

All Saints' Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 2, 2025



All Saints Sunday

*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,
for the sake of the World."*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Welcome in the name of Christ!



Worshiping with kids?

- ❖ We love having people of all ages and abilities worshiping together!
- ❖ There is a family restroom in the Gathering Space and a changing table in the nursery to accommodate your family's needs.
- ❖ The nursery is staffed from 9-12 on Sundays. You can drop your youngster off before faith formation or at any time during these hours.
- ❖ Children are invited forward during the Children's sermon, where they can hear the bible story told in words and context they can understand. Older siblings and other friends are welcome to accompany children if that would make them more comfortable.
- ❖ Children's bibles are available in the pews, and ushers can provide children's bulletins upon request.
- ❖ Wiggles and noise are welcome! If your child needs more room to move, feel free to take them to the Playground in the Gathering Space. This area is stocked with quiet activities, coloring pages, and kid-sized furniture. This is also a great spot to enjoy refreshments after the conclusion of the worship service!

Wondering about communion?

- ❖ We believe Christ is fully present in the meal and it is Christ who invites us to share it.
- ❖ All are welcome to share communion with us regardless of age or faith tradition.
- ❖ Gluten free bread and wafers, wine, and grape juice are available.

Want to know more about our community?

- ❖ We strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people.
- ❖ Pastor Rachel enjoys meeting people after worship but never wants anyone to feel pressured to talk to her. Come say hi!
- ❖ Visit the welcome table in the gathering space if you have questions about Lutherans, the Christian faith, or Prince of Peace; if you have a specific prayer request, or want to share your contact information so we can get back to you about something in particular.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshippers responses in bold.

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

arr. Ralph Simpson

Tom Webster, clarinet

Welcome

Stand

Handbell Candle Processional

Reading of Names of the Honored Dead

see pg 14

Candles are placed on the altar as each name is read.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

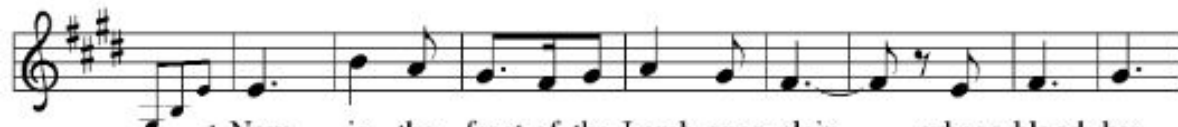
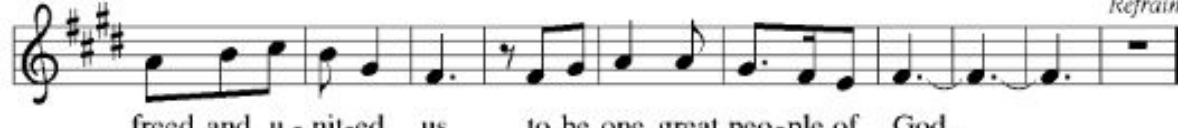


sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

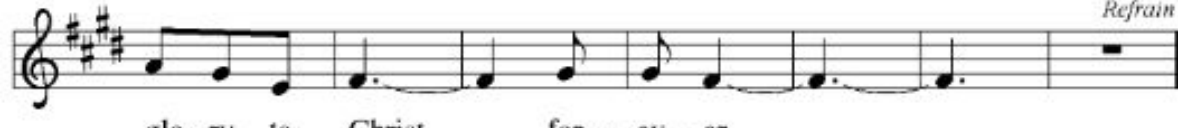



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

The Children's Sermon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 149

Reader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

All: **Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler. Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

Reader: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

All: **Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand, to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron, to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung twice

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Stand
Hymn of the Day

"Many Will Come"
sung twice

ACS No. 982

1 2
Man-y will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will
4 eat in the king-dom, the king-dom of God. Blest are
7 they, oh, blest are they who eat bread in the king-dom, the king-dom of God.

Apostles' Creed

Asst: With the whole church, we confess our faith:

All: 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 the Church

5 Christ, our peace. You break down the walls that di-vide us;
6 Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

After "Generous God," worshipers respond **"Pour out your love."**
Repeat **"Christ, Our Peace"** after completion of the intercessory prayers.

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*Worshippers share a sign of God's peace with one another,
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you. . .and also with you"*

Sit

Offering

Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.

Anthem

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

*Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.*

*God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever,
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Though He giveth, or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

Children of the heavenly Father.

Stand

Offering Response

"Ye Watchers, Ye Holy Ones"
vs. 4

No. 424

Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds. - Psalm 26:6-7*

Offering Prayer

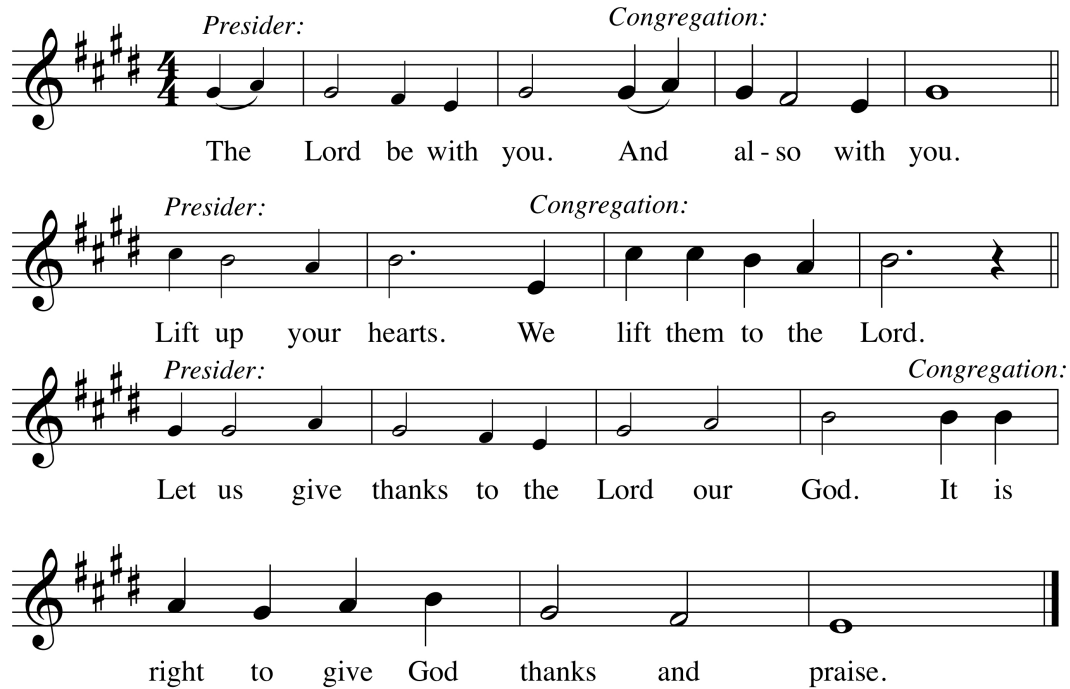
Asst: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Stand

Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ to whom all the saints and martyrs bore witness with their lives.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise. With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage. With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love. With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship. With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One. With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of community. With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pastor: At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

1) Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
2) Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
us.
us.
3) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

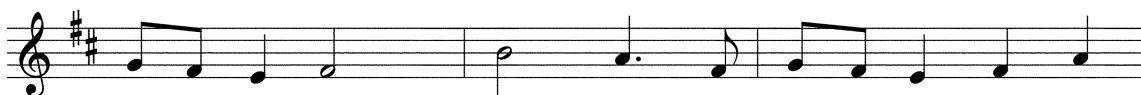


life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

Asst: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: **Amen.**

Sending of Communion

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.

Pastor: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Sit

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

Worshippers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations:

*blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, **come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit** to give your announcement*

Stand

Final Blessing

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

All: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"For All the Saints"

No. 422

vs. 1, 2, 6, 7 - All, vs. 3 - High, vs. 4 - Low, vs. 5 - Choir

Dismissal

Asst: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Music for the Close of Worship

"For All the Saints"

arr. Paul Manz

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This Week's Servers

November 2, 2025

Worship Asst.: Steve Pendziszewski
All Saints Readers: Gabe Carlson, Bette Stemaly
Reader: Judson Stemaly
Ushers: Lee Banitt
Technology: Mark Clyne, Paul Guthrie, Mike Whately
Prayer Station: Laurie Brown
Sacristy Asst.: Kathy Eklov
Communion Assts.: Sandy Foster, Cam Hart,
Randi Martin, Pam Timm,
Altar Guild: Dorothy Tisland
Fellowship Host: Stewardship
Fellowship Treats: Stewardship
Nursery: Megan Zimmerman
Church Lockup: Mary Clyne

Next Week's Servers

November 9, 2025

Worship Asst.: Lisa Creed
Reader: Karen Adams
Ushers: Greg Guthrie, Ron & Erin Leversee
Technology: Paul Swodzinski, Mike Whately
Prayer Station: Jan Ellwitz
Sacristy Asst.: Laila Poisson
Communion Assts.: Annika Eklov, MacKenzie Hart,
Pam Timm, Jolaine Snyder
Altar Guild: Linda Timm
Fellowship Host:
Fellowship Treats:
Nursery:
Church Lockup: Lisa Creed

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4. Then find your "Listen Everywhere" app, open it and tap on "POP Service"
5. After that you should be receiving audio in your hearing aids. If you need assistance, see an Usher.

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Roll of the Honored Dead

2025

Deceased	Relationship	Terry Horst	Jim & Sandy Foster
		Daniel Holtzer	Friend of Harry & Sharey Biles
Members		David Horn	Laurie Brown's brother-in-law
Barb Ziegler		Dave Isberner	Friend/Mentor of Kathleen Robinson
		Jean Jones	Jeanette Field's extended family
Friends and Family		Donn Kowal	Paul Swodzinski's cousin's husband
Robert Alsgaard	Trish Wiita's brother	Michael Kress	Friend of the Wiita's
Nancy Anderson	Friend of Karen Adams	Albert Laaksonen	Friend of the Copeland's
Trish Barber	Marilyn Storch's sister	Casey Lavender	Friend of Joyce Stout
Cheryl Barea	Friend of Tammy Cooper	Ruth Linders	Friend of Julie Wentzel
Richard Bartow	Chris Hopper's work colleague	Beth Malmgren	Noel Sederstrom's sister
Brian Beektold	Friend of Howard Olsen	Mack (Charles) Martin	Friend of Diane Snyder
Ron Bertul	Friend of Bev Schmidt	Pam Maslang	Friend of the Swodzinski's
Dave Bezotte	Friend of Chris & Laurel Hopper	Bonnie McHolme	Aunt of Wisloski family
Kris Billelo	Jim & Sandy Foster	Michael McMonagle	Karen DeVrie's brother
Ed Boldrey	Em Witteveen's great uncle	Marcus Mishica	Sheryl Swodzinski's nephew
Gisela Brehm	Sue Jones aunt	Vicki Mitchell	Friend of Julie Wentzel
Russell William Butz Jr.	Idy Stemaly's father	Christopher Morris	
Roger Clark	Lee Banitt's brother-in-law		Jim & Sandy Foster's brother-in-law
Bev Colby	Friend of the Sederstrom's	Betty & Vic Mosley	Jill Waggener's parents
Nancy Decker	Laurie Brown's sister-in-law	John Mosley	Jill Waggener's brother
Richard Dawkins	Jeanette Field's family member	Ralph Newberry	Marilyn Storch's cousin
Kathleen Garms	Lori Hannemann's aunt	David Nezworski	Kristie Zimmerman's uncle
Ray & Grace Goodman	Friends of Sandy Bennett	Stevie Nichols	Laila Poisson
Vera (Lillian) Groom	Inger Thoen's sister	Peter Nitz	Friend of Don & Sue Jones
Jerry French	Melissa Copeland's grandfather	Wendy Osborn	Copeland Family friend
Mary Hale	Laurel Hopper's aunt	Benjamin Parks	Chris & Laurel Hopper's friend's son
Janie Hansen	Leigh Ann Enrick's mother	Hendrik "Hank" Poppen	Friend of the Hewitt's
John Edward Haug	Marti Haug's father	M. Eugene Rhodes (Gene the Pumpkin Man)	
Delores & Lawrence Huot	Bernie Huot's parents		Copeland Family friend
Steve Hegedus	Friend of the Copeland's	Lois Reiner	Friend of Yvonne & Dale Gatz
Kerry Helmeke	Karen Helmeke's uncle	Lisa Robinson-Boyer	Friend of Don & Sue Jones
Kay Hockett	Karen Helmeke's cousin	Don Rousseau	Kathy Oosterwal's great uncle
Larry Hoeksma	Friend of Karen Gallagher	Clifton Schultz	Friend of the Hewitt's
Judy Holmes	Friend of the Paul & Gail MacNellis	Jim Smigielski	Neighbor of the Wathen's

Julie Smith	Friend of the Sederstrom's
Mark Smutek	Friend of Jeanette Field
Robert Salonen	Laurel Hopper's uncle
Jay Spade	Jerry's son
Sally Stevens	Friend of Joyce Stout
Chuck Supnick	Cousin of the Carlson's
Raine Joy Thomas	
	Daughter of friend of Angie Copeland
Ken Timm	Jim Timm's brother
Peter Toohill	Lyn Brown's brother-in-law
Tom Trimble	Friend of Don & Sue Jones
Hubie Trischler	Gary Bishof's uncle
Rebecca Vizulis	Friend of Diane Snyder
Lynn Waggener	Jill Waggener's husband
Barb VanWestrienen	Mattawan HS teacher
Russell Young	Father of Angie Copeland's friend
Bob Zignego	Karen Helmeke's relative

For victims of gun violence in our country
and around the world.

For those who have died in military conflicts,
especially in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Israel and Palestine.



For All the Saints