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**16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Baptism**  
**9:15 am ✝ September 12, 2021**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands as they are comfortable. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

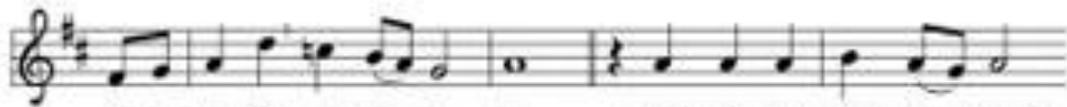
**GREETING p. 138**

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE p. 139



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



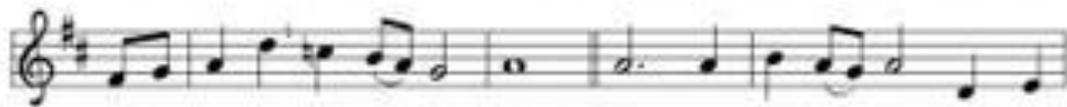
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,

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

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## **HOLY BAPTISM OF AIDEN MICHAEL STRUSS**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## **SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

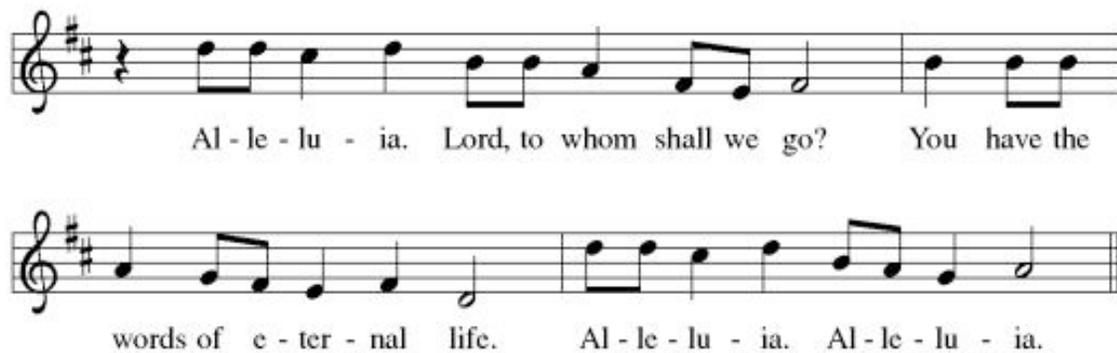
A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 142**



**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #737 He Comes to Us as One Unknown (verses 1, 4, 5)**

## He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it be a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by natural disasters, the western United States and Canada threatened by wildfires, and Haiti where hurricane and floods have caused such devastation. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked. Be with the people of Afghanistan as we pray for all who are trapped under repressive regimes where human rights are imperiled. We pray for the American troops who have worked to ensure safe evacuation for Americans and Afghans at risk, even as they were torn over leaving the country and their service behind. Bring them safely home. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those facing unemployment or loss of benefits, and all who are experiencing poverty. Be with the sick and suffering, especially Martha, Judy, Frank, Wayne, Marianne, Marilyn, & Mia; all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause). We pray for those who have no one to pray for them. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. We rejoice especially today with Thomas and Lauren Pecoraro Struss as Aiden Michael joins the community of faith. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of history and remembrance, we remember when the towers fell and the lives were lost; we remember the dust and the smoke, the despair and the grief. We remember our vulnerability and shock. We remember waiting for an explanation and understanding that never came.

God of hope and presence, we remember the heroes, those who rushed to help, who guided office workers down innumerable flights of stairs, who led the wounded to safety. We remember the hours and days of healing hurts, giving comfort, drying tears. We remember words of support and compassion from nations far and wide.

We remember and we see the ripples of that day continue to affect our world twenty years later. We wonder if there will ever be an end to violence, war, hatred, to death. We remember and we grieve our world's inability to learn the ways of peace.

God of justice and of peace, may we honor the lives lost in this tragic act.

May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.

May we give comfort to those who live with loss.

May we seek justice and peace within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.

May we build up what has been torn down, and mend what has been broken.

May we live in your love when hate seems to reign. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace, especially Kathy, Penny, Salvatore, Linda, Audrey, Ruth; Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr; Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen; Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*(Pastor)* Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts that are known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE p. 143**

**OFFERING**

*Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, particularly during these challenging times, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert

and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 144**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

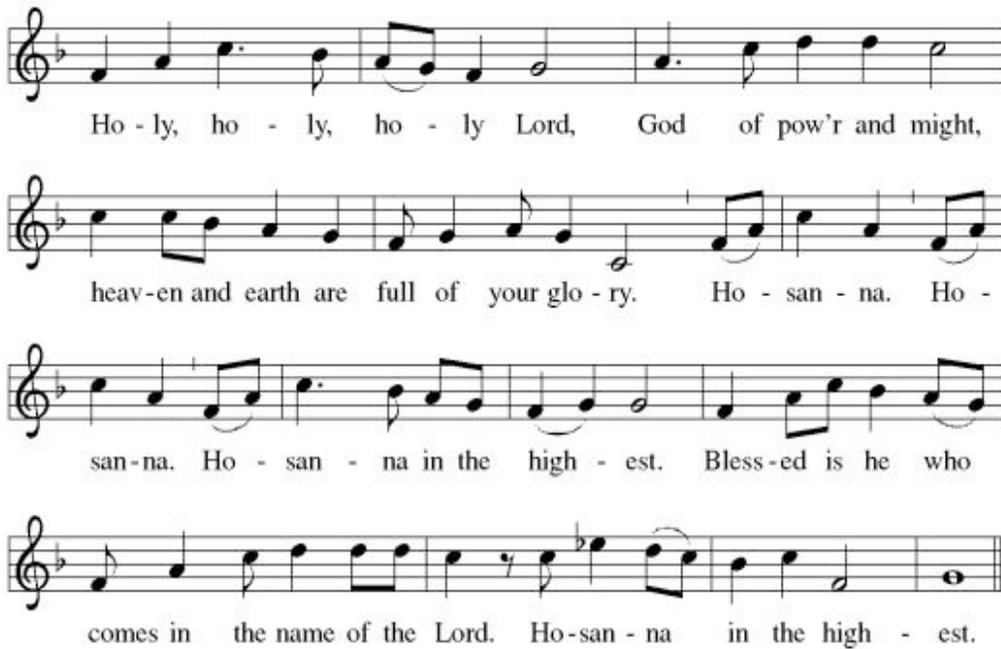
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**



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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER p.130**

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.

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.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 p.146**

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

## 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.

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, + one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #660 Lift High the Cross

## Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**We welcome Pastor Elsa Marty**, who is presiding and preaching today. Pastor Marty is an ELCA pastor, on leave from call for graduate study. She lives in East Moriches and is glad to be back at St. Andrew's.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]  
Margo Naranjo, Lynn Lindroth, [requested by Barbara English]  
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]  
Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Nancy Fjellstad, Winnie Malloy, Joe Dugan, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]  
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]  
Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]  
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]  
Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]  
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]  
Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]  
John Sullivan, Holly Clavell [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]  
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]  
Rosemary Greiner [requested by Lee Nocero]  
Virginia & Marty Perry, Marilyn Henson, Amy Kitay [requested by Diana & David Smiloff]  
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]  
Riordan Cavooris [requested by Darlene Klouda]  
Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]  
Zach Hills, Joann Pagnani [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]  
Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]  
Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]  
Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Art Hansen, the Clark and Hohlbein families, the DeRosa family, the Mursch family, Edward Pascale (father of Rose Fesselmeyer), Martha Hahn [requested by Pastor Shelhart]  
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]  
Mike Schuster [requested by Eric Palmer]  
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]  
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]  
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]  
Judy Hinsch [requested by the Hinsch family]  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Joe Lupo [requested by the Breimann family]  
Jessica Becker and infant Grayson [requested by Eve Overton]  
Fr Jeevan Paul [requested by Joe & Brenda Dugan]  
Gary Cuzzo [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]  
The Shelhart family, Brianna Maglio [requested by Linda Pagano]  
Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]

Judy and John Hinsch thank you for your prayers. Judy is taking a break from Facebook and asks that you not post on social media. If you would like to follow updates on Judy's care/treatment and share comments, please visit the Caring Bridge link established by the Hinsch's children:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/judyressmeyerhinsch/journal/view/id/60402ca3a9a2050001a80944>

### **THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]  
Captain Brendan Madarasz  
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]  
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]  
Corporal August Detting  
Major William Fortin