

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

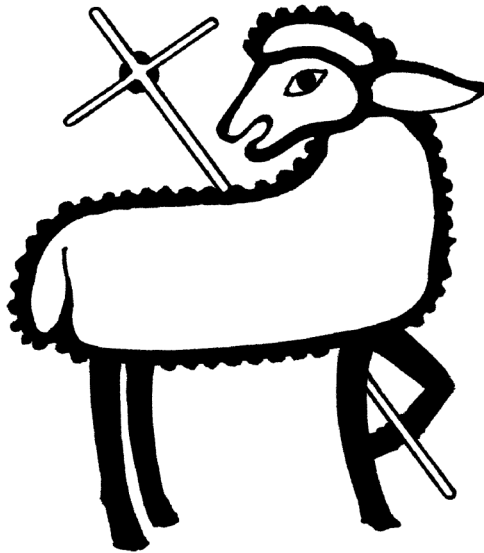
St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

• November 3, 2024 •



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *“For All the Saints”* (verses 1–5) **LBW 174**

*GREETING

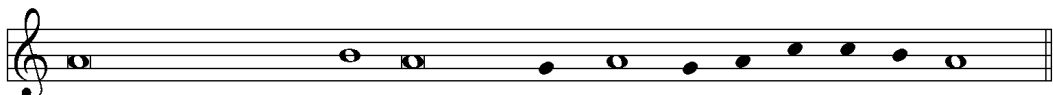
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE: *“In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord”*



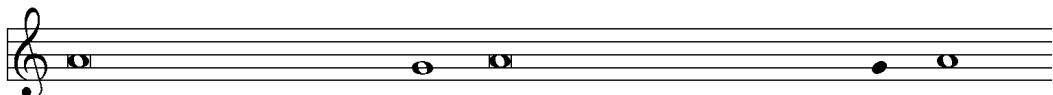
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



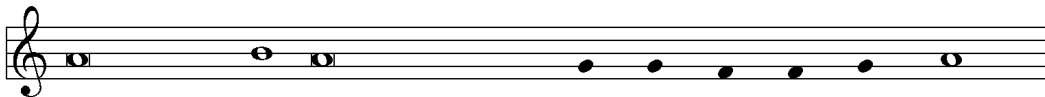
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is The Feast”**



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.)

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalm 24

L: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

L: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**C: Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

L: They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING:

Revelation 21:1-6a

The Second Reading is from Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true.”^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:**

John 11:32-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench

because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.”⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*For All Your Saints, O Lord*”

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. Today, we remember our beloved Parish members: Betty Culp, Lee Dugan, Jeannette Kime, Diana Kuntz, Dean McCauslin, Larry Peters, and Steven Tuckey, and recent friends of the Parish: Luann Fix and Byrl Gates. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

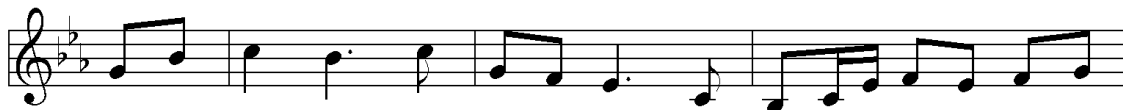
PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: “*Let the Vineyards*”



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



bles-sing. 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 dreams of all; u -



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



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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.


Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

C: Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*


SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

P: his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



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, grant us peace.

***POST COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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 ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" TFF 180



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.
- 6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

**Today, we commemorate the following members
of our Parish who died in 2023-2024
and now rest with our eternal Father.**



Saint James Lutheran Church:

Dean L. McCauslin – *January 4, 2024*

Steven W. Tuckey – *April 6, 2024*



Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

Jeannette L. Kime – *December 18, 2023*

Larry J. Peters, Sr. – *January 27, 2024*

Betty L. Culp – *February 17, 2024*

M. Lee Dugan – *August 14, 2024*

Diana K. Kuntz – *August 26, 2024*

• **NOVEMBER 2024** •

SUN. Nov. 3	MON. Nov. 4	TUES. Nov. 5	WED. Nov. 6	THURS. Nov. 7	FRI. Nov. 8	SAT. Nov. 9
<p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</p> <p>8:25 am: St. James</p> <p>9:45 am: Christ</p> <p>11:00 am: Bethlehem</p> <p><i>Birthdays:</i> Jayne Weaver</p>	<p>7:00 pm: Joint Council Meeting (Bethlehem)</p> <p><i>Birthdays:</i> Hannah Bernheimer</p>		<p>7:00 pm: Bible Study (Bethlehem)</p> <p>• Obadiah •</p> <p><i>Anniversary:</i> Steve & Claudia Spangler</p>	<p><i>Birthdays:</i> Nancy Miller</p> <p>Logan Trimmer</p>		<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p>
SUN. Nov. 10	MON. Nov. 11	TUES. Nov. 12	WED. Nov. 13	THURS. Nov. 14	FRI. Nov. 15	SAT. Nov. 16
<p>8:25 am: St. James</p> <p>9:45 am: Christ</p> <p>11:00 am: Bethlehem</p> <p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p> <p>1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem)</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p> <p><i>Birthdays:</i> Pr. Bob McEllroy</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p> <p><i>Birthdays:</i> David Copenhaver, Jr.</p>	<p>Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)</p>

ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel (this info can also be found on our website – www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Bettina McBeth
C Chris Cooley
B Bruce Schachle

Greeters/Ushers

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Bruce & Jeanette Schachle

Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner
Deb & Dave Copenhaver
Kathy Singley



ALTAR FLOWERS:

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem

To the Glory of God



OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.

Parish Joint Council Meeting

The Parish Joint Council will meet on **Monday, November 4, at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the annual 2025 Parish Operating Budget and also to address any other necessary parish business. The Joint Council is, of course, made up of all three full church councils, elected Joint Council officers, and the Pastor.

WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, items for the bulletin should be received at the church office by Wednesday noon for that week's Sunday Bulletin.

VACATION DAYS FOR PASTOR SUSAN

- **NOVEMBER 9 through NOVEMBER 24** •

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from November 9 through November 24.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact:

November 9–16: Pastor Chris Suehr at 724-989-8106

November 18–23: Pastor Ben Siebert at 419-953-8158

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- **June 5–7, 2025** •

At the 2025 Lower Susquehanna Assembly, we will be electing a new bishop as Bishop Dunlop is retiring. This is an exciting time in the life of the synod.

As part of the process, the synod is requesting that each congregation has their delegates in place by **December 31, 2024**.

There are two meetings that the Gettysburg Conference has scheduled in preparation for Assembly.

FEBRUARY 2, 2025: 2 p.m. at ULS

Information regarding the bishop election process.

MARCH 23, 2025: 2 p.m. at ULS

Regular pre-Assembly meeting.

Tentatively, Synod Assembly will be in session on Thursday evening, June 5, and all day on Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7.

Two delegates are needed from each congregation.

Please let Pastor Susan know if you are interested in this important opportunity.

You are invited to a ...

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

216 Main Street • York Springs, PA

~ Come and Join Us in Worship and Thanksgiving! ~



LIGHTING OF THE ANGELS

• **November 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** •

St. James Lutheran Church, Wenksville

The annual Lighting of the Angels will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at St. James Lutheran Church, Wenksville, with a light supper beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Community Advent Service. Soup, sandwiches, and drink will be provided – please bring a dessert if you would like. This is a combination service of St. James Lutheran Church and Wenksville United Methodist Church.

~ All Are Invited to Attend! ~



Prayer List - Parish Members

Dixie Atha c
Dot Bosak b
Ruth Bretzman b
Tony Bretzman b
Mary Chronister b
Dave Copenhaver c

Wahnettah Harvey c
Harold Heller j
Linda Heller j
James Lang b
Lois Rinehart b
Mike Rinehart b

Alan Showers j
Bill Slaybaugh j
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Douglas Barbour
Mary 'Sis' Becker
Adam Black
Jeff Black
Tracy Brandt
Bev Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline
Nicole Cline
Dick Cook
Carl Corl

Linda Cramer
Jeanne Cuttitta
Peter Cuttitta
Helen Daniels
Bonnie DeHaven
John Gantz
Aubrey Grimes
Galen Hartz
Cody Johnson
Susanna Kidwell
Kinley

Karen Lawson
Nicole Mackey
Emily Maiolo
Diane Myers
Caden Nye
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Kati Reynolds
Ginny Rinehart
Marlea Williams

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father (our saints who have gone before us).

Luann Fix and Byrl Gates