

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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■ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

*HYMN, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LBW Hymn 151

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

*KYRIE (Sung)

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- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.** (Sung)
- P Let us pray together . . .
- O God,

By the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christ Is Risen!

HYMN, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (vv. 1 & 4) Hymn 130

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

FIRST READING, Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who had been healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

- L Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
- **Q** You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

- L How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
- **ఆ** How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
- L But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
- **©** The LORD hears when I call to him.
- L When you are disturbed, do not sin;
- **2** Ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
- L Offer right sacrifices,
- **a** And put your trust in the LORD.
- Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
- **Q** You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.
- L I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
- **©** For you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (NRSV)

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v. 1) Hymn 128

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

*GOSPEL, Luke 24:36-48

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- P While the disciples were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v. 2) Hymn 128

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

*HYMN, "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

WOV Hymn 674

- 1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!
 - 2. Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes Breaking our bread, giving us glory Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise Jesus is risen and we shall arise Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree Heaven to earth, Christ to the people Gift of the future now flowing to me Jesus is risen and we shall arise Give God the glory! Alleluia!
 - 4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent Death put asunder, and Easter is bright Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light Jesus is risen and we shall arise Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 5. City of God, Easter forever Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb River of life, saints and archangels Sing with creation to God the I AM! Jesus is risen and we shall arise Give God the glory! Alleluia!

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son

he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Response:

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- **4** Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN, "At the Lamb's High Feast" (vv. 1 & 7) Hymn 210

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

> Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung)

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Q Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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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 testament 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

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

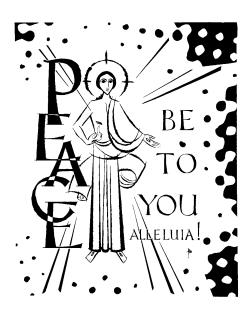
All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise—giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins—are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, "Lamb of God" WOV Hymn 671, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" LBW Hymn 352, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LAMB OF GOD (Sung)

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



HYMN, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV Hymn 671

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
 - 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
 - 4. God has proclaimed the just reward: Life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*
- 5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*



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HYMN, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LBW Hymn 352

- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!
 - 2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.
- 3. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
 - 4. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 5. He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 - 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
- 7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
 - 8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

C Amen.

*CANTICLE, "Thank the Lord"

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Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord
rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P O God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

— SENDING —

*BLESSING

P The God of peace — who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant — make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

C Amen.

*DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Thine Is the Glorv"

LBW Hymn 145

1. Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,

Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom; Let his Church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

> 3. No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life; Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. *Refrain*

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship

10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. — Confirmation

4:30 p.m. — Kids Club

Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Choir

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship

10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

A COMMUNITY HYMN SING FELLOWSHIP and potluck dinner is planned for 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Immanuel. The three churches of Whitewood will gather together for a time of hymn singing and special music followed by a potluck dinner.

A WOMEN'S TEA is planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Immanuel. This year's tea will focus on Miriam, the sister of Moses. The event is free. Spread the word and invite women you know to our annual women's tea.

WE ARE PRAYING for the Zhuang people, an unreached people group in China, this year. There is a flier on the table in the library social room that explains more about this people and has some specific prayer suggestions.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church. This fund supports the North American Lutheran Seminary Network and provides financial support for those studying to be pastors. We also support a theological education scholarship fund in the Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District. You can learn more about the NALS at *www.thenals.org*. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are served. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. Everyone is encouraged to come.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 3 through Grade 5.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Wally Miller. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immanuel. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mona Balo and family on the death of her brother, Marvin Heggem. Funeral services were on Friday in Piedmont. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

BISHOP DAN SELBO of the North American Lutheran Church will be at Immanuel next Sunday (April 21). He will be preaching for worship and available for conversation during Adult Sunday School. Please join us next Sunday for this opportunity to meet our bishop.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving for worship during April. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

CHECK OUT the improvements happening at the parsonage (the parsonage is around the corner from the church at 1317 Ash Street). They are in the process of installing new siding. This project was approved at our annual meeting.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with serving the funeral for Wally Miller on Monday. If you can help serve or provide food, please talk to Joanne Baer.

WE ARE COLLECTING items for "flood buckets" for NALC Disaster Response. These "flood buckets" help those who have been impacted by disasters to clean up their homes and property. Items that are needed for the "flood buckets" include five-gallon buckets with lids; bleach (half gallon or smaller); contractor trash bags (3 mil); rags; scouring cleanser (like Comet); liquid cleaner (like Pine Sol); paper towels; scrub brush; and gloves (rubber, leather or cotton). Please bring items for the kits to the church.

A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET is planned for Saturday, May 11, at Whitewood Community Hall. All women are invited. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (10 and under). For reservations call Jackie at 605-645-2359.

GREETING CARDS, napkins and cookbooks are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available for those who would like them. Please talk to an usher to get a large-print bulletin.

THOSE OVER AGE 70½ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Don Dubbe Lenae Ebel
Judy Haiwick Felicity Kramer
Doris Richter Violet Rost
Richard Sleep Treonna Solbie
Guyla Baer Sturgeon Paul Swisher

Carletta & Steve Vasknetz Barb & Jack Wanstedt

David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)

June Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Barb Benson (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Elward Baulka (bather of Arria Baulka)

Elwood Beulke (brother of Arnie Beulke)

Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson) Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire & Maxine Ripley)

Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)

Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)

Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

The Fischer family (friends of Jon & Shelley Iverson)

Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)

Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)

David Hoaas (brother-in-law of Lynelle Follum)

Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak)

Eric Hunt (son of Ted & Dena Hunt)

Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)

Kathy Jacobson (friend of Pastor David Baer)

Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)

Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa Loll)

Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)

Chet Murray (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)

Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)

Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)

Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)

Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)

Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)

Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)

Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)

Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)

Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)

Lisa Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony & Alona Westberg)

Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson)