

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity Greenville, Pennsylvania

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2023 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!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream.

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 the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in **bold type**.

We prepare in prayer and holy silence.

Significance of the Day: God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Gathering

Prelude Prelude on Gift of Finest Wheat Charles Callahan

Greeting and Announcements

The assembly stands as the minister enters.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The assembly remains standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.





Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from Jeremiah:

7 O Lord, you have enticed me,

and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,

and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;

everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.

9 If I say, "I will not mention him,

or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire

shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,

and I cannot.

10 For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

11 But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor

will never be forgotten.

12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

13 Sing to the Lord;

praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-18

Psalm will be sung in unison.

- 7 Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
- 9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

10 I humbled myself with fasting,

but that was turned to my reproach.

11 I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

- 12 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

 "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
- 14 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 16 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.
- 17 Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 18 Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans:

1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

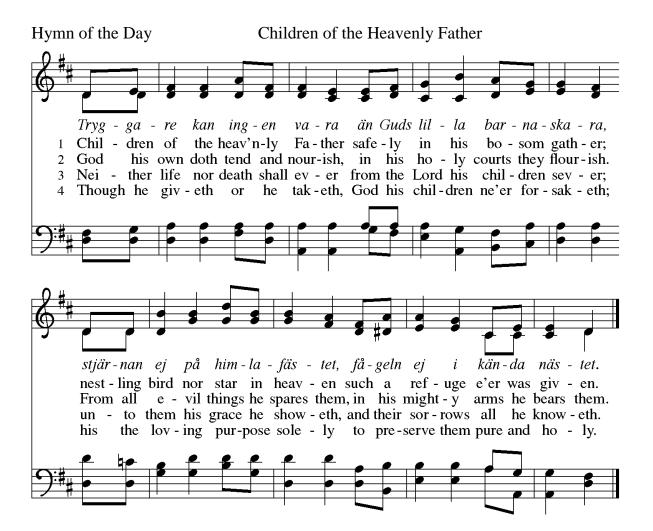
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin

As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.





Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Apostles' Creed

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need, responding, God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, worship leaders, musicians, committee members, teachers and volunteers. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis, especially from the war in Ukraine. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. We pray for our congregation, meeting this Sunday in annual assembly. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for Gloria and all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

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

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you."

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offertory Prelude in A major, BWV 536 Johann Sebastian Bach

The assembly stands.

Offering Verse stanza 1 only

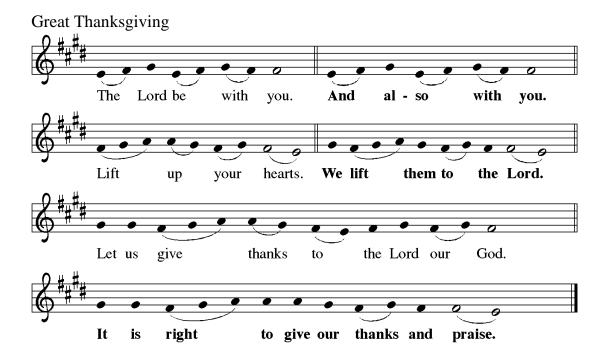


Offering Prayer

Let us pray

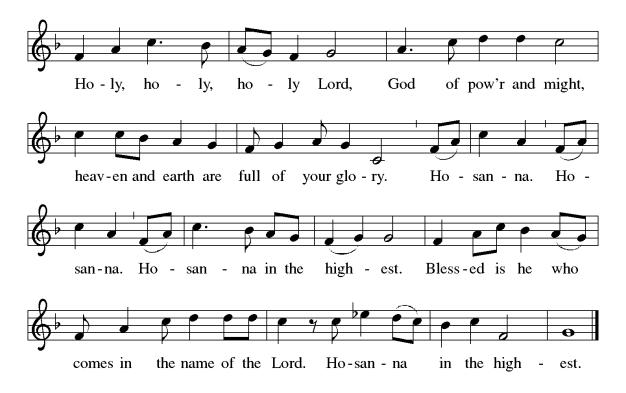
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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:

Holy, holy, holy



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,

for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.



Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

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

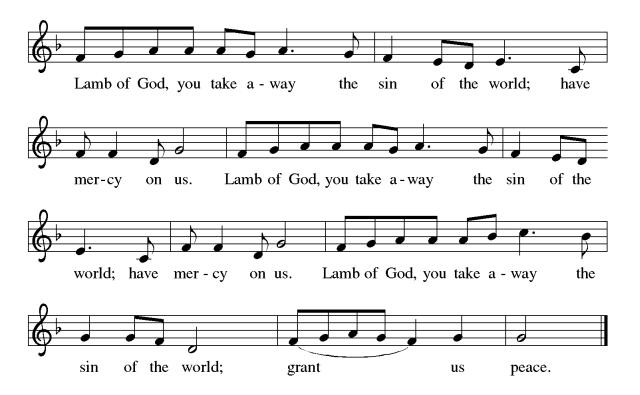
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

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.

Assembly is seated

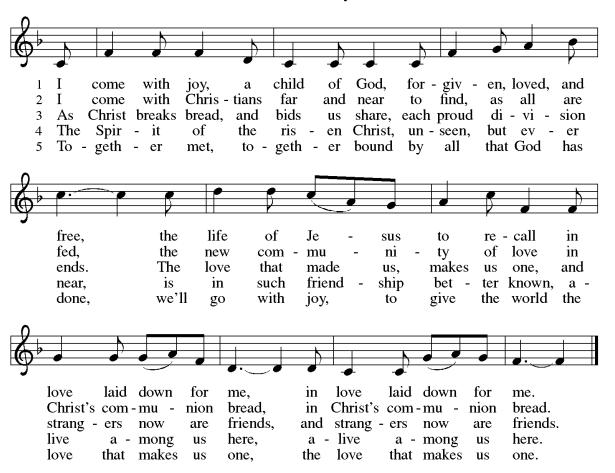
Lamb of God



The Communion of the Faithful

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I Come with Joy



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996 Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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The assembly stands.

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Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray

Amen.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Let us pray together, 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.

Sending

Blessing

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





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

The ministers recess.

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Fantasia in C major, BWV 570 Postlude

J. S. Bach

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Andy Joos Liturgical Deacon Marie Riley

Serving Today

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Organist Steve Repasky

Liturgical Deacon Sean Oros

Communion Assistant Kris Abraham

Lector Don Achenbach

Head Usher..... Chuck Lanning

Live Stream Technician Tyler Martin-Call

Altar Guild Melissa Archembeau

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, campus pastor, Thiel College
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday June 25, 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday June 26, 2023

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday June 27, 2023

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

Saturday July 1, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday July 2, 2023 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday July 3, 2023

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday July 4, 2023 Office closed in observance of July 4th

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

Saturday July 8, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in celebration of Griffin James Richardson on his 20th birthday by his family.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray by Marj Stubert.

Good Shepherd Request for June

The Good Shepherd request is **canned or boxed meals** for the month of **June**. Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister.

Thiel Choir 70th Reunion Concert

Thiel College and the Alumni Services Office eagerly invite you to attend the 70th Thiel Choir Reunion concert, scheduled for Saturday evening, July 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel on the Thiel College Campus. The concert is free and celebrates the founding of the choir in 1953 by Dr. Marlowe Johnson. Currently, 103 choir alumni are registered! This year's reunion concert will be conducted by Dr. Michael Bray, conductor of the choir from 1996-2017, and accompanied by Lori Seinar-Roknick, organist and choir director at Zion's Evangelical Church of Christ in Greenville.

Please Pray For

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

Health and Healing:

Jackie Moinet (daughter in law of Judi Moinet) Betty K. Junk

Patty Fattman (sister of Betty K. Junk) Ashley Milliren (friend of Alyssa Martin) Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)

Beth Hall

Joyce Holland (friend of the Weaver family) Julie Morency (cousin of Jill Murrin) Nancy Ullstrom

Lida Mason (friend of the congregation) Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver) Cianci Family (friends of the Daniellos)

Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames) Dennis and Traci Swogger (friends of

Rae Johnson Kris Abraham)

Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan) Gertie Miller (friend of Bonnie Long)

Marie Eaves Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)

Dave Hollenbaugh Darsey Carnal (friend of John Logan and

Henry Heil Catherine Mott)

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk) Pastor "P.J." Jayne Thompson

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift) Nico Logelin, parents and sister (friends

Lori McCann of Mary Reames) Jim Shaffer Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise Hall)

Mervin Newton

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong) Bob Murrin (husband of Jill Murrin) Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk) Joyce Martin (aunt of Olivia Martin-Call)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst) Gay McKenzie (friend of Marie Riley)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman) John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)

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

Connie Hoch (friend of Rusty and Linda Saverino) Cheryl (friend of Rich and Denise Hall) Patty Murrin (friend of Marie Riley) Gloria Spargo Jim Terchila (friend of Jill Murrin)

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)

CAPT. Ryan Leary, USN, Planning Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)
Holy Trinity member, Garrett Daniello, Army National Guard, (son of Todd and Tammy
Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie and Carl Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

