
Then comes the end

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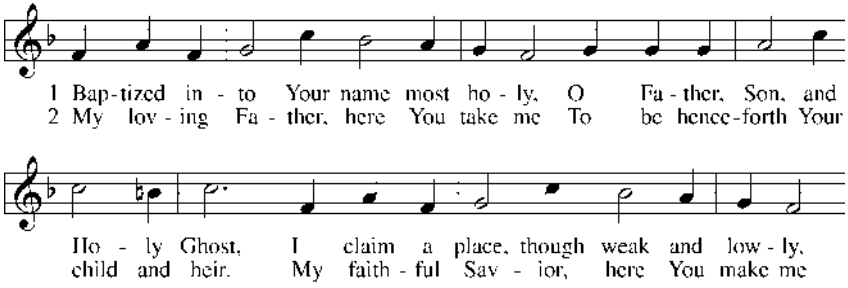
Thoughts as we gather

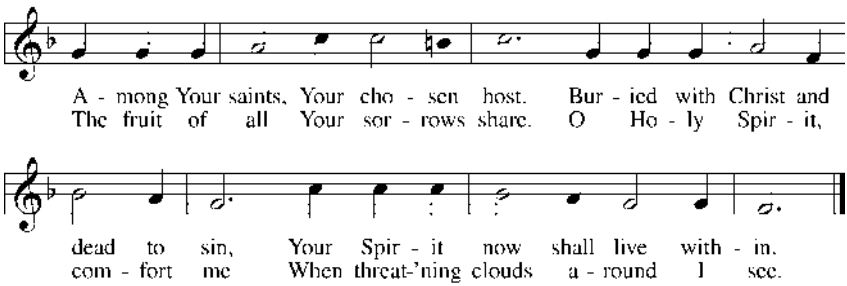
By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *"He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"* (Matt. 25:32). *"To those on His right,"* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *"those on His left,"* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *"into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *"the fat and the strong,"* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *"the lean sheep"* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *"in Christ shall all be made alive"* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

HOLY BAPTISM

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy *sts. 1–2*





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When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Chloe Jayne Black, Charlotte Jett Black

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Chloe, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Charlotte, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✢ forehead and upon your ✢ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Chloe and Charlotte according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Chloe and Charlotte as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

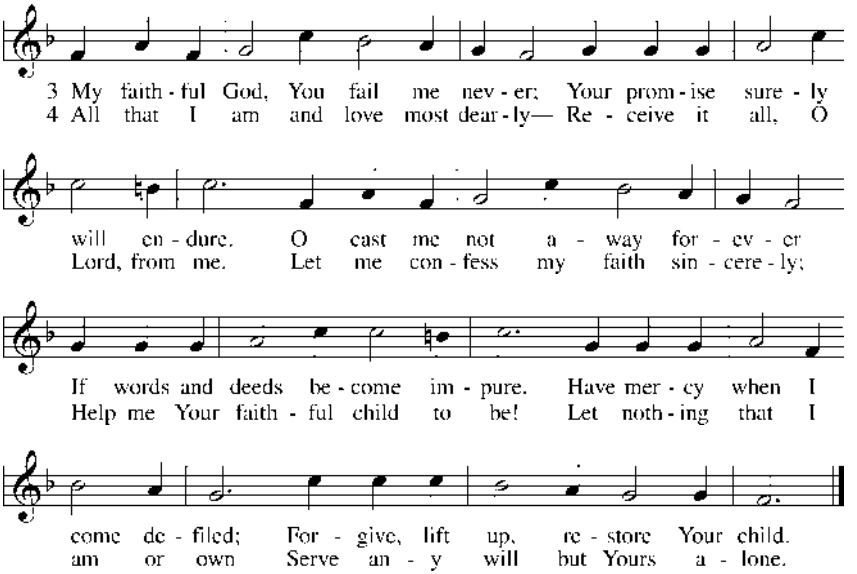
The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy *sts. 3–4*



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P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✢ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidates and asks the following questions:

P Chloe and Charlotte do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Chloe, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Charlotte, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Chloe, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Charlotte, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✢ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Chloe and Charlotte the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✢ be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

Sit

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

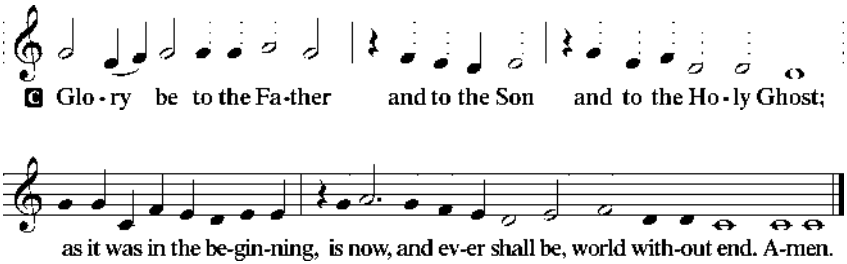
C **Amen.**

Stand

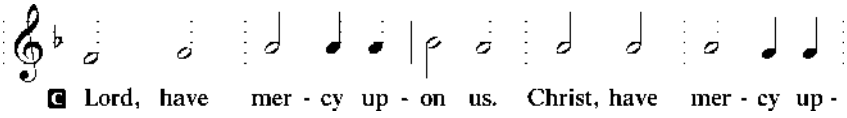
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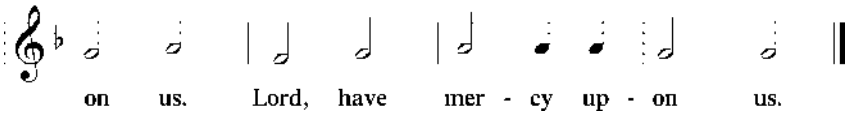
INTROIT *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before You.
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in You.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.



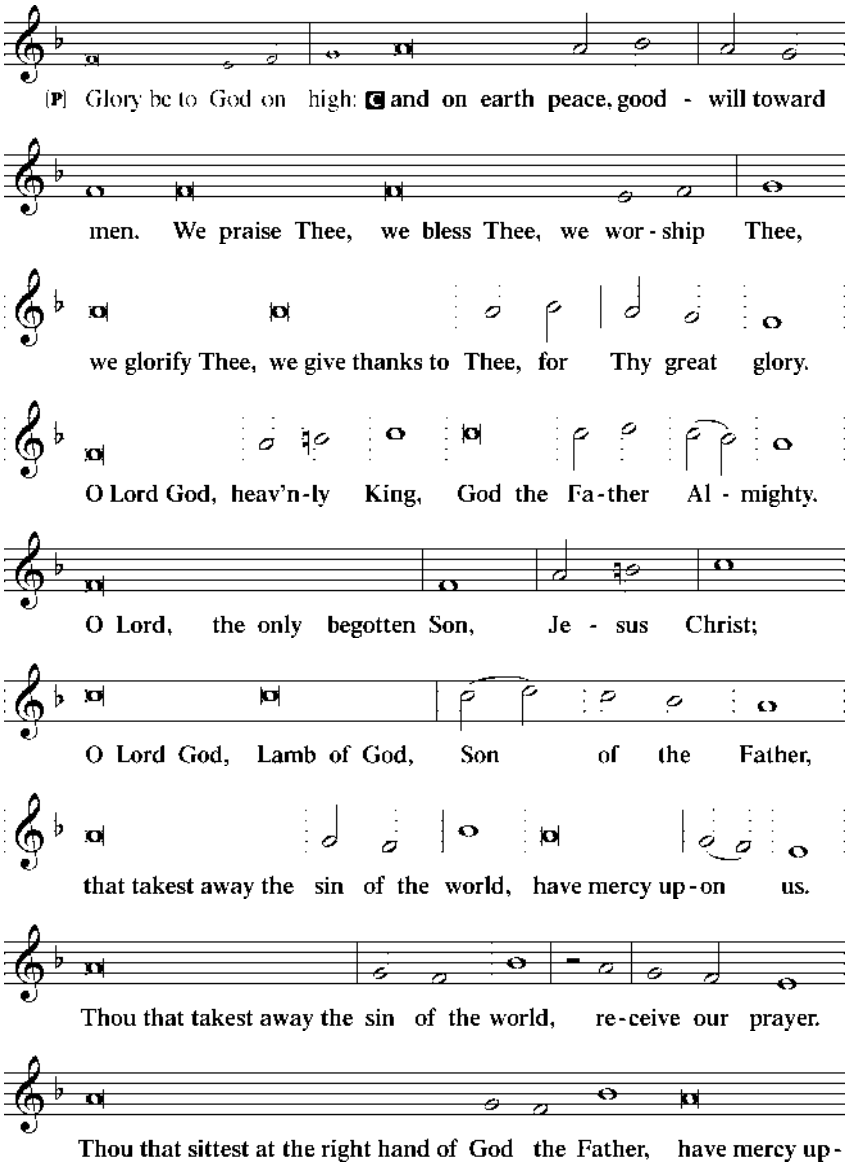
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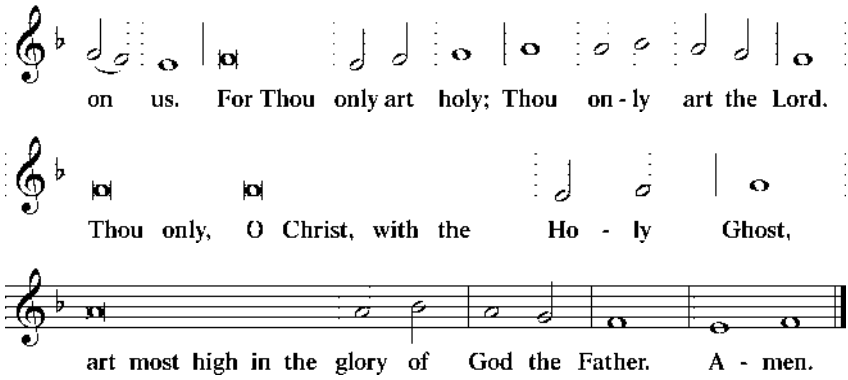




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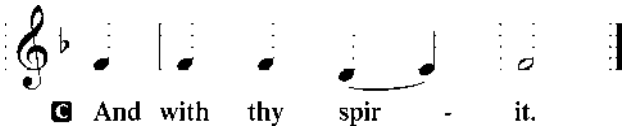
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

[11]"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. [12]As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down

in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 95:1–7a; antiphon: v. 7a*

[1]Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2]Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
[3]For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
[4]In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are His also.
[5]The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hands formed the dry land.

[6]Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
[7]For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

[26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. [28]When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA *LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31–46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

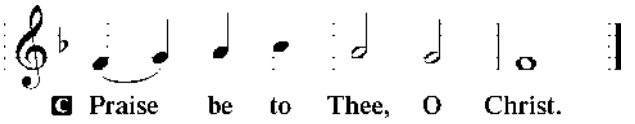


[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. [32]Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, [36]I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? [38]And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? [39]And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

[41]"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' [45]Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

[46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

℣ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

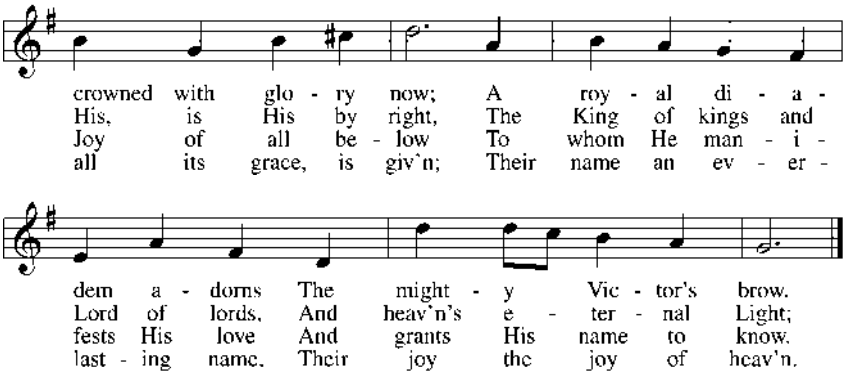
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns





5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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SERMON

℗ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

℄ **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *LSB 192*





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, as we anxiously await Christ's return, grant that we may never tire of inviting others to hear the good news of life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, bring all Your scattered and wandering sheep into Your fold. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous God, we all die in Adam but will be made alive in Christ. Guide our pastors, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word and we may always look forward to the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, even as the kingdoms of this world pass away, we pray that You would grant wisdom and protection to all in authority as they carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Great Physician of body and soul, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity *[especially _____]*. Hold them in Your almighty hands and bring them consolation. Heal them according to Your gracious will, and give us grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in You, that we would always be prepared to depart this life in faith and come to Your heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, as death came by a man, so by Your Son has come the resurrection of the dead. Endow Your people with penitent hearts at Your table, that they would receive in Your risen Son's body and blood a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we wait with joy for our Lord's triumphant return. Send Him forth, we pray, that He might renew all things according to His gracious promises, and bring us at last to see that kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We ask all these things in His name, trusting only in His righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

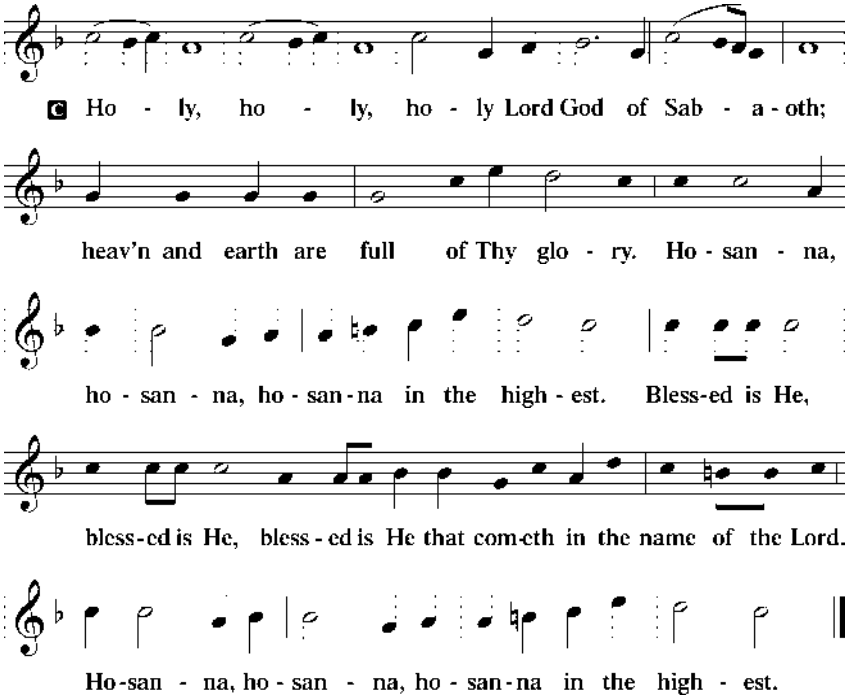


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



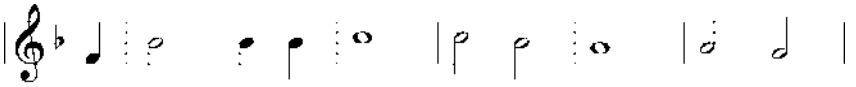
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

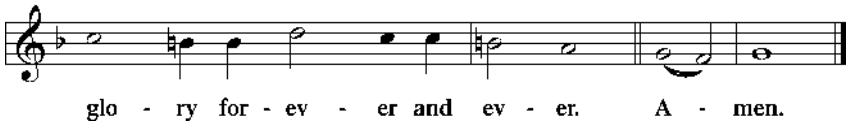
SANCTUS *LSB 195*



LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*

P 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.





THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



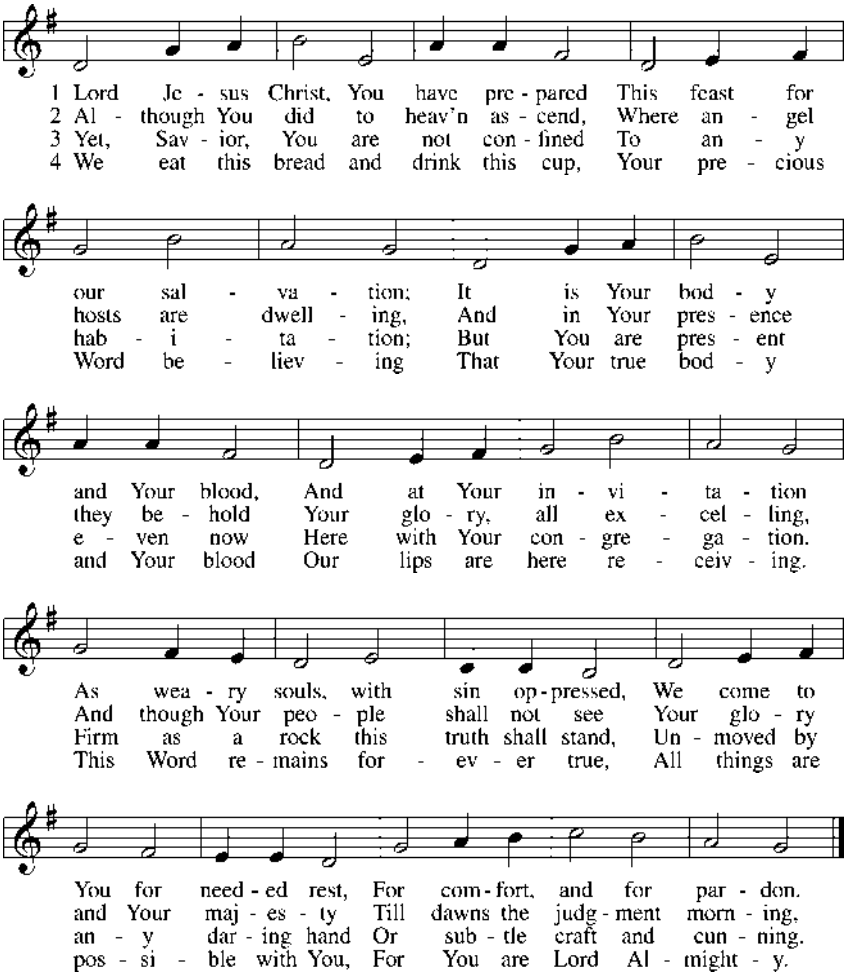
AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*



Sit

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622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

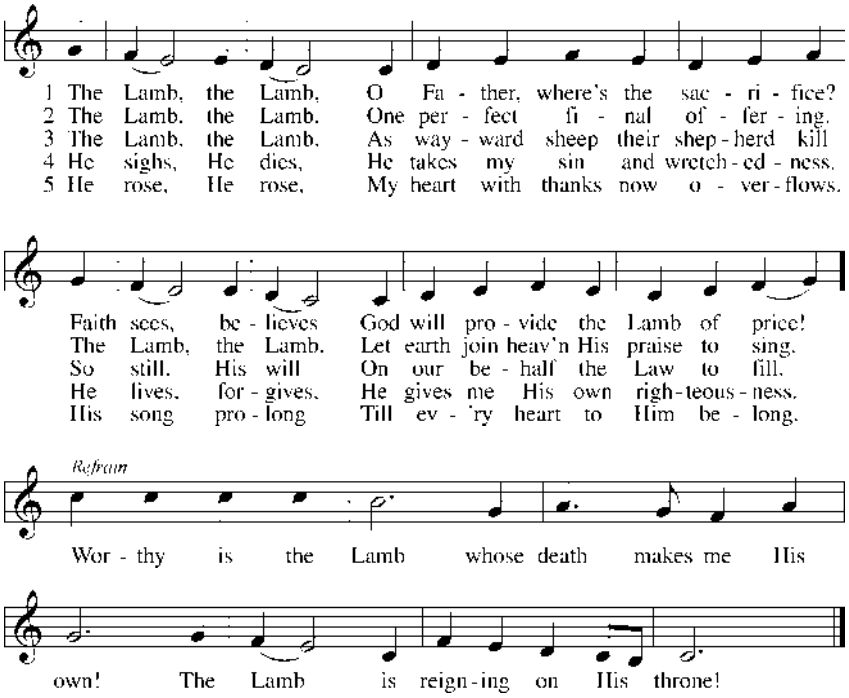
6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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547 The Lamb



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Stand

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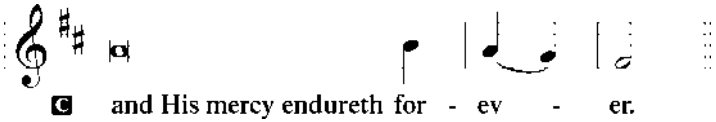
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**


C
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING *LSB 200*





P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

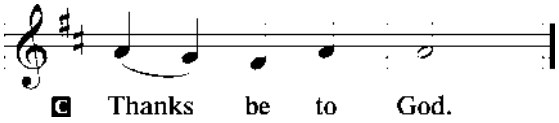


P The Lord be with you.



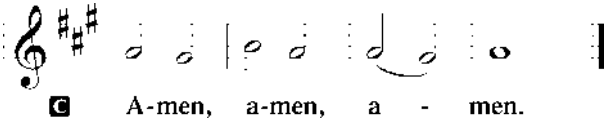
BENEDICAMUS *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.



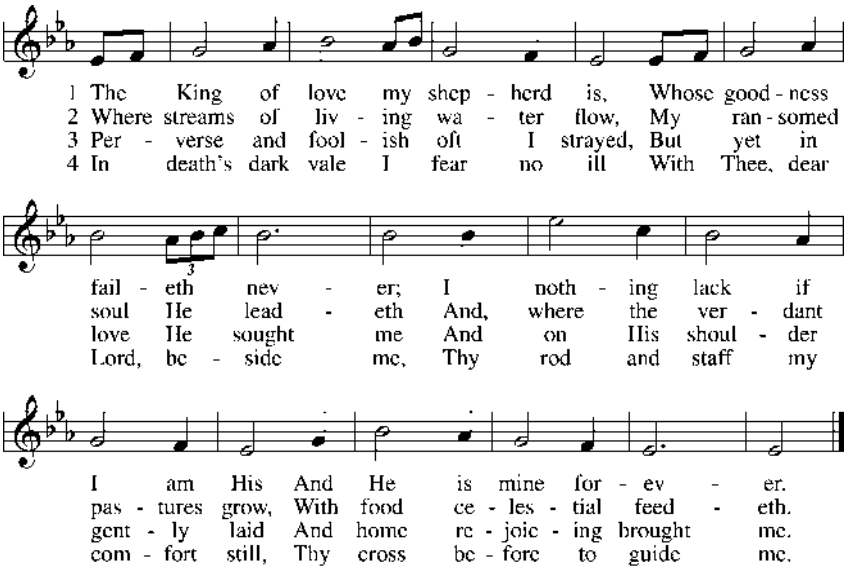
BENEDICTION *LSB 202*

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 29, 2026, are:

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7 (antiphon: v. 7)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 11:1-10

November 22 – Last Sunday in the Church Year

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

“HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE BIBLE SOMEONE SEES IS THE LIFE YOU LEAD”

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/22)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (11/23)	1:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Wed. (11/25)	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Bible Study Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thurs. (11/26)	Office Closed	Thanksgiving Day
Sun. (11/29)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Advent by Candlelight

ATTENDANCE:

11/15/2026	9:00 a.m.	75

OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	$ 207,046.00
Rec'vd. 11/15/2026	$ 2,678.00	Rec'vd YTD	$ 208,163.97
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Adult Confirmation Class will meet on Monday, November 23 at 1:30 p.m.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Remember the Spark of Love Toy Drive ends next Sunday, November 29th. We have already collected quite a few toys for Apple Valley kids. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 29th immediately following the Advent by Candlelight program. Everyone is invited to stay.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendars for the Advent by Candlelight service on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. right after church. Bring your favorite snacks. We will have fellowship and snacks after the service. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Valvo at 760-887-7125.

UPCOMING Events

Sunday November 8th—Sunday, November 29th—Spark of Love Toy Drive

Sunday, November 29th – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 20th – Congregational Christmas Party- at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Prayer and Praises" is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder
Tricia Blake
Durfee Family
Gaylon Pastella
Gwen Strasburg
Adriana
Greg Arida
Vivian Bingnam
Sue Boers
Kyle Burton
Patrick Coole
Kathy Davis
Matt DeWitt
Kelley Dunne
Daniel Ellis
Lynn Fairgrief
Charity Frash
Jillian Garcia
Chris Gibson
Government
Roger Hall
Pastor Harris
Jeanne Hecksel
Alicia Inman
Erwin Johnson
John & Connie Kays
Melody LeGray
Anthony Lopez
Chelo Martinez
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Todd McCoy
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Lauren Porter
Peggy Rhoades
Riley Family
Bea Shelby
Barbara Sosa
Cyndy Todd
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Joe Waters
Curtis Wise

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Bob Albert
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Debbie Martinez
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