Sunday, August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion * stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – The Souls Of The Righteous

T. Tertius Noble

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P- In the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.
C- Amen.

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

P- Most Merciful God,

C- we confess that we are captive 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- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C- Amen.

*GATHERING SONG God Of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

*GREETING (ELW p. 203)

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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

*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- Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The reading may be concluded:

R - The Word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12 (please read responsively)

¹ Hear this, | all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

² you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.

³ My mouth shall | speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

- ⁵ Why should I be afraid in | evil days, when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- ⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?
- ⁷One can never re- deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- other's life;
- 8 for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be e- nough to pay it,
- ⁹ in order to live forev- | er and ever and never | see the grave.
- ¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.
- ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation, though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
- 12 Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

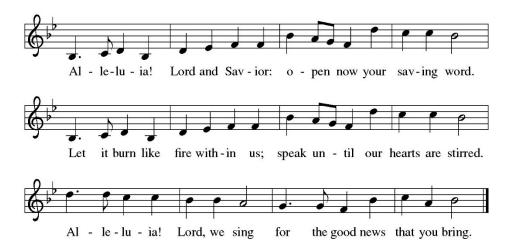
⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The reading may be concluded:

R - The Word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The gospel is announced.

P - The holy gospel according to Luke.

C - Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel concludes:

P - The gospel of the Lord.

C - Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY All My Hope on God Is Founded – ELW 757

- All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
 God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

*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

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

P- In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

- P Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, C hear our prayer.
- P Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace, C hear our prayer.
- P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die,

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

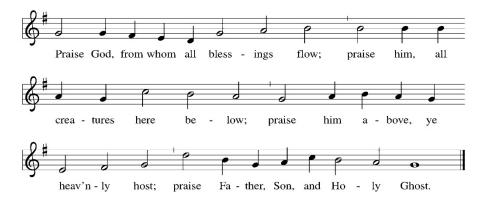
The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

P- 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

P- The Lord be with you.

C- And also with you.

P- Lift up your hearts.

C- We lift them to the Lord.

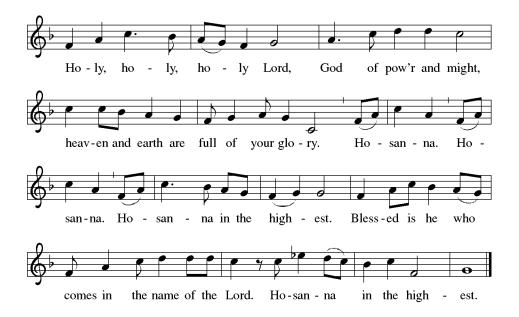
P- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



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

*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

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 banquet, for all is now ready.

*COMMUNION SONG



O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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.

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Let us pray.

P - 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.

SENDING

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

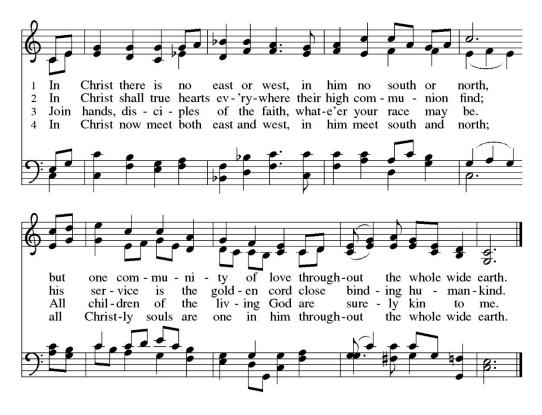
*BLESSING

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

C- Amen.

*SENDING SONG In Christ There Is No East or West (ELW 650)

In Christ There Is No East or West



Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt. Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
 All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C- Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Rejoice and Sing

Eugene Butler

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The bulletins are presented in memory of Violet Trumbo by Elona Fromm, Wendy Welsh and Trevor Reber.

One vase of altar flowers is presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mabel and John Schwenk presented by Harry, Jack, Carl, Joyce, Jonathan, Justin, Emily and Katelyn.

One vase of altar flowers in honor of Trish Krause's birthday presented by her grandchildren Carly and Tanner.

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.

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.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex to accept Back-to-School items from Sunday, July 20th until Sunday, August 10th. Items will be donated to the children associated with Schuylkill Children and Youth and Schuylkill Hope Center (formerly known as Women in Crisis). Items to be donated include: notebooks, folders, back packs, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, and any other appropriate children's school items. Your generosity is appreciated.

Some members have asked for an address for Linda Angstadt to send something for her retirement. Here is her mailing address: 266 Moon Hill Drive, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972

The Fall Worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m. The Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. Council has made the decision to discontinue the 8:00 a.m. service. The Saturday Spoken service will continue to be on the first Saturday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance July 27, 2025 – 32 in person, 378 online views, 3 shares as of August 1, 2025.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Total Received	<u>\$651.00</u>
Plate Offering	\$ 51.00
Building	\$ 5.00
Current	\$509.00
Local Benevolence	\$ 76.00
Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$ 10.00

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 Outside Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 2:1-7; Colossians 3:18-4:1 Tues: Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8; Colossians 4:2-6 Wed: Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14; Luke 12:22-31

Thu: Psalm 33:12-22; Job 21:1-16; Romans 9:1-9
Fri: Psalm 33:12-22; Ecclesiastes 6:1-6; Acts 7:1-8
Sat: Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 11:27-32; Matthew 6:19-24

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 5:00 pm – Jeff Freeman

9:00 am – Jessica Rollman

Acolyte: 9:00 am – Lena Ferrence Lector: 5:00 pm – Jeff Freeman

9:00 am – Michael Ziegler

Ushers: Holly Maldonado

Counting Team: Jenny Raudenbush, Holly Maldonado

Communion Assistant:

5:00 pm – Jeff Freeman 9:00 am – Jenny Raudenbush Church Office Hours: Temporarily Closed – Call Pastor Marie or Brian Staller

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, John & Betty Strauch, John Strauch, Jr., Greg Phillips, Jerry Heffleger, Harry Russell, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis and Earl & Grace Paxson. 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.

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