Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James	Christ	Bethlehem		
Wenksville	Aspers	Bendersville		
8:25 am	9:45 am	11:00 am		

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

• November 10, 2024 •

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Cynthia Baxter



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Tom Scott

*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: "Fling Wide the Door"

LBW 32

*GREETING

@ Lord,

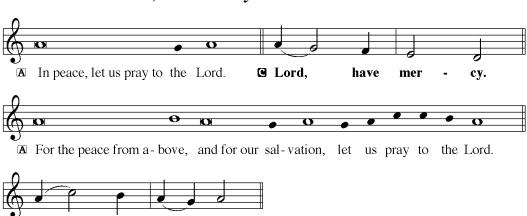
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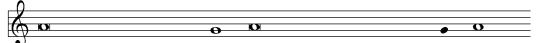
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

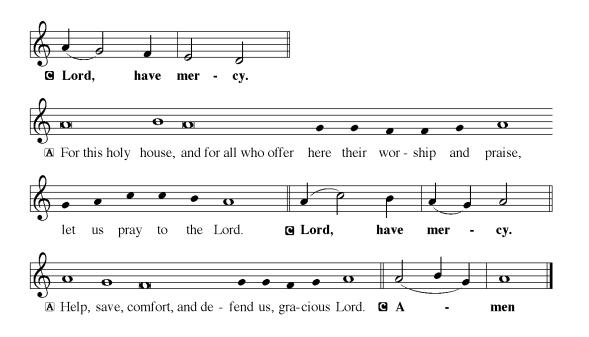




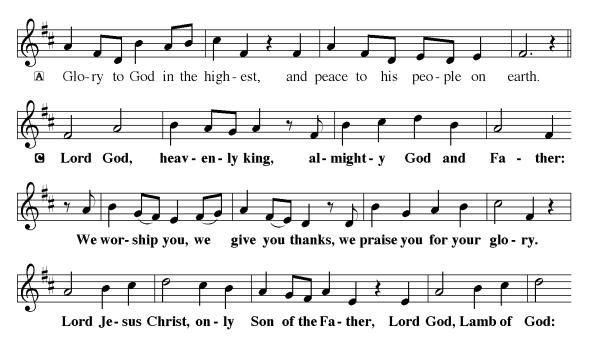
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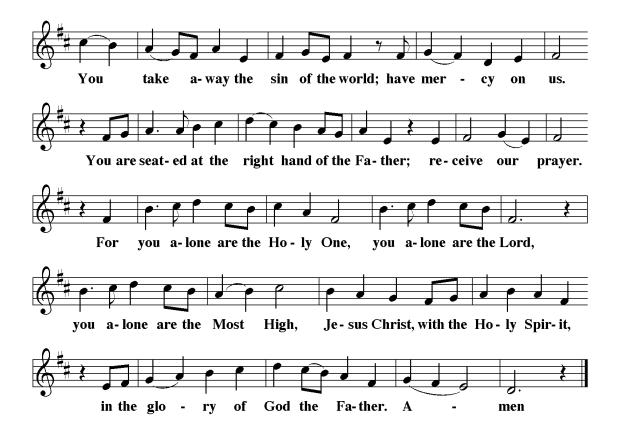
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*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria"





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 17:8-16

The First Reading is from First Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 13 Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

- L: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- L: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

 The LORD sets the captive free.
- C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- L: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 9:24-28

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ 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: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia"



*GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

The Rev. Cynthia Baxter

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

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.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones, especially Luann Fix, who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. 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"





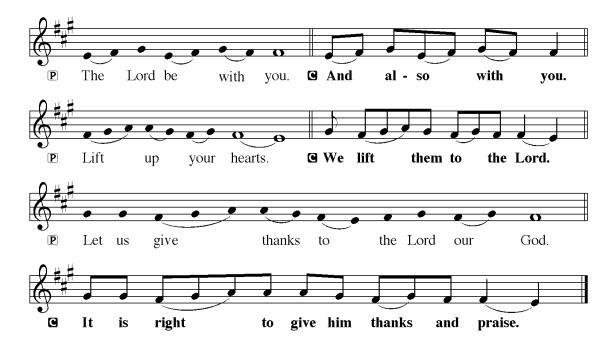
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

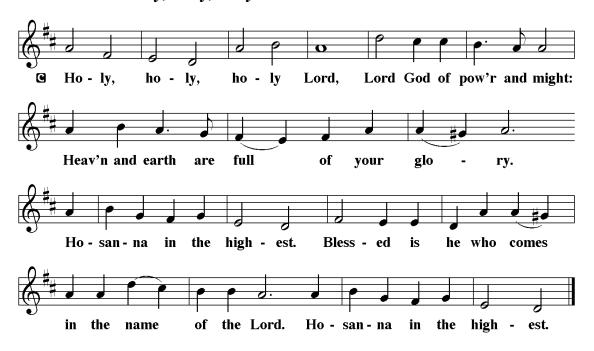
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE (sung by the pastor)

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy"



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, 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

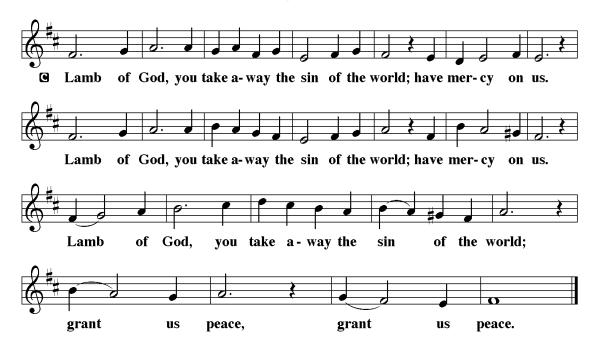
P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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 Cynthia 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"



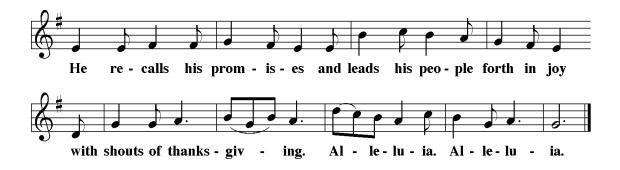
*POST COMMUNION

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"





*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: "Jesus Shall Reign" (4 verses) LBW 530

*DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE: "I Have a Joy, Joy, Joy"

(Congregation: Please Sing.)

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SPECIAL WELCOME And THANK YOU!

We would like to welcome and thank The Rev. Cynthia Baxter for joining us today and leading us in worship.
We thank you for the opportunity to hear your special message!

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We would like to welcome and thank Organist Harold Heller for joining us today and leading us in songs of worship and praise.

Thank you for sharing your fine talent of music with us!

NOVEMBER 2024

SUN. Nov. 10	MON. Nov. 11	TUES. Nov. 12	WED. Nov. 13	THURS. Nov. 14	FRI. Nov. 15	SAT. Nov. 16
8:25 am: St. James	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day	Vacation Day	Vacation Day
9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem)	Birthday: Pr. Bob McEllroy	NO Bible Study	(Pr. Susan)	(Pr. Susan) Birthday: David Copenhaver, Jr.	(Pr. Susan)
SUN. Nov. 17	MON. Nov. 18	TUES. Nov. 19	WED. Nov. 20	THURS. Nov. 21	FRI. Nov. 22	SAT. Nov. 23
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9:45 am: Christ	7:00 pm:	Birthday: Leonard	NO Bible Study			Birthday:
11:00 am: Bethlehem Vacation Day	Meeting (Bethlehem)	Kuhn	Anniversary: Roger & Dolly			Marc Bayles
(Pr. Susan)			Chronister			

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.

DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

As a reminder, items for the newsletter should be received at the church office by the <u>15th</u> of the month for the next month's newsletter.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
J Bettina McB	eth —	Harold & Kathy Stoner
C Julie Haller		Deb & Dave Copenhaver
B Chris Cuttitt	a Bruce & Jeanette Schachle	Kathy Singley



ALTAR FLOWERS:

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem

To the Glory of God



VACATION DAYS FOR PASTOR SUSAN

NOVEMBER 9 through NOVEMBER 24 •

Pastor Susan is 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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED CANDY!

THANK YOU to all who provided candy for the 200 trick-or-treat bags, which were handed out on Halloween night in Bendersville.

Your support and generosity were greatly appreciated!



You are invited to a ...

THANKSGIVING EVE 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! ~

Bendersville Lutheran Parish's 6th Annual LIVE NATIVITY

Come and See JOHN 1:32

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2024 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

There will be animals, hot chocolate, goodie bags, and carols! Where? At the Bethlehem Lutheran Church parking lot. All are invited!

"Will be cancelled in the event of rain or snow."

Looking for COOKIE DONATIONS for the 'LIVE NATIVITY' Event! ...



If you would like to provide cookies for the 6th Annual 'Live Nativity' event being held Saturday, December 7, cookies can be dropped off at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church social room at 2 p.m. on the day of the event or contact:

GINGER MORTORFF at 717-706-0401

for additional drop-off information.

"Thank you for your donations!"

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.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication
for all the saints." — Ephesians 6:18



The Bendersville Lutheran Parish prays for one another, the world, and all those in need. Sometimes, though, we forget to tell others that someone has healed or has moved on to eternal life.

Let us be good stewards of the prayer list. Names on the prayer list will be removed after <u>one month</u> unless you let us know to keep praying.



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
Diane Fetters
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