by whole verse by the lector and congregation.

¹Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands;
be joyful, ¹ all the earth.

²**Sing the glory ¹ of God's name;
sing the glory ¹ of God's praise.**

³Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows ¹ down before you,
sings to you, sings ¹ out your name."**

⁵Come now and see the ¹ works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds ¹ toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the wa- ¹ ter on foot,
and there we re- ¹ joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one another in “the family of faith.”

A reading from Galatians.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ... “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 663 *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, let us pray for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM

America the Beautiful
Tom Duffy, Guitar

Samuel A. Ward

Please sign the blue pew pads as you listen to the anthem.

MEAL

Stand as you are able as the offering is presented.

OFFERTORY #182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

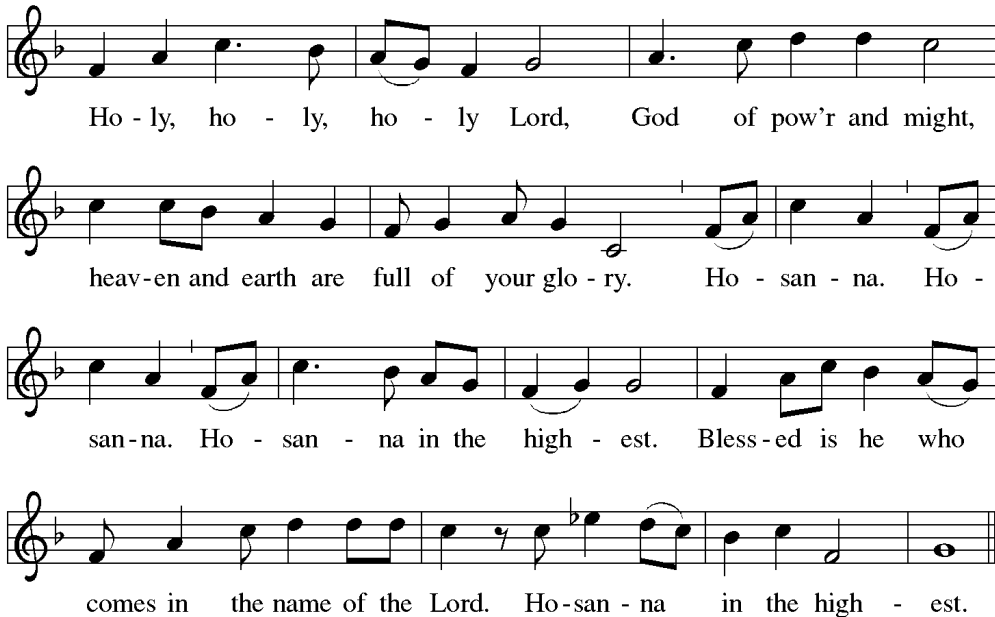
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

We give you thanks, Father,...both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat, and rejoice.

ONLINE WORSHIPERS

Taking the bread, the minister looks at the camera to declare to online worshipers:

To our online worshipers, the body of Christ given for you.

Handing the bread to the assisting minister, taking the cup, and looking to the camera:

The blood of Christ shed for you.

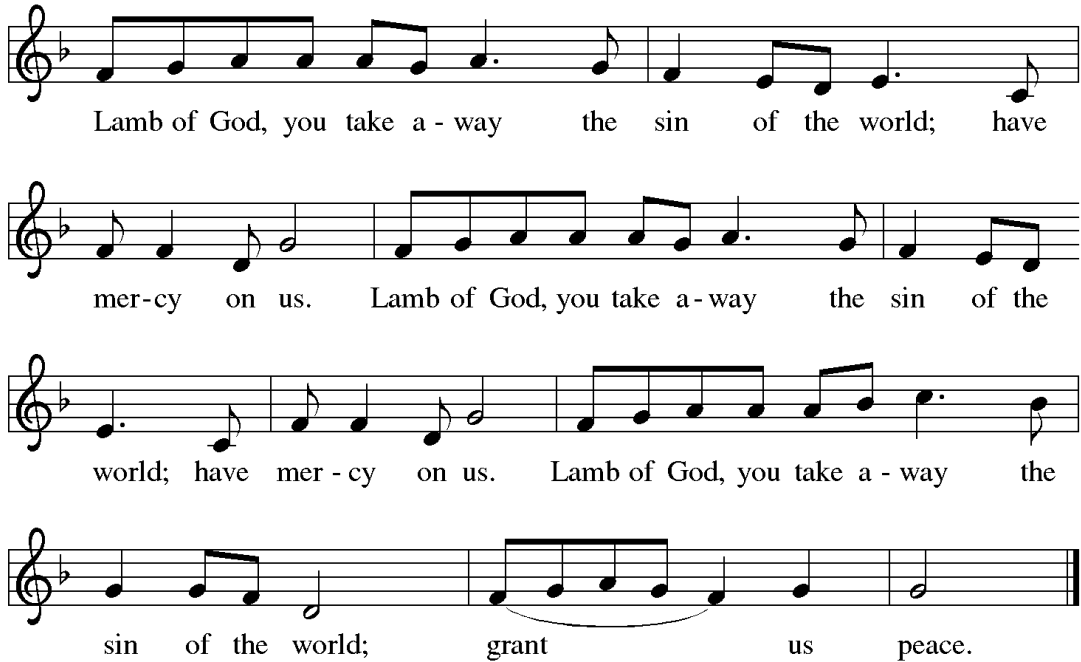
The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass of juice for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine. When you have communed, return to your seat by the opposite end.

We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say,
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.

During the distribution, Lamb of God is sung:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

The service concludes with the blessing and the dismissal.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts;
and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Samuel Francis Smith

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Lois Gdovin
Acolyte:	Ava Brezovsky
Assisting Minister:	Cynthia Mahalick
Lector:	Gail Smallwood
Communion Bread:	Fran Dierolf
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Martha Kush
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE YELLOW ROSE is given by Dorcas in belated celebration of the 60th
wedding anniversary on June 25 of Brad & Ruth Ide.

WE THANK Paul Wheeler for his service as supply organist while Margaret Quintanar is away.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet today at 10:45 am after worship.

COUNCIL UPDATE – Meeting of July 1: Rally Day for Sunday School and “God’s Work. Our Hands” will be on Sunday, September 7, (a change from its previous date of Sunday, September 14). St. Paul’s will have a display at the annual Back Mountain Harvest Fest on Sunday, September 14. The finance committee submitted an addendum to the Head Start lease agreement to include the PreK classroom that will start this fall; funding for the class will be from the state and is on hold until the state budget is passed. The property committee is aware of the overgrowth of shrubs in front of the lighted Rt. 118 sign and is trying to find someone who will tackle the shrubs and work around all the Poison Ivy (any volunteers)? Council approved a request from the superintendent of the Dallas Correctional Facility to continue allowing the use of the church’s social hall and educational wing for informational services for families of inmates, in the event of an emergency at the prison. The next 100th Anniversary event will be the Fellowship in Art/Quilt and Art show, as well as a Tea, on Saturday, July 26. The anniversary committee also is planning an outdoor family movie on Saturday, August 23 and an anniversary brunch at The Greens at Irem on Sunday, September 21.

THE RETIRED RAMBLERS BREAKFAST will be held on Thursday, July 10 at 8:32 am at the Skillet in Harveys Lake. Everyone is invited to attend.

JOIN US for the 100th Anniversary event “Fellowship in Art” on Saturday, July 26 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The event will include a quilt show, art exhibit, silent auction baskets and a tea, beginning at 12:30 pm, with cost of admission at \$15.00 for the tea. If you are planning to attend the tea, please sign up in the Narthex. For questions about the overall event, quilts or the tea, you can contact Annie Bisher by email at monarch1023b@hotmail. For questions about the art exhibit, you can contact Cynthia Mahalick at 570-466-5233, and for silent auction baskets, you can contact Karen Mertz at 570-762-1138. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact Annie, Cynthia, Karen, Julie Holbrook, or the church office.

SILENT AUCTION BASKET DONATIONS – The Anniversary Committee is looking for basket donations for the Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Art & Quilt Show/Tea on July 26. Some basket ideas include: Ethnic Foods (Italian, Asian, Mexican), Back to School Items, Tools, TV Night with Snacks, Drinks, Movies, Games, Baby Items, Coffee/Tea, Baking, etc. It's a good idea to choose a theme and begin shopping for the items a little at a time. Questions??? Call Karen Mertz at 570.762.1138; she has baskets available for use.

DORCAS SILENT AUCTION BASKET: All ladies of the church are invited to contribute items to the Dorcas Society's basket for the Anniversary Committee. The basket theme is Baking, and items such as cake pans, cookie sheets, cake mixes, baking ingredients and baking tools will fit the theme. There is a box in the Narthex for donations; please bring your donations to the church by July 20. Thank you!

MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION—Pyramid Health managers have notified Karen Mertz that their clients are in need of men's clothing, in small and medium sizes. If you have any clothing to donate, please drop it off in the marked basket in the hallway. Thank you!

Sunday, September 7, 2025

God's work.
Our hands.



The Social Ministry Committee is looking forward to this day as an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

As in the past few years, the committee is asking for your donations of sneakers – youth sizes 9-12 – for boys and girls who will be filling our Head Start classrooms in the fall. There will be a Sneaker Display table in the Narthex starting on Sunday, July 27; please remember to attach your gift receipt to the shoes. The committee will hold a meeting (date TBA) in August to discuss and plan other projects; if you are interested in joining the Social Ministry Committee, watch for future announcements in the weekly bulletins. All members of St. Paul's are thanked for supporting Social Ministry projects!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today: 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am 100th Anniversary Committee meeting
Thursday: 8:32 am Retired Ramblers Breakfast at the Skillet
Saturday: 5:30 pm Worship
Sunday: 9:30 am Worship

PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregations of Trinity Lutheran, Towanda and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.**

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Sandi Fassett, Marge Fritzing, Jean Grube, Morgan Holbrook, Robert Kline, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Swanson, Jack Traver, Anita Weiss, Peter Wittkamp, Alyson Wood, Shirley Zimmerman.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Karen Evanish, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Deacon Barb Gessner, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenny Graveira, Jenn Hubbard, Joe Hudak, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Lindsey Lattari, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Betty Jane Mokychic, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Robin Rosencrans, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Lori Strobel, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Karen Wise, Frank and Cheryl Wright, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Josh, Justin, Jim, Megan, April, Connie, Kara (no last names given).