# Welcome to Worship! ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION NOVEMBER 16, 2025 10:00 AM

Ministers, The People of God
MNYS Bishop, The Reverend Dr. Katrina Foster
Reverend Jean Dougherty
Guest Musician, Kevin Kjaw
Cantor, Cynthia Davis
Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen
Assisting Minister, Jill Breimann
Readers: Andrew & Shannon Breimann
Ushers, Barbara English, Lorna Bosak
Leslee & Steve Mathieson
Priscilla Guild: Jill

#### This is Christ's Church:

There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities, and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. **Those with us for the first time** are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.

**NEED PRAYER?** Kindly share prayer concerns at the lectern located at the church entrance to have a name read aloud during worship. Completing a prayer card or calling the office assures the name will appear in print, and you may ask to receive a call from the pastor.

Our Mission: Because God shows His Love through Jesus Christ,

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, a community of faith,

gathered around Word and Sacrament,

lives to WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, and SERVE.

and welcomes all people to share God's love

and to be workers together in this mission of the Church.

**Communion:** St. Andrew's practices eucharistic hospitality.

All are welcome at God's table.

In response to Jesus's command, we celebrate with a worship meal of bread (or gluten-free by request) and red wine or white grape juice (in the center of the communion tray.) It is the Lutheran tradition to commune using both elements. However, we believe Christ is fully present when receiving one kind (bread or wine/grape juice). Those not communing and children are invited forward to receive a blessing and may cross their arms to

indicate their intentions.

#### What is Reconciling in Christ?

This means we joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or socio-economic circumstances.





#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

Oh, come let us worship!

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#### GATHERING SONG BAPTIZED IN WATER #456 (vs 1-2)



### (Please be seated. Children are invited forward by the pastor.) GREETING THE HIVE



#### **HOLY BAPTISM** of Charles Henry Tieniber

## PRESENTATION Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

#### Sponsors present the candidate:

I present Charles Henry Tieniber for baptism.

#### The minister addresses parents:

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

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children 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? Response: I do.

#### The minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you respectively promise to nurture Charles Henry Tieniber in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Response: I do.

#### (please stand as you are able)

People of God, do you promise to support Charles Henry and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.)

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 remounce 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.

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

(Water may be poured into the font during the thanksgiving.)
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

(The minister baptizes each candidate with Water.)

Charles Henry Tieniber, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

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

#### **CHRISTENING**

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 each of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain Charles Henry Tieniber, 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 each of the baptized with Holy Oil prepared for this purpose.

Charles Henry Tieniber, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as

a representative of the congregation says:

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. The representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized Charles Henry Tieniber.

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. Amen.

(Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. Please stand as you are able)

#### GATHERING BAPTIZED IN WATER #456 (VS 3)



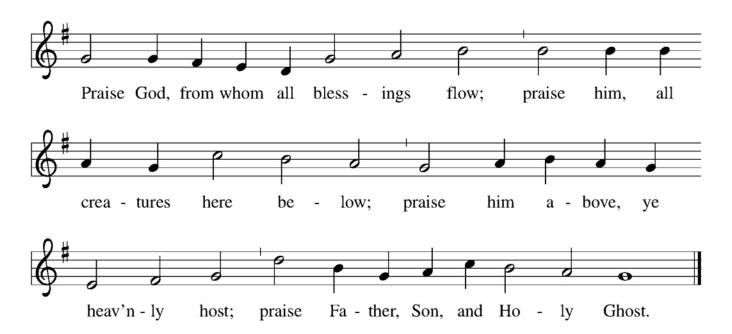
#### (please stand as you are able)

#### **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.** 

#### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

#### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(please be seated)

**ANTHEM** 

(St. Andrew's Choir)

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING: MALACHI 4:1-2A

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 98

(Choir introduces the refrain and the assembly repeats. Psalm is chanted responsively with the assembly chanting bold verse.)



- <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>|</sup> marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>|</sup> won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;
  - all the ends of the earth have seen the victory I of our God.
  - <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands; lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing. Refrain

- <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.
  - <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
  - <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it, the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.
  - <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity. **Refrain**

#### SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

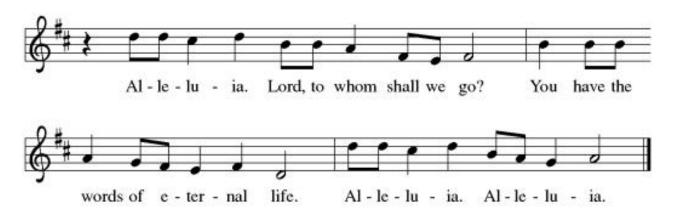
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work. A reading from second Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

(please stand as you are able.)

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### **GOSPEL:** LUKE 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify.

<sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls."

#### (please be seated.) **SERMON**

#### (please stand as you are able.)

#### HYMN OF THE DAY 796 How FIRM A FOUNDATION



#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We also include in our prayers today:

#### A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially all those on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud............Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of Spirit and truth we ask your blessings on the newly baptized, especially Charles Henry Tieniber. Bless him, raise him in your Spirit, form him by your hand, bring him to the water of life and the bread and cup of blessing that with all your people they may praise you forever. Also bless parents, especially Andrew and Christina, and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unvielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Children return and are invited to collect food donations in pews and bring to the wagon at the church entry.)

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING** @SASMITHTOWN



(When Jesus fed the 5000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God's love can multiply the effects of our generosity [see Mt. 14:13-21]. Thank you for sharing from the abundance you have received. Offerings may also be given online at the church website.)

#### OFFERING HYMN #184 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



(Please stand as you are able as the gifts are brought forward)

#### OFFERING PRAYER (assisting minister)

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

#### 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.

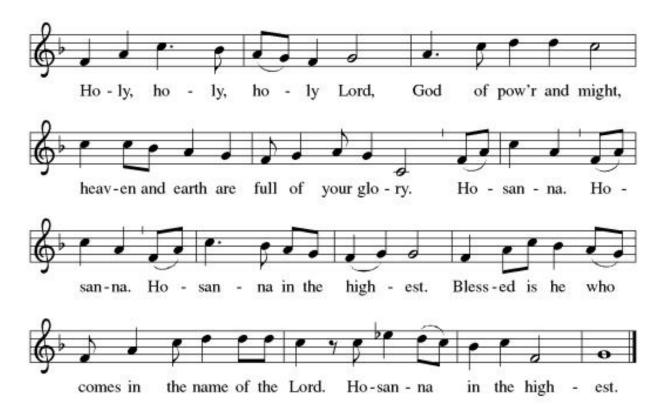
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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 F.I. W. SETTING THREE



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

#### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

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.

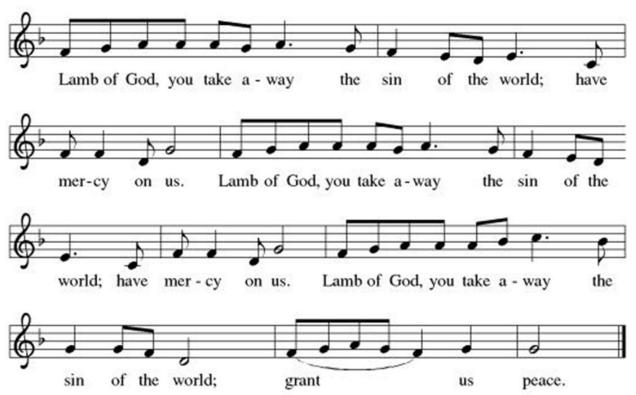
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. The wine is red, the grape juice is white. Children are invited forward to receive a blessing at the rail.)

#### LAMB OF GOD SETTING THREE PAGE 146



#### COMMUNION HYMN 785 WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER



#### (please stand as you are able)

#### **EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace. **Amen**.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (assisting minister)

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,

and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

#### Amen.

#### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### (please stand as you are able)

#### **BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN 551 THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE



#### DISMISSAL (Ps. 34)

The Lord is near to the poor and broken-hearted. Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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

Vanessa Marie Lahann, Gavin Lahann [requested by Violet & Donnalee]

Allie Abruzzi [requested by Ashley Gyscek]

Tania Dufour [requested by Maria Gyscek]

Steve Jaffe, Jimmy, Richard & George Mengert Bruce Logan, Betty Perlish, Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine

Colasanto, [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Deirdre Reilly, Jeanne McCurdy, Belinda Busaca Zeitlin, Margo Naranjo [requested by Barbara English]

Mel Flaherty, Elizabeth Flaherty [requested by Amanda Flaherty]

Neil Gwinn [requested by Anastasia]

Family of Richie Cardoza [requested by Bill Moser]

Jimmy LaSurdo, David Schwack, Amanda Haeffer

Fran Favara [requested by Liz DeLuca]

Anita Ahrens, Craig Keil, Kate Furtado [requested by Janis Raineri]

Carynne Solensten [requested by Joanne Wortmann]

Sal Agnello, Charlie Macaluso [requested by Jane DeRosa]

Lyla Suffis [requested by Jen & Brett Suffis]

Karen Crimi, Jeffrey Gilmore, Rev. Wayne Gollenberg, Barbara McCanlis [requested by Jill Breimann]

Pastor Rebecca Pollicino, Ruth Clark

Stu Souza, Micelle Dozier-Morgan [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]

James Riley [requested by Lita Riley]

Marissa Evers, Lauren Cravotta [requested by Joe & Margie Costello]

Rev. Margaret Casses, Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

The family of Robert Grisafi [requested by Colleen Donohue]

Mary Ellen Tiffany, Don Cimato [requested by the Klouda Family]

Bobby Hazen, James Pallazzo, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn, Richard Lewis, Rocky Cinque

[requested by Marianne Spagna]

Judy Daley, Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Nancy M., Judy Zimmerman, Brett D, [requested by Cindy Davis]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Emily Richardson, Betsy Johnsrud, Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sqt Eric Hodosky, Lt Col Lenore Livingston née Fortin, Corporal August Detting,

LT Col William Fortin, Sgt Jack Dougherty, Sgt Jasmine Dougherty

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