

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

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> 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Baptism and Holy Communion November 12, 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  $\pm$  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 # 441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

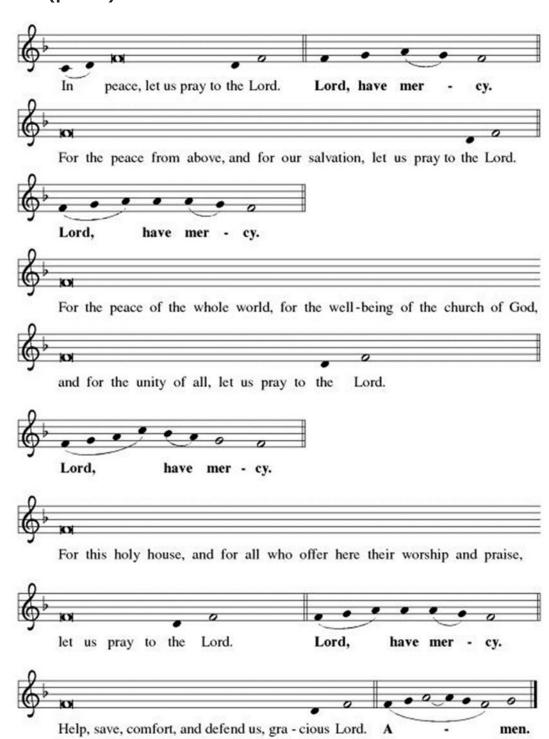


#### **GREETING**

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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# **KYRIE (p. 138)**



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## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **ANTHEM (CHOIR)**

## **WORD**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
 <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,
 and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
 and was bitten by a snake.
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?

 <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
 <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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## **PSALM: Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me; O LORD, make <sup>1</sup> haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me turn back because | of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from Thessalonians

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13** 

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, `Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ¬ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ℰ The foolish said to the wise, `Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⅁ But the wise replied, `No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, `Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹ But he replied, `Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

#### **SERMON**

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# **HYMN OF THE DAY # 244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**



#### **BAPTISM OF RACHEL KATHRYN DOLLEY**

#### **PRESENTATION**

Candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather with the minister at the font.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

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As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Rachel Kathryn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Rachel Kathryn and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

All: We do.

The assembly stands.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Parents, sponsors, and people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

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Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

#### **BAPTISM**

Rachel Kathryn Dolley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Rachel Kathryn Dolley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Rachel Kathryn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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#### WELCOME

## A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

# The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war and bring peace to Ukraine, the Middle East and all the world. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day especially John, Richard, Teresa, Jennifer, Lucy, Rachel, and Mary Ellen; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in Ukraine, the Middle East and those we name before you now (pause). Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

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O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

For Rachel Kathryn Dolley, who joins the community of Christ in Holy Baptism, we thank you. May she always know that you are near. Make her one with all your people. Help her share with others the new life you give her in baptism, in your word, and at your table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

(Pastor) We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**PEACE** 

## **MEAL**

#### **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: <a href="mailto:standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate">standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate</a>

## OFFERTORY HYMN # 695 As Saints of Old



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#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen** 

# GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

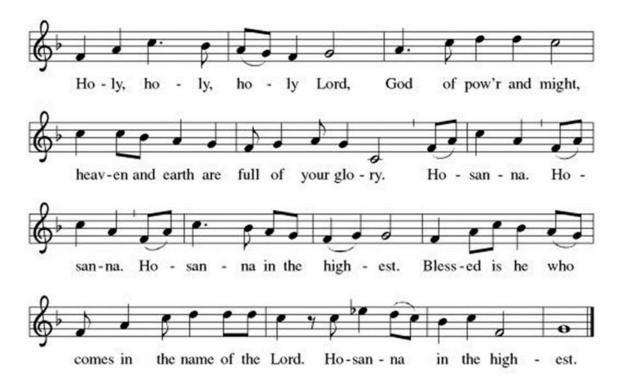
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

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## **SANCTUS**



## **EUCHARISTIC 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.

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

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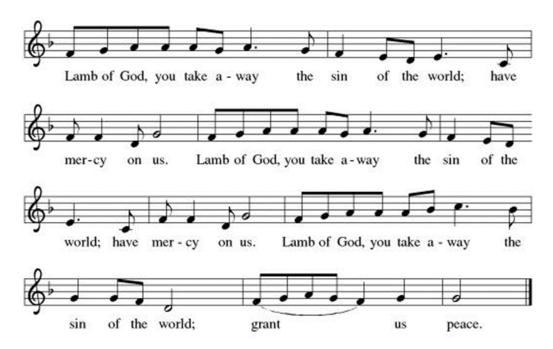
## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## **LAMB OF GOD**



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

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# COMMUNION HYMN # 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



#### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

#### **Amen**

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## **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, & Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN # Eternal Father, Strong to Save



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#### **DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **POSTLUDE**

This morning we welcome Pastor Bruce Kaifler

**The flowers on the altar** are given in honor of the baptism of her granddaughter, Rachel Kathryn Dolley, by Cindy Davis

**Thanksgiving boxes** are still available to fill with needed donations for the Smithtown Food Pantry. If you have not brought your box yet please deliver it directly to the food pantry on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between the hours of 10am - 12 noon. The food pantry is located across Brooksite at 90 Edgewater Avenue.

**Volunteers are still needed** to help at the food pantry in December. Please see the signup sheet in the back of the Narthex. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30am - 12:30pm. COVID vaccinations are required in order to volunteer. Please contact Julie Francis at 303-898-2511 with any questions.

# 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.

# **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service:**

Wednesday, November 22nd 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station.

## **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service:**

Thursday, November 23rd 10:00 a.m. at St Thomas of Canterbury

**Community Outreach and Ministry** St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues.

Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your 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 <a href="mailto:pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com">pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com</a>. 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.

**St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite** our congregation to Wednesday evening **Contemplative Night Prayer** at 7 p.m., 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 THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

John Grube, Richard Klouda, Teresa Caliguiri [requested by the Klouda family]

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

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]

Jeff Hanson, 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 Grabrielle 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]

Laura Hicks, Kathy Greaney, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

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:

Sat 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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