



**Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church** Smithtown, New York 11787

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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion  
September 10, 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 God,  
the one who forms us,  
† Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

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Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #522 As We Gather at Your Table**



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

**GREETING**

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

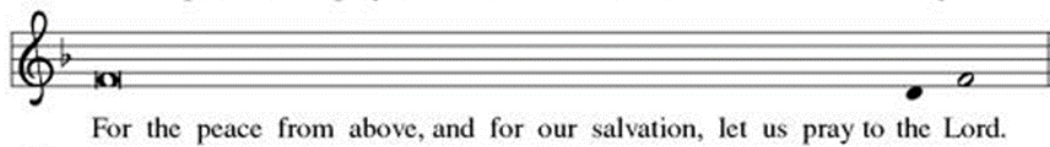
**And also with you.**

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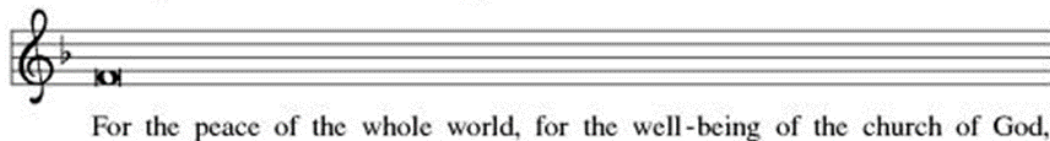
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



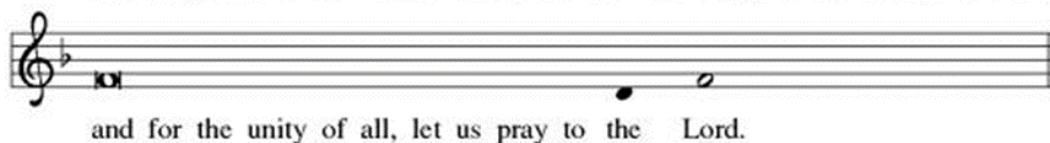
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



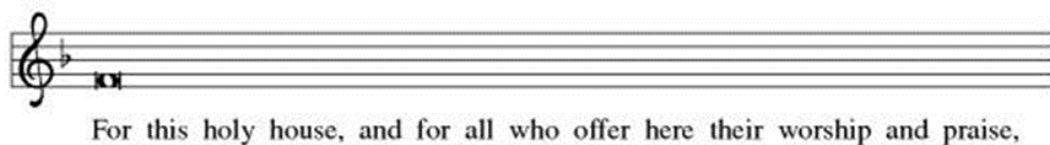
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



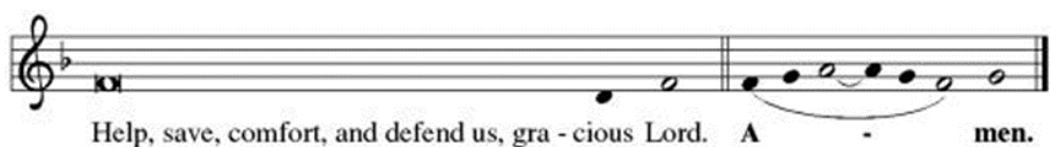
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

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# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

A reading from **Ezekiel**.

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

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### PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way <sup>l</sup> of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it <sup>l</sup> to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall <sup>l</sup> keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with <sup>l</sup> all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of <sup>l</sup> your commandments,  
for that is <sup>l</sup> my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to <sup>l</sup> your decrees  
and not to <sup>l</sup> unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- <sup>l</sup> holding falsehood;  
give me life <sup>l</sup> in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise <sup>l</sup> to your servant,  
which is for <sup>l</sup> those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach <sup>l</sup> that I dread,  
because your judg- <sup>l</sup> ments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for <sup>l</sup> your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- <sup>l</sup> liven me.**

### SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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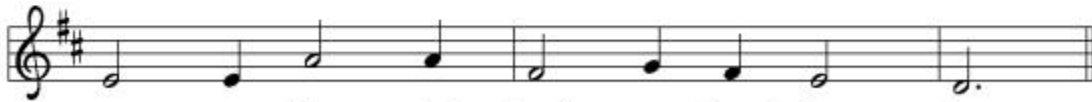
## HYMN OF THE DAY #716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

### 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.**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Bring peace to our world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Bring peace to our world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick especially, Lucy, Shannon, Alexa, Linda, Ron, Rachel, Mary Ellen, Michelle 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). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(Pastor)* Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: [standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate](http://standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate)*

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## OFFERTORY HYMN #466 In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

## MEAL

### 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.

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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



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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

### 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'grant' is underlined in the original image, and there is an asterisk in the text below indicating where the assembly is invited to stand.

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## COMMUNION HYMN #482 I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er  
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in  
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.  
strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.  
live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of glory,  
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING HYMN #865 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.  
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**This morning we welcome** Pastor Bruce Kaifler.

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

**Many thanks to all of the volunteers that were able to help at the food pantry in August!!** It was wonderful for St. Andrews to be back volunteering for the first time since the pandemic!

**The food pantry is currently in need of basic non-perishable foods, such as:**

Laundry detergent, cereal, peanut butter, mac and cheese, tomato sauce, tuna fish, canned chicken

We thank you for any donations.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite** our congregation to Wednesday evening ***Contemplative Night Prayer*** at 7 *p.m.*, beginning September 6th and continuing the first Wednesday of each month through December 2023.

This is a liturgy of prayer, meditation, and sacred silence.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (10 September 2023)**

**THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]  
Richard Angelo, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]  
Lucy Harris and her family, Sara Larson [requested by the Francis family]  
Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]  
Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]  
Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]  
Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Gabrielle Sconzo]  
Margie Costello and the brother of Joe Costello [requested by Joe Costello & family]  
Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]  
Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]  
Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]  
Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]  
Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf]  
Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]  
Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]  
Ron and Linda Overton, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]  
Valerie Ruckert, Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]  
Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]  
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]  
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]  
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]  
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]  
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]  
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

**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

(Please advise the office of any updates in your prayer requests.)

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