

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025



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Sunday, March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday in Lent
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
Worship Assistant: Debbie Ealer
Lector: Stefanie Stoudt
Ushers: Ed Schaeffer and Jane Fraser
Church Time Nursery: Rachel Hill and Claire Sadler

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

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 27



- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?
- ² **When evildoers close in against me to de- ¹ vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- ¹ ble and fall.**
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart ¹ will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will ¹ not be shaken.
- ⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one ¹ thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of
the Lord and to seek God ¹ in the temple.**
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.
- ⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make
music ¹ to the Lord.**
- ⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, ¹ when I call;
have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.
- ⁸ **My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, ¹ I will seek.**
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.
- ¹⁰ **Though my father and my moth- ¹ er forsake me,
the Lord will ¹ take me in.**
- ¹¹ Teach me your ¹ way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of ¹ my oppressors.
- ¹² **Subject me not to the will ¹ of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses ¹ breathing violence.**
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness ¹ of the Lord
in the land ¹ of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the Lord ¹ and be strong.
Take heart and wait ¹ for the Lord!**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians Chapter 3

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN SENTENCE



GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

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

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

P ³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

God Loved the World

Hymnal #323

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

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.

A Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (*especially*). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Faithful

Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING SONG

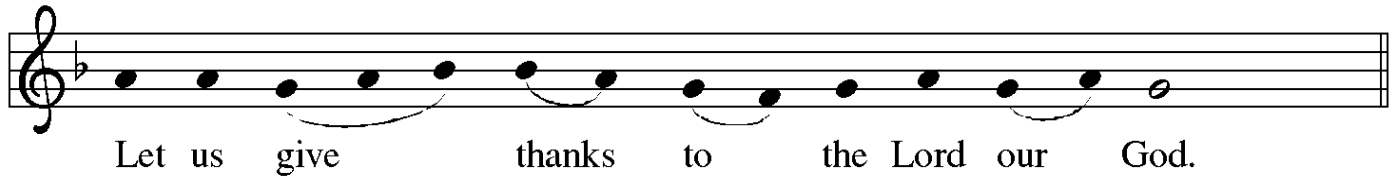
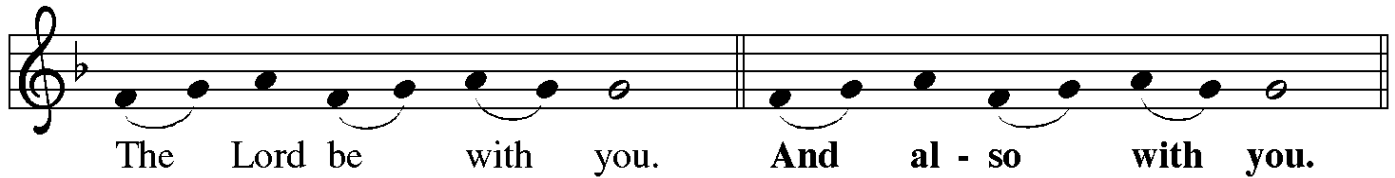
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

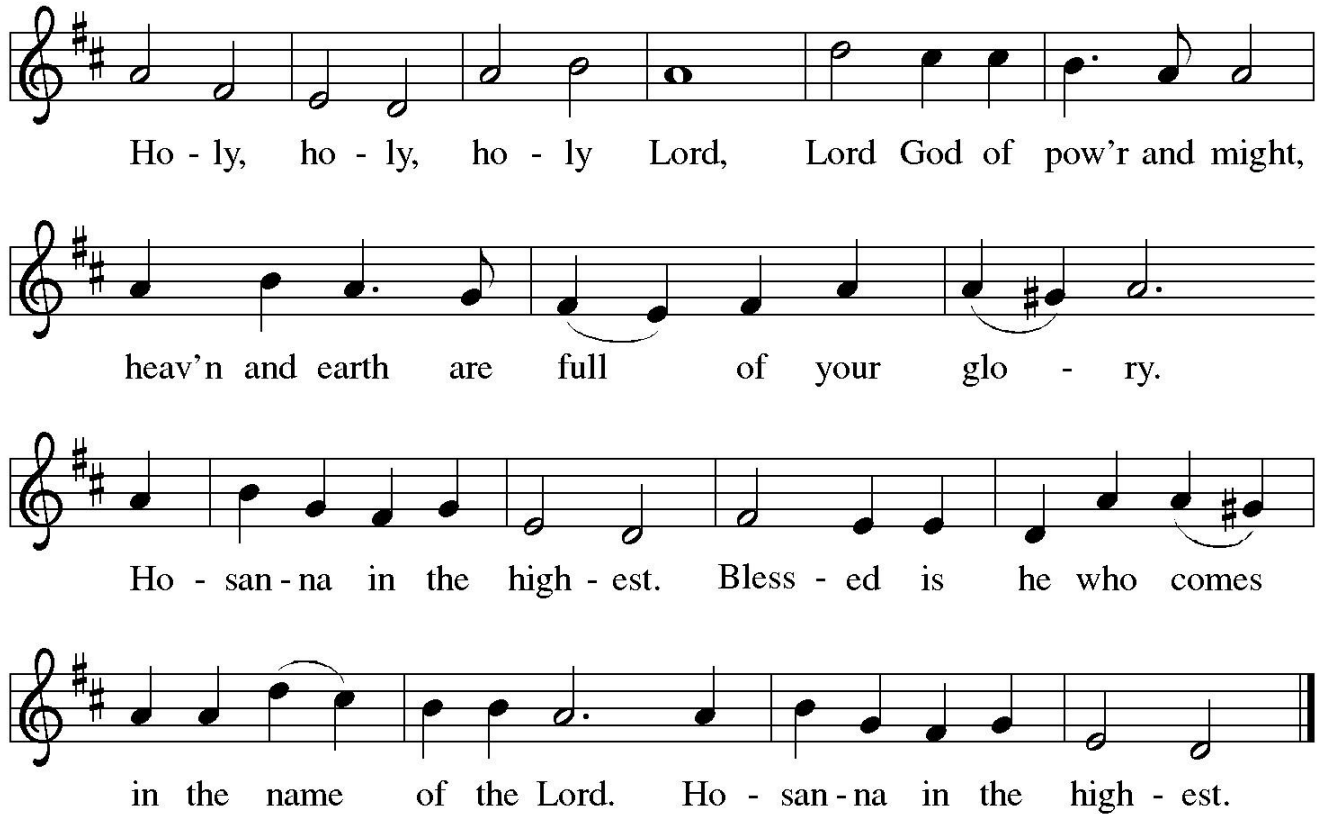
C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

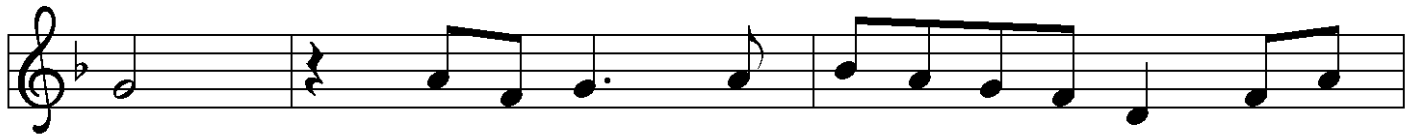
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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:

You Eat the Bread of Teaching

Hymnal #518

Thine the Amen

Hymnal #826

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Hymnal #674

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. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

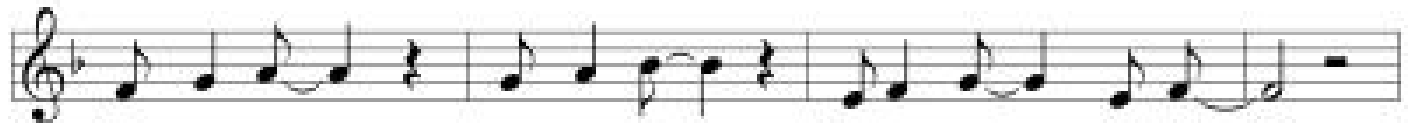
C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

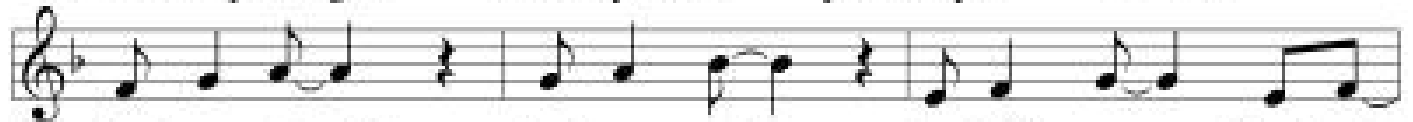
Lord My Strength

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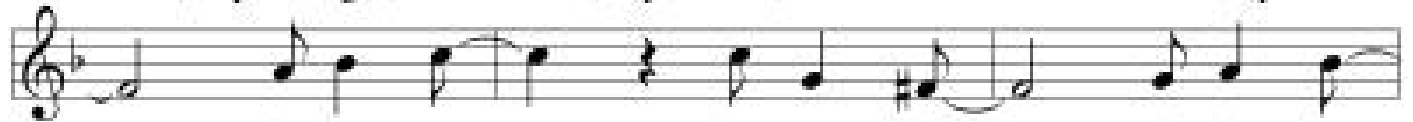
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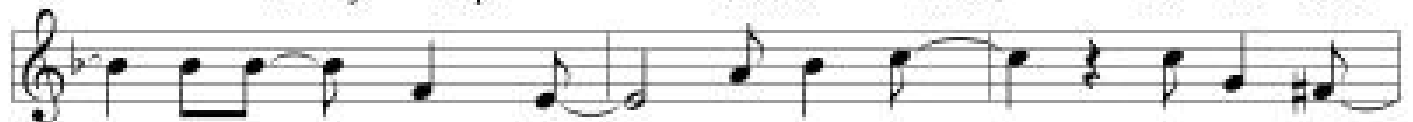
1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



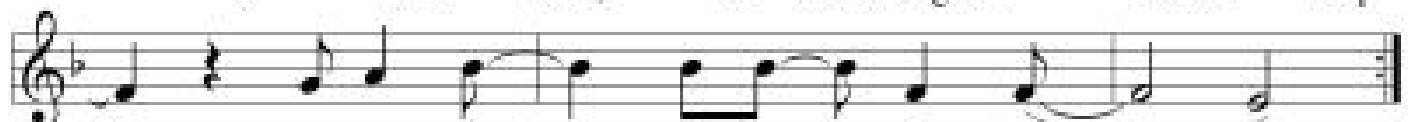
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



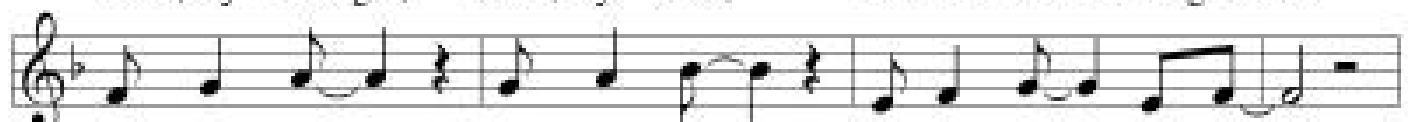
help me walk with - in your light.
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Zoom link for Live Broadcast:

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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| Monday, March 17 | 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group |
| Tuesday, March 18 | 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts |
| Wednesday, March 19 | 10:00am St. Andrew's Crafters – Social Room 6:00pm Soup Supper @ St. John's Lutheran Church 7:00pm Lenten Service at St. John's Lutheran Church |
| Thursday, March 20 | 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, March 21 | 7:30pm Crossroads AA |
| Sunday, March 23 | 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service |

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

MONTH OF MARCH

Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer

Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt

Birthdays: Pat Bean, Edward McIntyre, Lori Miller, Linda Trigiani, Robby Welsh, and Ruth Ann Welsh.

***Immediate Prayers:** Ashley and Olaf Kjellberg, Carl Elser, Evelyne Tosini, Gary Trigiani, Gerry Heebner, Guy Ehler, Jean Pleiss, Kamilah, Mary DiEmedio, Mike U, Penny, Niklas Enblom, Robert Griffiths, Rose Marie Kjellberg, Shirley, and Sylvia Gallop. **as of March 12th*

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

Long Term Prayers: Barbara Lindner, Carol Ehler, Charlie, Crystal DiLonardo, David Jackson, David Laustsen, Debbie and Michael DiLonardo, Doug VonNessen, Elaine Bobeck, Ethel Shive, Frances Rankin, Ingvar Kjellberg, Jennifer, Jessica Arnoldi, John Clay, Karyn Israel, Keith, Laura Lee Laustsen, Lori Gilbert, Maj-Britt Enblom, Melissa Steckel, Nancy, Pam Garity, Paul, Paul Laustsen, Rodney Burda, and Wes Webber.

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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