

ST. ANDREW'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost With the Liturgy of Holy Communion

✠ September 20, 2026

10:00 am

Ministers, The People of God

MNYS Bishop Rev. Dr. Katrina Foster

Reverend Jean Dougherty

Director of Music, Yuxuan Chen

Cantor, Cynthia Davis

Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen

Assisting Minister, Jill Breimann

Readers, Shannon Breimann, Andrew Breimann

Ushers, Darlene Klouda, Leslee Mathieson

Steve Mathieson, Karen Reisen



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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 white wine or red 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). The living practice of our Lutheran tradition is an open table for the baptized to receive Holy Communion. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward 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.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

GATHERING

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

WELCOME *(presiding minister)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(presiding minister)*

Here in this place, there are no strangers,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Oh, come let us worship!

Oh, come let us worship!

PRELUDE *(acolytes light candles) (water is poured into the font)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(please stand as you are able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins at the font.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God whose love never quits

help us admit that we have been wrong.

Give us the world we cannot.

Tell us again you believe in us,

so we can love ourselves and each other like you do. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able)

Loving God,

**We confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have made ourselves more important than we really are;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Forgive us, turn us around and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Here is the good news!

Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us.

Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start.

God's love never runs out, and God never tires, calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now; your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

(Pastor will invite the children forward)

GATHERING HYMN 583 Take My Life, That I May Be (vs 1-3)

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To strains *Last line*
 y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra, es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

1 Take my hands and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

2 Take my silver and my gold,
 not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use
 ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain

3 Take my voice and let me sing
 always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be
 filled with messages from thee. Refrain

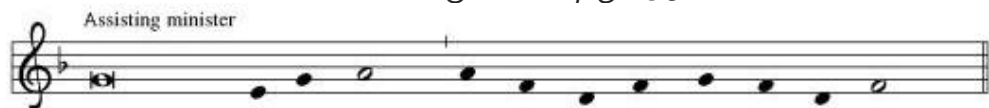
(Please be seated)

GREETING THE HIVE

GREETING *(presiding minister)*

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 setting three pg 139



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



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(presiding minister)*

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, **you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

(please be seated)

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision by Dan Forrest. (ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR)

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

A reading from Jonah

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

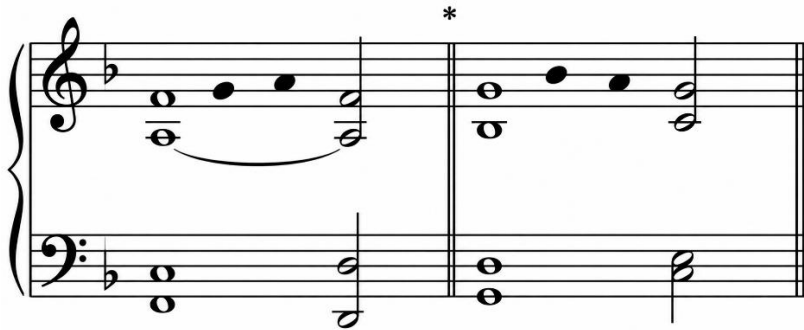
⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



- ¹ I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ² **Every day ¹ will I bless you
and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.**
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another
and shall de- ¹ clare your power. Refrain**
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your ¹ wondrous acts,
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.**
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from **Philippians**

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*setting 3 page 142*)



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and

then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

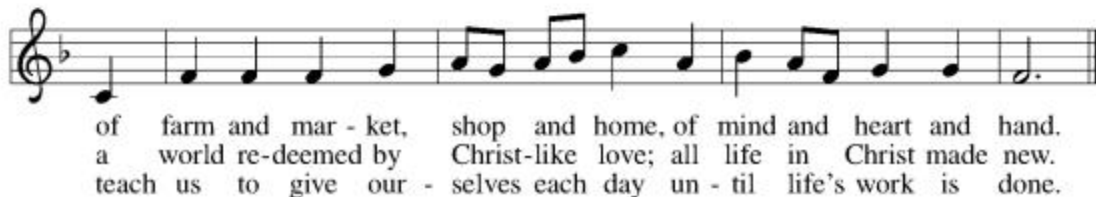
"The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

SERMON *(presiding minister)*

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY 695 As Saints of Old



APOSTLES' CREED (*presiding minister*)

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need especially for all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community (*especially*). Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PEACE *(presiding minister)*

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.)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*The assembly may be seated. An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. **Children are invited to collect food donations from pews.***

OFFERING



(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 #461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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(please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER *(assisting minister)*

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(presiding minister)*

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 *ELW setting three pg 144*



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

(presiding minister)

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.

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 *(presiding minister)*

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

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share. *(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those desiring a blessing but not communion are invited forward and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)*

LAMB OF GOD ELW setting three, pg 146

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

(please stand as you are able)

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING *(presiding minister)*

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,
almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(presiding minister)*
(please stand as you are able)

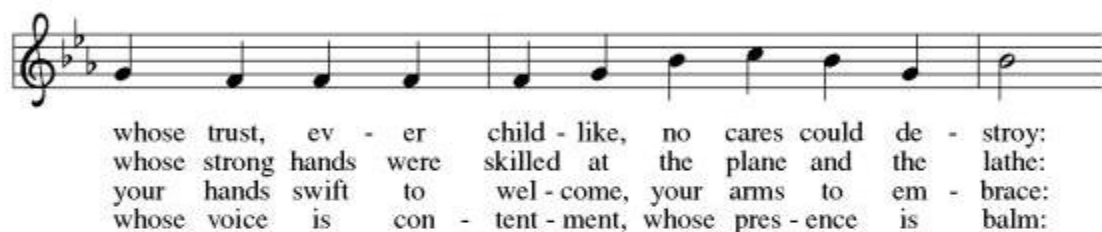
BLESSING *(presiding minister)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 765 Lord of All Hopefulness



DISMISSAL *(assisting minister)*

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

The Diehl family

Xavier Taylor, Crew Fritz, Lisa, Noah, Lilly [requested by Joy Suffis]

John Dugan, John Dugan, Jimmy LaSurdo, David Schwack, Amanda Haeffer, Ruth Clark

Paul Mchugh, Xavier Wilson Alex & Nicolas Hoffmann [requested by Hoffmann family]

Jackson Robinson [requested by Rick Madarasz]

Mary Pat Velasco [requested by Ashley & Marie Gyscek]

Tom Moebus [requested by the Meystrik family]

Kit, Linda, Jeffrey, James [request by Anastasia Glasheen]

Eileen [requested by Lynn Ripa]

Giuseppe Fontana [Requested by Lauren]

Richard Delaney [by Cookie Delaney]

Martha Hahn, David Palmer, Peter Gambitsky, Joan Petersen, Debbie Bartfield [requested by Pastor Jean]

Frances Sanzone [Requested by John, Dana, Juliana & Joseph Sanzone]

Elena Quandt [requested by Doreen Flanagan]

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

Allie Abruzzi, Tania Dufour [requested by Ashley & Maria Gyscek]

Tom Wray, Mike Cento, Jimmy, Richard & George Mengert, Bruce Logan, Betty Perlsh, [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

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

Nita Samulevich Mel Flaherty, Elizabeth Flaherty [requested by Amanda Flaherty]

Family of Richie Cardoza [requested by Bill Moser]

Fran Favara [requested by Liz DeLuca]

Jennifer Jones, Jimmy Sullivan, Joseph Wannemacher, Anita Ahrens, [requested by Janis Raineri]

Sal Agnello, Charlie Macaluso [requested by Jane DeRosa]

Lyla Suffis [requested by Jen & Brett Suffis]

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

Debbie, Kimmie Lacci, Ivy [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]

Mary Ellen Tiffany [requested by the Klouda Family]

Grace Ann Skepco, Bobby Hazen, James Pallazzo, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn,

Richard Lewis, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagnal]

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

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

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

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

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

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

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