

ST. ANDREW'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost With the Liturgy of Holy Communion

✠ October 18, 2026 10:00 am ✠

Ministers, The People of God

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Reverend Jean Dougherty

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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
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GATHERING

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

WELCOME *(presiding minister)*

Call to Worship *(presiding minister)*

(Based on Psalm 96:1–8)

Sing a new song to the Lord! Let all the earth rejoice in God's goodness.

We will praise God's name and celebrate God's love.

Tell the good news of God's salvation! Share the wonders of God's grace with all people.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of our praise!

Give thanks to the Lord for the beauty of creation, the gift of life, and the blessings we share.

We come with grateful hearts to give God glory and praise.

O come, let us worship!

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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, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.

Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace our forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(The assembly kneels as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection.)

We find ourselves lost.

God finds us and claims us.

When we feel old and used up,

God recycles us and makes us new.

We wonder if our life is going anywhere
God gives us a purpose.

When we feel ugly, dressed in dirty rags,
God dresses us in love.

When we are beyond help, beyond mercy,
God lifts us up.

People of God, hear this good news:

When we so often fail, God has succeeded!

You are completely forgiven of everything because of God's great love for you in Jesus Christ. Hear again, you are forgiven.

And so right now, together we begin a new life again in the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN 880 O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

(Please be seated)

GREETING THE HIVE *(children are invited forward)*

(please stand as you are able)

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

Assisting minister



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

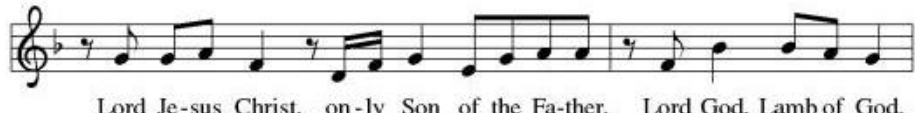
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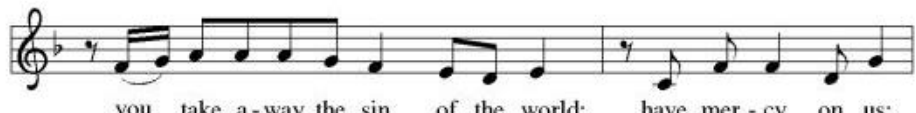
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



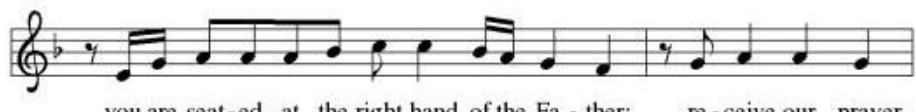
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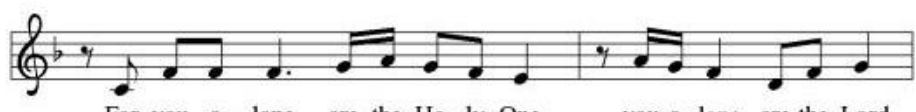
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.

Sovereign God, guide our hearts and lives according to your will. **Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

ANTHEM *Lift every voice and sing by J. Rosamond Johnson, arranged by Rollo Dilworth
(St. Andrew's Choir)*

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-8 [10-13]



- ¹ Sing to the LORD ¹ a new song;
sing to the LORD, ¹ all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name ¹ of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from ¹ day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory a- ¹ mong the nations
and God's wonders a- ¹ mong all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised,
more to be feared ¹ than all gods. Refrain**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they ¹ are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have ¹ made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are ¹ in your presence;
power and splendor are in your ¹ sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families ¹ of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- ¹ or and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the ¹ holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts ¹ of the LORD. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Thessalonians

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*setting 3, page 142*)



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. 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 685 Take My Life, That I May Be (vs 1-4)



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially for all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 #68g Praise and Thanksgiving (vs 1-3)

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

(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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! *(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 793 Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

(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 God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding
of the Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 705 God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL *(assisting minister)*

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Shannon Breinmann, Fred Schmidt, The Diehl family, John Dugan, Jimmy LaSurdo, David Schwack, Amanda Haeffer, Ruth Clark, Helen Gronus
Paul Mchugh, Xavier Wilson; Alex & Nicolas Hoffmann [Hoffmann family]
Xavier Taylor, Crew Fritz, Lisa, Noah, Lilly [Joy Suffis]
Jackson Robinson [Rick Madarasz];
Mary Pat Velasco, Tom Moebus [Meystrik family];
Kit, Linda, Jeffrey, James [Anastasia Glasheen]
Giuseppe Fontana [Lauren Fontana]
Richard Delaney [Cookie Delaney]
Martha Hahn, David Palmer, Peter Gambitsky, Debbie Bartfield [Pastor Jean]
Skobla family, Frances Sanzone [Sanzone family]
Elena Quandt [Doreen Flanagan]
Vanessa Marie Lahann, Gavin Lahann [Violet & Donnalee]
Allie Abruzzi, Tania Dufour [Ashley & Maria Gyscek]
Tom Wray, Mike Cento; Jimmy; Richard & George Mengert Bruce Logan; Betty Perlish [Carolyn Gabelman]
Deirdre Reilly, Jeanne McCurdy, Belinda Busaca; Zeitlin, Margo Naranjo [Barbara English]
Nita Samulevich, Mel Flaherty, Elizabeth Flaherty [Amanda Flaherty]
Family of Richie Cardoza [Bill Moser]
Fran Favara [Liz DeLuca]
Joseph Wannemacher, Anita Ahrens, Craig Keil [Janis Raineri]
Lyla Suffis [Jen & Brett Suffis]
Karen Crimi, Jeffrey Gilmore, Rev. Wayne Gollenberg [Jill Breimann]
Debbie, Kimmie Lacci, Ivy [Mary Fjellstad]
Carolyn Martin [Linda Overton]
Marissa Evers, Lauren Cravotta [Joe & Margie Costello]
Mary Ellen Tiffany [Klouda Family]
Judy Daley, Jennifer Meisenkothen, John Sullivan [Dorothy & Jim Clavell]
Carolyn Bennett [Jill Spage]
Judy G., Nancy M., [Cindy Davis]
Emily Richardson, Betsy Johnsrud, [Leslee & Steve Mathieson]
David Travis [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