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**Second Sunday of Easter
Family Worship with Holy Communion
April 16th, 2023 ☩ 10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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***GATHERING SONG # WOV 671 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks vs. 1,2,5**

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Verse 1:

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation.**

Verse 2:

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.**

Verse 5:

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.**

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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 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.

Refrain



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



2 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.

Final refrain



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



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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Peter.

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)

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 20:19-31

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

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

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²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY/SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY #635 We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. We pray for all those impacted by the storms in and around the country. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Bring peace to our world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief especially Michelle, Bill M., Leslie H., Andrew, Bill F., Bill D., Luke and Emilie; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(Pastor) Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

MEAL

We practice continuous communion. The ushers will direct you when to come forward. You may take the bread and the wine (in a single use cup) or just the bread. You may also just come forward for a blessing.

OFFERING

Thank you for your support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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 (p.153)

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
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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.**

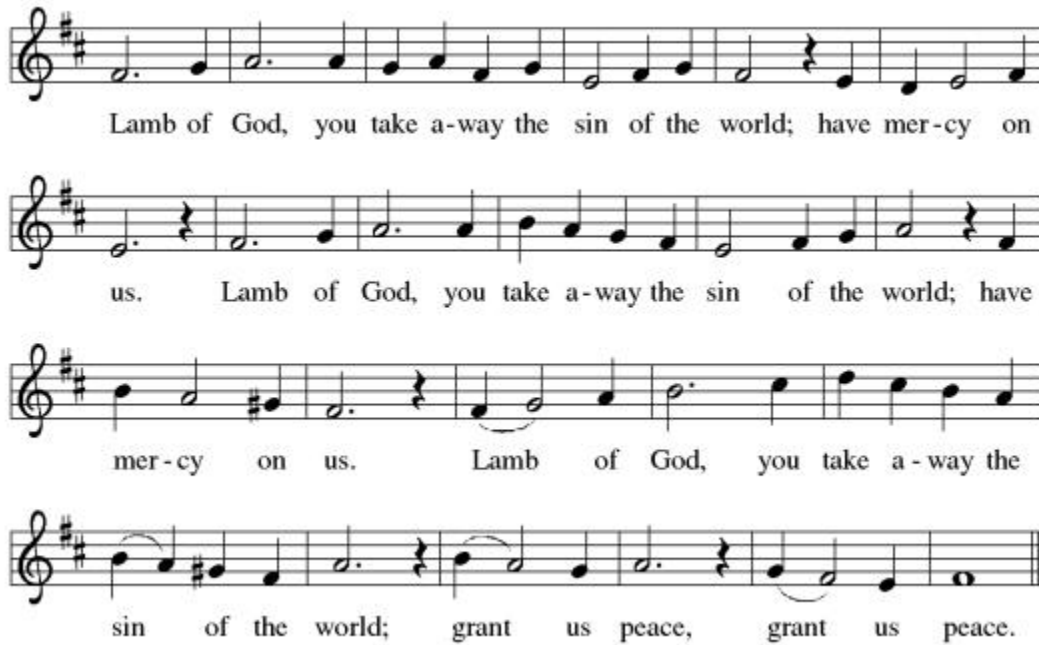
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

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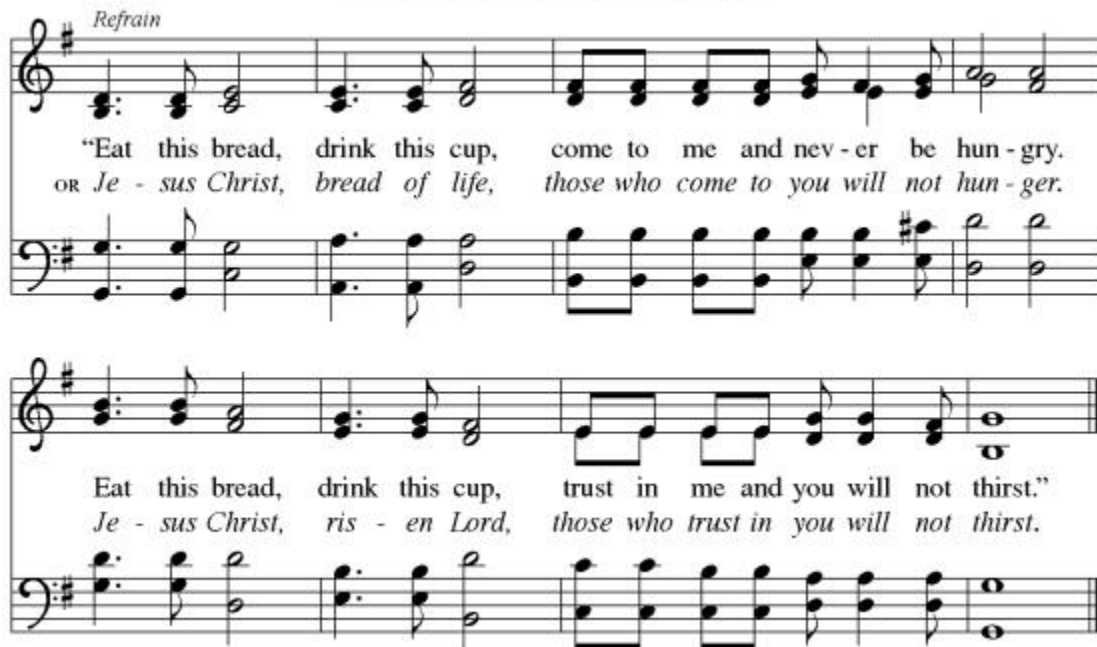
LAMB OF GOD (p.154)



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.

Body of Christ, given for you.
Blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN # 472 Eat This Bread



Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.
OR Je-sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger."

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je-sus Christ, ris-en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst."

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*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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This morning we welcome Pastor Nancy Rakoczy

Please join us for coffee hour immediately following worship. Thank you to Donna and Frank Meystrik, our hosts this week.

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or info@standrewsofsmithtown.org.

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study : 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967)

Bible Study : 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all who donated the flowers that grace our altar today.



In Memory of Caroline & Richard Mengert by Carolyn & Ken Gabelman

In Memory of Herman Hahn by Martha Hahn and family

In Memory of Leo Fisco Jr by Stephanie Roehrig

In Memory of Kay Schaedel and Ruth Aiello by Cindy Davis

In Memory of Margaret Mueller by Marianne Spagna

*In Memory of our parents, Tony & Celia Clavell and Gottlieb & Elizabeth Arthofer
by Jim & Dot Clavell*

In Memory of Mary & Anna Gross by Jim & Dot Clavell

In Memory of Dot's cousin, Agnes Tessitore and Robert Arthofer by Jim & Dot Clavell

In Honor of our sons Adam & Eric, daughter-in-law Holly, and grandchildren Megan, Bridget & Tommy by Jim & Dot Clavell

In Memory our parents by Art & Helen Fortin

In Honor of children and grandchildren by Art & Helen Fortin

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In Memory of Amelia & John Engler and Alice & Arthur Moser by Lydia & William Moser
In Memory of the Acker and Mathieson families, by Leslee & Steve Mathieson
In Honor of my parents, Robert & Ellen Bell, by Dorothy Graf
In Honor of our children Michelle, Kimberly and Brendan by Dorothy Graf
In Memory of our parents Archie and Thelma Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In Memory of our sisters and brother; Karin Elizabeth, Joanne (nee Drew) Johnson and Kenneth Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In Memory of our grandparents William & Margaret Cooper and Archer & Ada Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In Memory of our brother and sister-in-law Charles (Tim) Council and Maria Drew by the Drew, McKittrick and Council Families
In Memory of loved ones by Richard & Antoinette Delaney
In Memory of the military, who made the ultimate sacrifice by Jane & Grete
In Memory of all those killed because of hate by Jane & Grete
In Memory of my husband Roland and loved ones by Violet Lahann
In Memory of loved ones who are no longer with us by the Bosak family
In Memory of Larry Oehler by Doris Dunn
In Memory of Robert Kohlhoff by Darlene Klouda
In Memory of Anita Grube, by Klouda family
In Memory of Rich Klouda by Klouda family
In Memory of our grandparents by Darlene & John Klouda
In Memory of Mom & Dad and Elsie & Walter Dorer by Viola Govinco
In memory of Mom & Dad DeLuca, Dad, Nanny, Pop by Liz, Al & Brian Deluca
In Memory of Marion & Carl Schwabe by Priscilla & Donald Schwabe
In Memory of Mary & Kenneth Cooke by Priscilla & Donald Schwabe
In Honor of our grandchildren Leah, John and Callen by John & Lynn Hewitt
In Memory of loved ones by Pat & Tom Pernice
In Honor of our children and grandchildren by Pat & Tom Pernice
In Memory of Mildred Gustavsen by Gary Jr. & Grant Gustavsen
In Memory of Gus Gustavsen by Gary Jr. & Grant Gustavsen
In Memory of Emma Doxsee by Gary & Laura Gustavsen
In Honor of our grandchildren; Henry, Camryn, Kyra, Lorelei and Crosby by Gary & Laura Gustavsen
In Memory of our parents, Else & Henry Keil and Herta & Henry Ahrens by Anita & Herbert Ahrens
In Memory of our dear friend Bob Johnson by Anita & Herbert Ahrens
In Memory of Sal, Christiane & Marguerite Raineri by the Raineri Family
In Memory of Henry & Elsa Keil by the Raineri Family

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (16 April 2023)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]
Agnes VanWinkle, Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]
Catherine Pernice, Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]
Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]
Jack & Adam Souza [requested by Laura Kostecki]
Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf]
Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]
Luke Meyveci [requested by Dana Sanzone]
Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]
Sara Larson [requested by Julie & Michael Francis]
Leslie Hansen, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]
John Stabile [requested by Lydia Moser]
Amy Gabelman, Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]
Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]
Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]
Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]
Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]
Pete Gambitsky, Pastor Roger Schleef, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]
Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky
Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]
Corporal August Detting
Major William Fortin

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