

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville

Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Gathering

Prelude

Selected brass music for Reformation

(The assembly stands and turns to face the cross in procession.)

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection,

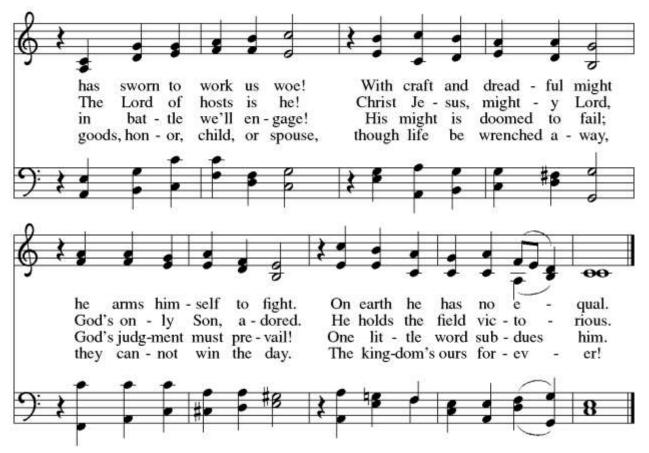
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.





Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(The assembly sits.)

Word

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah:

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in alternate verses by Choir and assembly.)





(Assembly repeats.)

- 1 God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.
- 6 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

8 Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

- 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

11 The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. (**R**) Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans:

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday verse will be sung by the Choir.)



Alleluia!

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly sits.)

(The assembly stands.)



The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

(The assembly is seated.)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this young man, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism through the rite of Confirmation.

(Representative of the congregation presents the confirmand who presents himself at the altar, accompanied by parents.)

I present this young disciple of Christ who has been instructed in the Christian faith, authorized by the Congregation Council, and now desires to make public affirmation of his baptism:

Zachary Morgan

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the heart of whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

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? *Confirmand: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Confirmand: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Confirmand: I renounce them.*

(The assembly stands.)

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.

(The assembly is seated.)

(The pastor addresses the confirmand.)

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in

holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

(Confirmand kneels. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for him.)

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

(The presiding minister lays hands on the confirmand and prays for God's blessing.)

Stir up in Zachary

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 assembly stands.)

Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the Good News to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation, responding, "Hear us, O God, your mercy is great."

(Brief silence)

- A: We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, worship leaders, musicians, council members and all who share your word of love. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God.
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. We especially pray for Zach, who makes an affirmation of his baptism today. You welcomed him into your family when he was baptized, and today he affirms the promises made to him in his baptism, that forgiveness, grace and love flow to him and that he is yours. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.

- A: We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation, especially Wendy, John, and Bob. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.
- C: Amen.

Peace

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

(The assembly sits.)

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared Interlude on Westminster Abbey (Manz)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

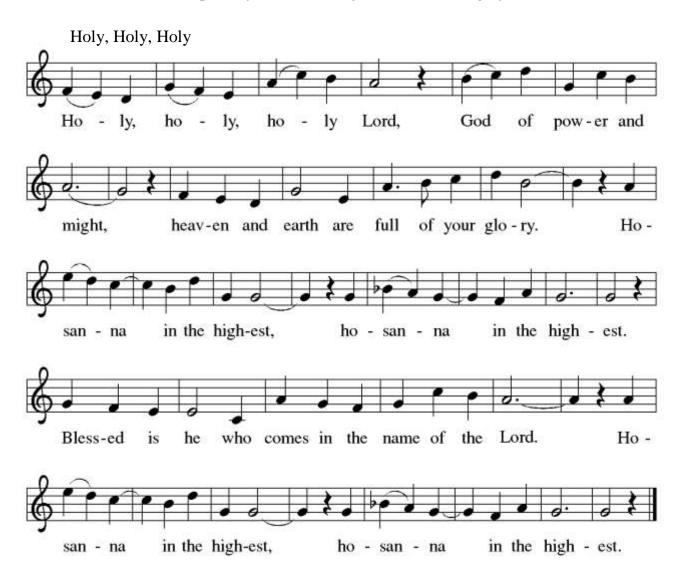
Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly sits.)

Lamb of God



Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion Music for Reformation

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

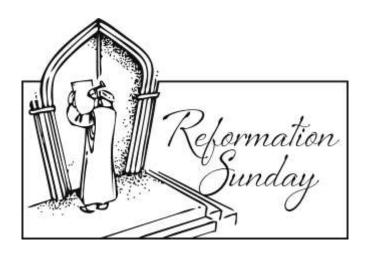


Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Selected Brass Postlude Music



Welcome Warren Brass Ensemble

Today we welcome The Warren Brass Ensemble led by Tim Carlson. Other instrumentalists include Derrick Kittle, trumpet; Jeff Bickel, French horn; John Shamp, trombone; and DJ DePanicis, tuba.

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin Pianist Maidene Hackett Liturgical Deacon Linda Armstrong

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Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Catherine Mott
Communion Assistant Kris Abraham
Lector Tammy Daniello
Acolyte Nora Taylor
Torchbearers Sydney Balas and Hannah McKinney
Streamer bearer Hailey McKinney
Head Usher Bob Massing

Mary Beth Bradley

Ruth Gruber

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, October 23, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 17. Attendance at the Sunday, October 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 48. Total: 65.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, October 31, 2021, Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
12:00 p.m. Reformed: Always Reforming

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, November 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. Parish Ed Work Day, 2nd floor Sunday School space 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7, 2021, All Saints' Sunday

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Worship and Music

6:30 p.m. CCSS

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Council reports due today

Thursday, November 11, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

8:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, November 13, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

Confirmation Class to Pack Backpacks

On November 7 the Confirmation Class will at Holy Trinity at 10:45 a.m. and will travel to the Methodist church where they will be pack backpacks for Greenville Elementary Backpack Program.

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Request

The Good Shepherd Center's Thanksgiving request for Holy Trinity is 100 cans of vegetables. The deadline for this donation is Sunday, November 14. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.



Work Day for Sunday Church School Painting

We began renovating out 2nd floor Sunday School place this summer, and need to complete that work. A work day has been scheduled for **Saturday**, **November 6**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning up, organizing, painting, and doing other work. Come when you can for as long as you can. Lunch will be provided.

Turn Your Clocks Back

Remember to "Fall Back": Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 7, 2021. Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour Saturday** evening, November 6, 2021.

Celebration of All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating this church festival at our regular Saturday night and Sunday morning liturgies on November 6 and 7.

Come, remember your loved ones with thanksgiving for their lives.

Order Poinsettias, Donate To Decorate the Church and/or Donate To the Domestic Disaster Response

Forms to order or make donations are available in the November Messenger and in the Narthex. Deadline to do so is **Sunday, November 28, 2021.**

Please note that one large tree has been spoken for.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Carol Junk (daughter-in-law of Betty K.) Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)

Lisa Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)

Marie Eaves

Paul Yoos

Dave Hollenbaugh

Chuck and Traci Brown (son-in-law and

daughter of Carl and Bonnie Long)

Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)

Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)

Tillie Schell

Barbara Swartz

Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda

Armstrong)

Henry Heil

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)

Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Carl Long

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Bob Gargasz

Wendy Richardson (sister of Ray Richardson)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)