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Mission Statement – “*Loving God, Loving People*”

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: The Lord has prepared a place for you.

C: Let us enter into his banquet hall.

P: The Lord has prepared a place for you--

C: a place filled with peace and laughter and joy.

P: The Lord has prepared a place for you--

C: a place filled with saints and angels and archangels.

P: The Lord has prepared a place for you--

C: at a table set for a feast today – a feast of forgiveness, love and new life.

P: In this place we come to worship God,

C: reminded of the heavenly place and great feast still to come.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* Gloria

(Setting 6 – Page 167)

Refrain S 167

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first section is a refrain that repeats. The second section is a new melody starting with '1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King...'. The third section is another refrain. The fourth section starts with '2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God...'. The music uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests or ties.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
2 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.



Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



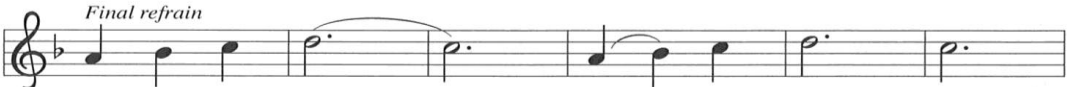
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

* Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Lesson: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 23*

¹ The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not¹ be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³ You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹
comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Lesson: *Philippians 4:4-9*

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

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S 171a



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-14*

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn 977 ACS

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947

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* 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Organ Voluntary

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn

"Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* Offertory Prayer

L: God of creation,
 you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
 All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have.
 Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
 in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
 today and always. **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

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S 173

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

* The Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

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.

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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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, grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

* Blessing

P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* **Sending Hymn 362**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

* Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, October 11 – Rae Ann Smith

This Wednesday, October 14 – Rae Ann Smith

Next Sunday, October 18 – Lydia Martin

Next Wednesday, October 21– Debbie Fornwalt

Ushers – Ed & Lita Havens

Organist – Lea Ann Alter

AV – Kathy Swanson

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in memory of Ed Dawson by Gail ad family.

The Bulletins and Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in honor of our grandson, Jacob's birthday by Shirley & Jim Smith

The October Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in honor of Buser family birthdays: Hansen. 10/6, Brandon 10/8, Paeton 10/11, Sally 10/12

This week –

This Sunday – October 11, Worship – 10:00am

Wednesday – Blessing of Animals on the pavilion – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

Friday – Reach prep – 9:00am, Diane's Music class –10:00, Ladybirds – 11:00am,

Saturday – Reach Meal preparation and serving – 2-4:00pm

Next Sunday – October 18, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult Bible Study



St. Francis

This coming Wednesday, October 14th – 6:30 p.m. – St Francis Day Service/Blessing of Animals. No pet is too large, too small or too slimy to be included. Please come with your pets appropriately restrained (harnessed, caged, submerged, etc.) and have a great time praising God with all of God's creatures! *We will meet on the pavilion by the side parking lot.* (No Communion.)

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? We would like to present Pastor Daniel with a gift to express our thanks for his hard work and service to God and our congregation. If you would like to contribute, please mark on your check or envelope 'Pastor Appreciation Month' and submit it to CLC in the usual manner. For those people who normally use tithe.ly, this will be added as a giving category. Because this is the second week of October already and we will be at St. Luke's for Reformation on October 25th, **we will accept offerings through Sunday, November 1st. His gift will be presented to him on November 8th.** Thank you!

We will celebrate a Joint Reformation Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Frederick Street on Sunday, October 25th at 10:00am. (No service at CLC.) Bishop Bill Gohl will be our preacher that morning. Following the service, you are invited to a luncheon in their fellowship hall. *Menu: buffet featuring Chicken Parmigiana and Bake Ziti (both available gluten free), salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. There will also be water, cold beverages, hot tea and coffee.* We hope that you will join us. To help with plans, they would like to have a "count" of people attending **by October 18th.** ***If you are planning to attend the luncheon, please sign-up on the paper in the main narthex.***

Offering for the Reformation Service at St Luke's Lutheran will go to a Fellowship Fund for Student's Education. *If you wish to contribute to Christ Lutheran for our budget with your white envelope for October 25, please bring to CLC on October 18, mail or bring to church office during the week or put in offering plate on November 1st.* Thanks.

Following the devastating disaster that struck Nepal, where an avalanche-triggered flood hit the northwestern part of the country. Thousands of people have been affected, and many homes, hydropower projects, bridges, and other infrastructure were swept away by the flash flood. **Our church council has designated that we will collect donations through the month of October for Lutheran Disaster Relief for Nepal.** If you wish to donation, please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran, care of Nepal. Thanks you.

Our Emergency Aid Fund is getting low. With fall and cold weather coming we expect that the need will increase. **If this is something that you wish to support, please make donations care of Emergency Fund.** Thanks.

Thanksgiving is coming! Our Social Ministry Committee is inactive at the present time. Council has voted to give market food gift cards only to needy family. **If you would like to contribute to these cards, please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets.** Please donate by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for your help.

Dementia is a heartbreaking disease, both for the person with the diagnosis and for the caregiver. A support group for caregivers of persons living with dementia (**Walking Together**) will be offered at Christ Lutheran Church. The group will focus on self-care, education, spiritual and emotional support, and most importantly, fun! The group will be facilitated by Rae Ann Smith, OTD, OTR/L and will include special guests with specific areas of expertise at each meeting. *If you are interested in participating, either as a caregiver member or as a special guest, please join us Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at CLC* for an introductory gathering, where we will discuss potential topics, the goals of the group, and decide how often the group will meet. Refreshments will be served. (See poster in the narthex.)

Thanks for the 3 reams of copy paper that were donated to the church office.
Thanks for thinking of us.

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – October 4, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am =	45	Adult SCS =	N/A
	Zoom 10:00am =	5		
Wed. Oct 7	In Person 6:30pm =	8		
	Zoom =	3		

<u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026</u>			<u>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-SEPT 2026</u>	
Received	=	5,818.00	Actual Income =	\$153,543.09
Needed weekly	=	<u>4,265.56</u>	Actual Expenses =	<u>(161,100.48)</u>
		\$1,552.44		(\$ 7,557.39)

PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

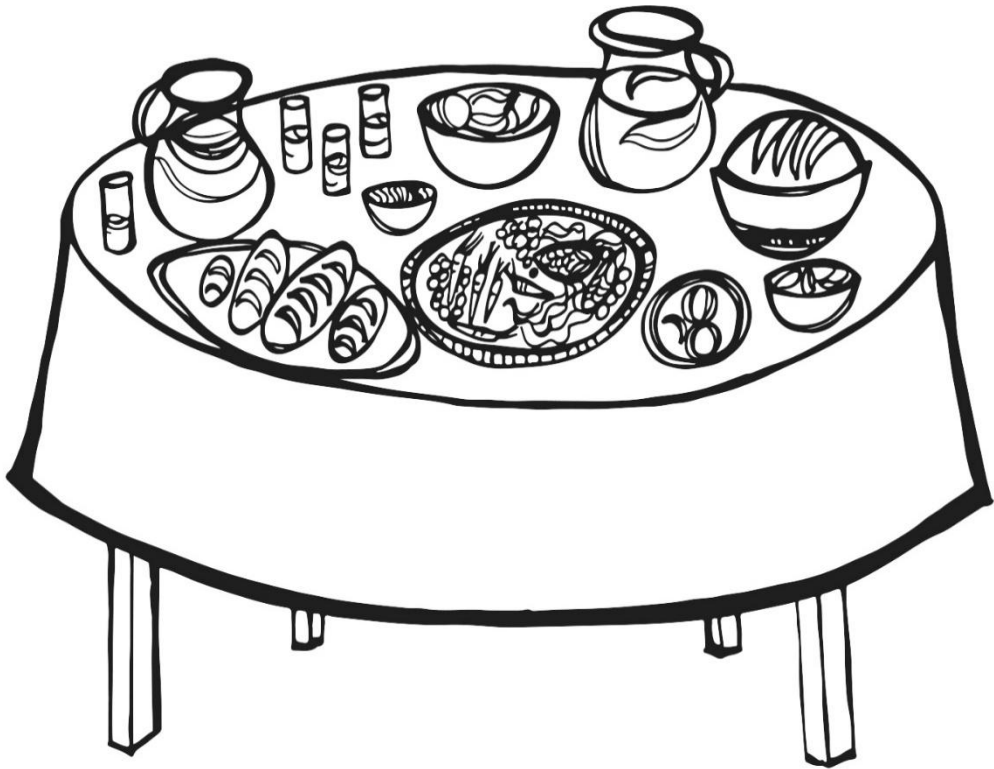
Sandi Shoemaker
Barb Simmons
Pam Mulligan
David Tibbetts
Rae Ann Smith
Jack Zealand
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Ruth Chiarenza
Sharon Diehl
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Stephen Overtoom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons, Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes, Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Marion Boone, Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Wilson Scarborough	Rae Ann Smith

Please keep us updated

- the family of Eugene Miller
- the family of Wanda Murphy (Age 76)
- the family of Thomas M. Dawson (Age 75)
- for Nepal
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that are affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including: Tom Forrest, Luke Smith



October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost