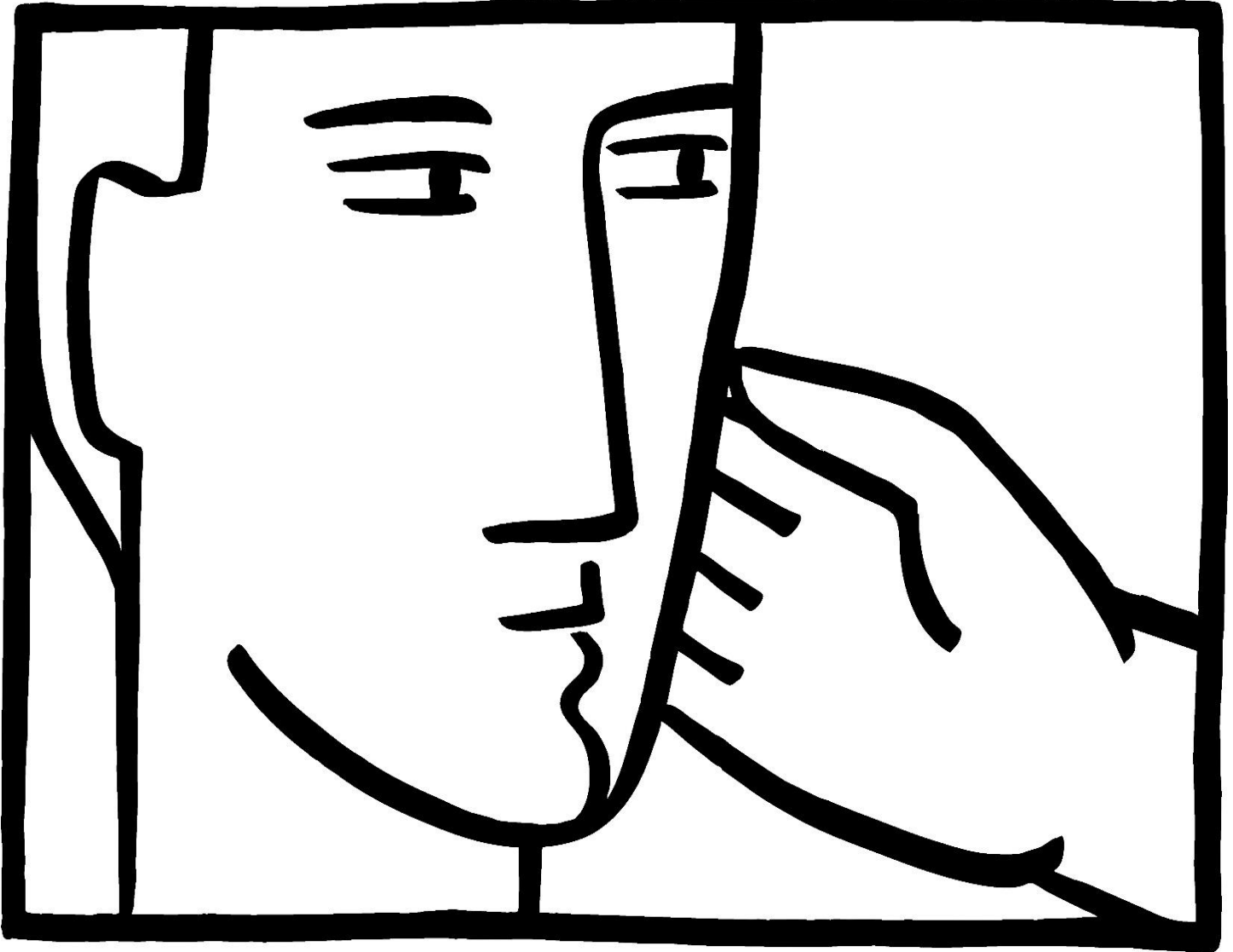


# **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**



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**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
9:30am Holy Communion Service

The Zoom link can now be found at the end of the bulletin.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding:** Pastor Thomas Neel  
**Organist:** Mark Jonkman  
**Ushers:** Ron Roth and Debbie Ealer  
**Church Time Nursery:** Linda Baskwell and Sue Pettit

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A brief silence.*

**P** Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C** **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**

**P** 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.

**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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

Hymnal #835

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **FIRST READING**

**L** A reading from Genesis, the 45th chapter.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The notes are simple, with some slurs and ties indicating phrasing. The lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke: 6:27-38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Love You, Lord*

Repeat three times

$\text{♩} = 76$

F

Gm/F F

F/E $\flat$



I love You, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and I lift my voice \_\_\_\_\_ to

5 B $\flat$ /D F/C C/B $\flat$  F/A Gm<sup>LL</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup>/E F



wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, \_\_\_\_\_

10 Gm/F F F<sup>SUS</sup>/G F/A



\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ what You hear: \_\_\_\_\_ May it be a

13 B $\flat$  F/A Gm<sup>LL</sup> C Dm/C C<sup>7</sup> F B $\flat$ /F F



sweet, sweet \_\_\_\_\_ sound in \_\_\_\_\_ Your ear. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## FREE PRAYERS

### PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### ANTHEM

*Joy in the Morning*

Chancel Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

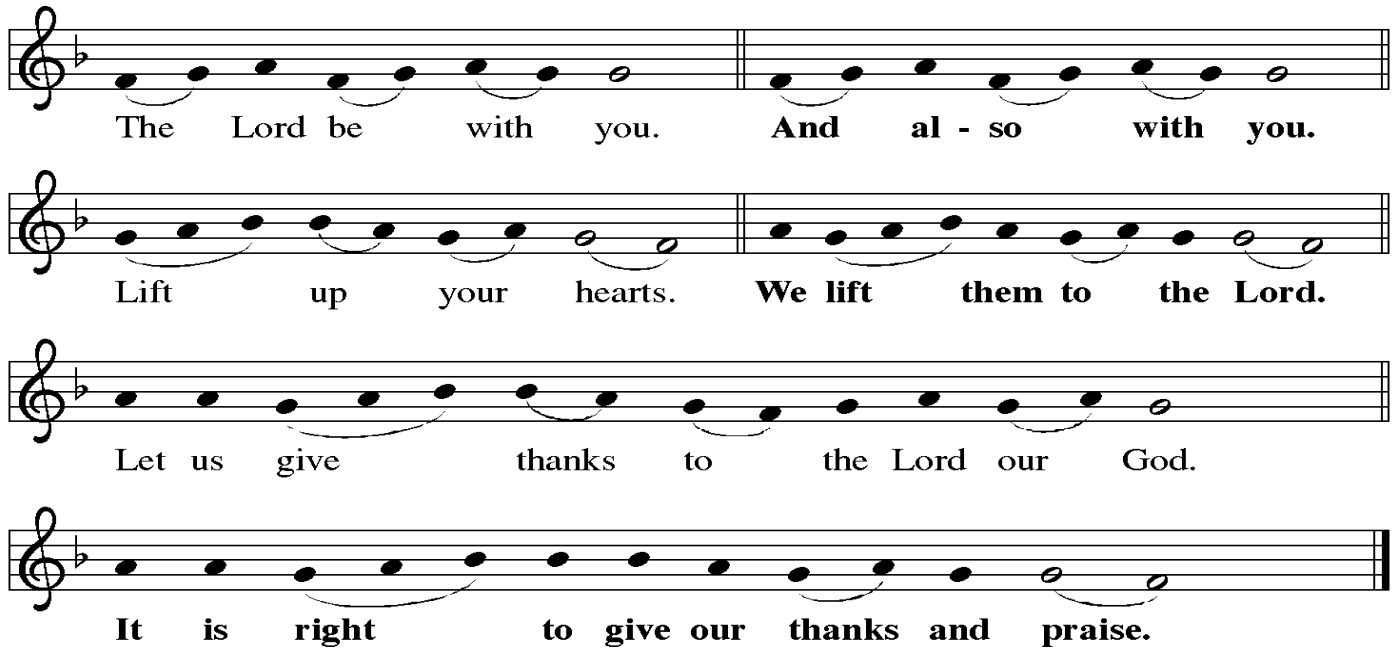
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

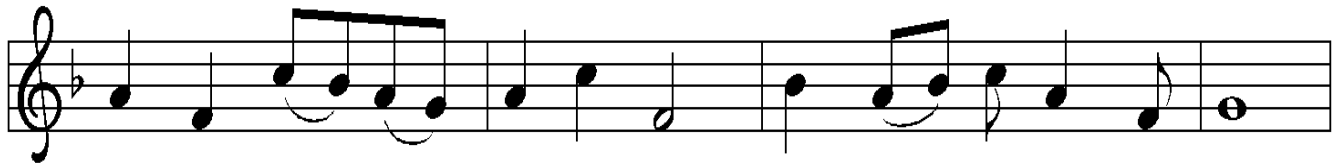
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned into wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



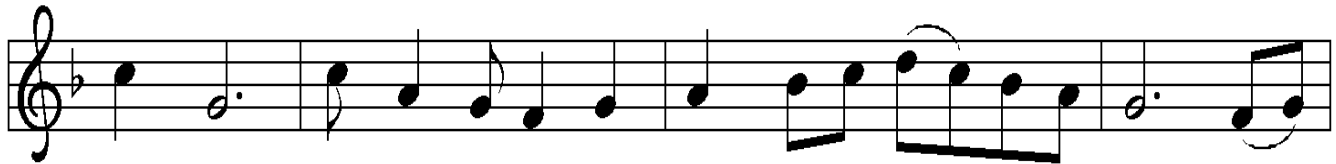
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

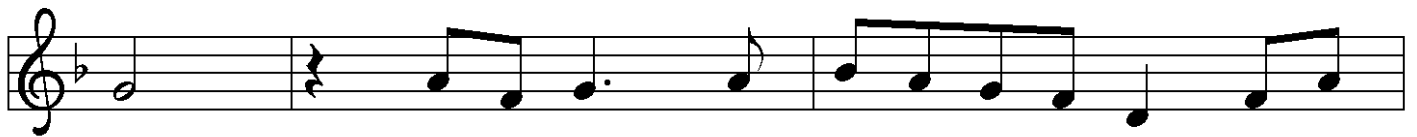
**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD



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.

**Hymns during distribution:**

**I Received the Living God** Hymnal #477  
**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** Hymnal #490  
**O Bread of Life From Heaven** Hymnal #480

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread, wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*When all have received Communion:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**P** Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG** *Jesus Shall Reign* Hymnal #434

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today's Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Janet Rhymer  
in loving memory of her father, Paul Ellicott.**

**Zoom link for Live Broadcast:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677651018?pwd=d1NSZ2V4NTVtMnFJaGp0Mm5GdTZrQT09>

By phone: +1 646-558-8656 (New York) or +1-312-626-6799 (Chicago) TOLL CHARGES MAY APPLY.

Meeting ID: 826 7765 1018

Passcode: 454700

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<b>Monday, February 24</b>	7:00pm Nursery School Committee 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b>	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom
<b>Thursday, February 27</b>	6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, February 28</b>	7:30pm Crossroads AA
<b>Sunday, March 2</b>	9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service

\*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**Altar Guild:** Sue Heater

**Offering Counters:** Nina Kramer and April Shaheen

**Birthdays:** Jacob Emery, Tyler Merrick, Sue Pettit, Erin Rinda, Claire Sadler, and Peter Tichy. Happy Birthday, everyone!

**\*Immediate Prayers:** Carl Elser, Evelyne Tosini, Frances Rankin, Gary Trigiani, Jean Pleiss, Jennifer, John, Karyn Israel, Nancy, Paul, Robert Griffiths, and Wes Webber. *\*as of February 12*

**Members Homebound/Nursing Home:** Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, and Doris Wanamaker.

**Long Term Prayers:** Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Crystal DiLorenzo, Michael DiLorenzo, Debbie DiLorenzo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

**Service Members:** MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Ensign Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Lt. Col. (Retired) Sten Kjellberg, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

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