Sunday, June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion \* stand +kneel

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sun Of My Soul arr. Tom Fettke

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

### P- Alleluia! Christ is risen. C- Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!

P- In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. C- Amen.

P- Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P- Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C- make us one as you are one.** 

P- We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C- make us one as you are one.** 

P- We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C- make us one as you are one.** 

P- Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.C- Amen.

GATHERING SONG Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)

#### Crown him with man - y crowns, the 1 Lamb up on his throne; God in - car - nate 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the born. his hands and Crown him the Lord of lovebe hold side. 3 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave Crown him the Lord the po - ten - tate time, 5 of years, of the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but hark, how its own. whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn; rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied. vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. and rose cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub-lime. A - wake, him who died my soul, and sing of for thee, fruit of mys - tic that rose the rose, yet of the stem, No an gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, glo His ries now we sing, who died and rose on high, All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright. e - ter - nal life to bring, and who died, lives that death may die. glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. thy praise and

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

#### **GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

#### **\*KYRIE**



#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.* 

P- O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the

doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*The reading may be concluded:* Word of God, word of life. *The assembly responds:* 

### Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; let the | earth rejoice; let the multitude of the | isles be glad. <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness sur- | round the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne. <sup>3</sup> Fire goes be-<sup>1</sup> fore the Lord, burning up enemies on | every side. <sup>4</sup>Lightnings light | up the world; the earth | sees and trembles. <sup>5</sup> The mountains | melt like wax before the Lord of | all the earth. <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare your righteous-<sup>1</sup> ness, O Lord, and all the peoples | see your glory. R <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, | all you gods. <sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju-<sup>1</sup> dah rejoice, because of your judg- | ments, O Lord. <sup>9</sup> For you are the Lord, most high over | all the earth; you are exalted far a- | bove all gods. <sup>10</sup> You who love the | Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked. <sup>11</sup> Light dawns | for the righteous. and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the | Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

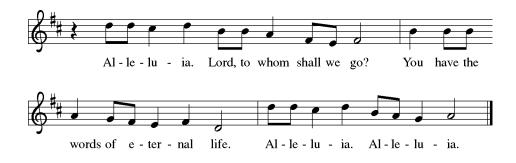
<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

*The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

P- [Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

#### The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

**HYMN SING** *The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.* 

HYMN OF THE DAY Son of God, Eternal Saviour (ELW 655)

# Son of God, Eternal Savior



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932 Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

#### **ALL- \*NICENE CREED**

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

P- God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

# A brief silence.

P- Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- 'P- Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P-Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people (*VBS, camp, summer series or other programs may be named*). Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died (*especially Justin, martyr*), we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

# C- Your mercy is great.

P- We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. C- Amen.

### PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

# C- And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### OFFERING At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (ELW 362)

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray.

P-Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C- Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### **DIALOGUE SPOKEN**

P- The Lord be with you. C- And also with you.

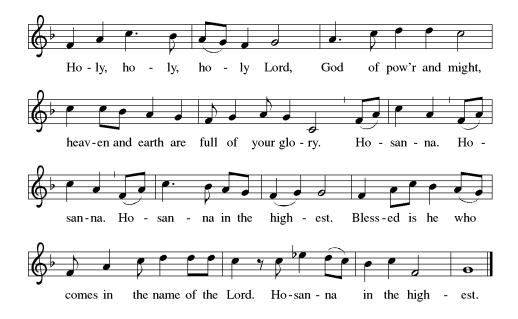
P- Lift up your hearts.C- We lift them to the Lord.

P- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P-Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
C- Amen

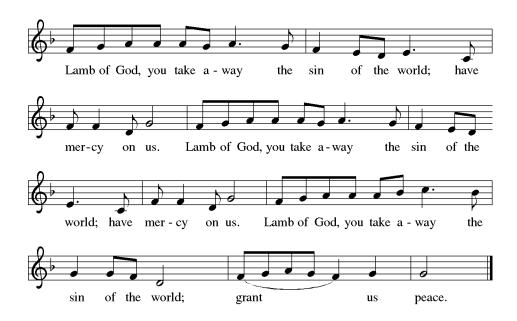
#### ALL\_LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P- Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

#### **\*COMMUNION SONG**



#### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

P- The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond* 

Amen. *The ministers commune either after or before others commune.* 

#### **\*TABLE BLESSING**

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C- Amen.** 

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray. P- Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. C- Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# BLESSING

P- The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. C- Amen.

SENDING SONG On What Has Now Been Sown (ELW 550)

#### On what has now been bless-ing Lord, be the your stow; 1 sown To you our wants are pow'rs; from you are all our 2 known, ac -3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may pow'r is yours a lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in own and par-don what cept what is your is ours. Our prais - es, meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be praise! grace the the Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give. heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, you to come!

On What Has Now Been Sown

DISMISSAL P- Alleluia! Christ is risen. C- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P- Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! C- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him!

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Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

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The Bulletins are placed in memory of David Trumbo by Elona Fromm, Wendy Welsh and Trevor Reber.

One vase of altar flowers are placed in honor of Carly Mullins 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Presented by Matt Mom and Tanner

One vase of altar flowers are placed in honor of the birthday of Becky Mairose presented by her family.

**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

**Reminder: Hospital visits** - The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance May 25, 2025 28 in person, 154 views and 2 share as of May 28, 2025.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

The Jolly Quilters are asking for donations of full, queen or king size sheets in good condition or new to use as backing for quilts.

We are combining Vacation Bible School with St Paul's UCC again this year. The theme will be - "True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild world" and will be held June 16-20 from 6:00 to 8:30pm at St Paul's UCC for ages 4 to 12. There are registration forms on the table in the narthex. Please complete and return to Debbie Hummel or place in the Christian Ed box downstairs. If anyone would like to help (in any way) please let Debbie know.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Betty Freeman turned 92. Please send cards to: Betty Freeman, 71 Eden View Road Apt 383, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

June 8 Last day for paper products June 16-20 VBS combined with St. Paul's UCC.

# **STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK: Minus online giving**

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$18.00
Local Benevolence	\$67.00
Current	\$570.75
Plate Offering	\$6.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<u>\$671.75</u>

The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

# "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

**Today:** 9 am Worship Service **Next Sunday:** 9 am Worship Service

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Mon: Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40 Tues: Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29 Wed: Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27 Thu: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25 Fri: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10 Sat Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17 **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP No info** 

Greeter: 9 am Kathie Faust Acolyte: 9 am Lena Ferrance Lector: 9 am Elizabeth Thomas Ushers: 9 am Kathie Faust Counting Team: JennieR, Brian S. Communion Assistants: Jennie R

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm Church Telephone 570-754-7350 www.SummerHillLutheran.org – Church's website Facebook: St Paul Lutheran Church, Summer Hill Student Loan Committee email: stpaulsummerhill.studentloan@gmail.com

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Chester Johnson, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, John Strauch, Jr., David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Donovan Baker, Harry Russell, Carol

Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit Snyder, Joseph and Linda Catizone, Don MacIntyre, Maxine Vanst, Christopher Tokarick, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.