

## **Bendersville Lutheran Parish**

**St. James**  
Wenksville  
8:25 am

**Christ**  
Aspers  
9:45 am

**Bethlehem**  
Bendersville  
11:00 am

*"We are rooted in scripture, watered in baptism and fed by communion. Our mission is to connect with God in community as we care for one another. Our vision is to bear fruit in the Upper Adams community by showing Jesus' love to our neighbors, planting seeds of kindness, service and hope, trusting the Holy Spirit to grow this fruit in surprising ways."*

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

• August 24, 2025 •



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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRELUDE

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**      **LBW 543**

**\*GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: “Let the Whole Creation Cry”**      **ELW 876**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav’n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise to our al - might - y king!”  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren’s hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow’rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!”  
“Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand up right. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter.*

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 103:1-8**

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

L: who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**C: who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

L: who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**C: O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

L: You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

**C: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## SECOND READING:

## Hebrews 12:18-29

*The Second Reading is from Hebrews, the twelfth chapter.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*



**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”**

**WOV 610**

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score is divided into two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

**\*GOSPEL:**

**Luke 13:10-17**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the

Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?

<sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

<sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Susan E. Scott

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *“Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”* LBW 351

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

P: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, especially Anna Mae Cook, Arlan Reynolds, Wayne Rodgers, and Gary Shank, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: **Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN: *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

LBW 410



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

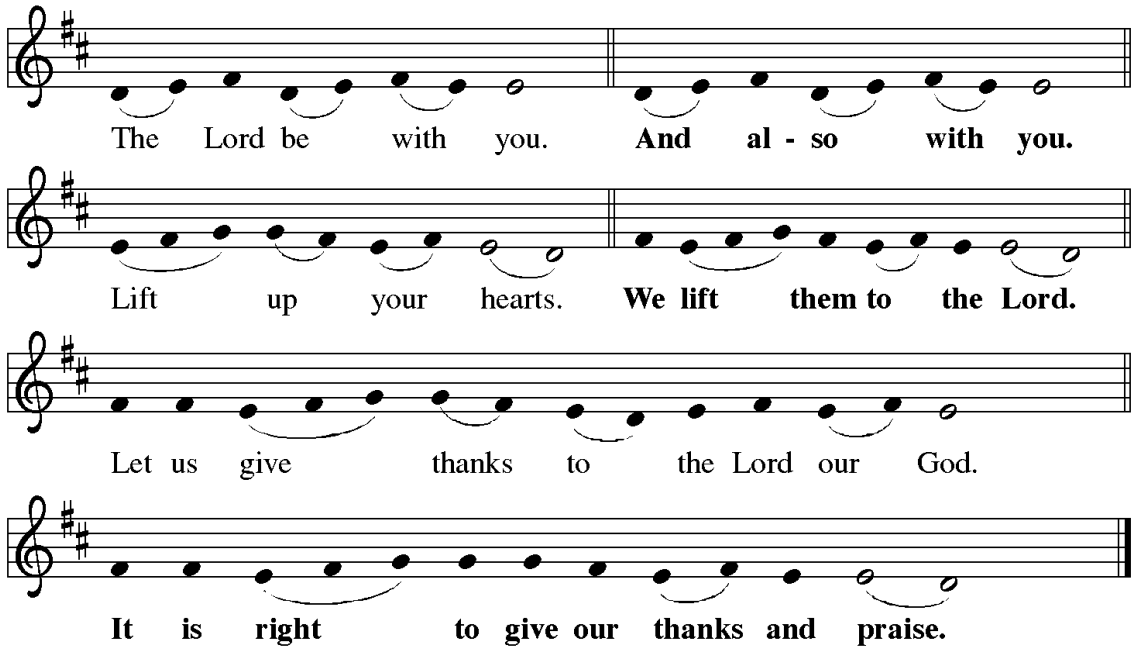
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts  
of the earth and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**PREFACE** *(sung by the pastor)*

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray ...*

**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: The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:*

***The body of Christ, given for you.***

***The blood of Christ, shed for you.***

## COMMUNION HYMN: "O Lamb of God"



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



# COMMUNION HYMN: “Come, Let Us Eat”

LBW 214



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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## \*POST-COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”      LBW 559**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*POSTLUDE**



## • AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025 •

SUN. Aug. 24	MON. Aug. 25	TUES. Aug. 26	WED. Aug. 27	THURS. Aug. 28	FRI. Aug. 29	SAT. Aug. 30
<b>8:25 am:</b> St. James  <b>9:45 am:</b> Christ  <b>11:00 am:</b> Bethlehem	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Jeff Bretzman</b>	<b>1:00 pm:</b> Care & Share Meeting (Home of Jackee McCartney)		<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Kelly Lang</b>		
SUN. Aug. 31	MON. Sept. 1	TUES. Sept. 2	WED. Sept. 3	THURS. Sept. 4	FRI. Sept. 5	SAT. Sept. 6
<b>Labor Day Weekend</b> <b>PARISH JOINT SERVICE</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Bethlehem	<b>“LABOR DAY”</b>  <i>Birthday:</i> <b>Fay Heller</b>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Rhonda Slaybaugh</b>  <b>Benjamin Disbrow</b>				<b>9:00 am to 12:00 pm:</b> Ladies' Retreat (Bender's, Biglerville)

### **ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel  
 (this info can also be found on our website – [www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com](http://www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com)).



## ◆ BIBLE STUDY ◆

*Bible Study will resume on ...*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, at 7:00 P.M.**  
**at BETHLEHEM**

We will be watching and studying: *The Chosen*.

*This is a TV series created by Dallas Jenkins on the life of Jesus Christ. Join us!*

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### Lector

J Denny Carey  
C Larry Gantz  
B Nancy Miller

### Greeters/Ushers

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Tony & Bev Bretzman

### Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner  
Deb & Dave Copenhaver  
Kathy Singley



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

• St. James, Christ & Bethlehem •

*To the Glory of God*



## **OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS**

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email [pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com).

## **LADIES' RETREAT**

• SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 •

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

*Bender's Lutheran Church, Biglerville*

The Bender's Lutheran Church Women's Group is hosting a ladies' retreat on Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The theme is "A Woman's Life in the 1950s". There will be a special presentation by Ruthmary McIlhenny, who will present her first-person Mamie Eisenhower program. We will also serve brunch (optional to bring a brunch dish). There is no charge to attend. Hope to see all you ladies at the retreat. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, August 26, to Pastor Susan.**

• **SEXTON POSITION OPEN AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** •

Open position at Christ, Aspers, for Sexton. Please call Julie Haller  
if you are interested. Phone 717-515-7416.



**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”  
SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 7th**

**12:00 Noon - Pizza Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. - LWR Project**

**- Bethlehem Social Hall -**

The Gettysburg Conference is coordinating service projects for the annual “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. Our parish is collecting items for Lutheran

World Relief School Kits. Bethlehem will be the host site to assemble the school kits for LWR. Below, you will find the list of specific school supplies needed to fill the kits. We cannot use items that do not comply with LWR’s strict specifications. **We especially need notebooks and drawstring bags.** Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Your donations may be given to Pastor Susan.

**Please Note:** Items donated should not reflect religious, patriotic, or military symbols, to include camouflage, and also note all other specifications. You may also give monetary donations for postage and to purchase other supplies as needed to include in the kits.

*Items you may donate:*

- **70-sheet college or wide-ruled notebooks**
- **30-centimeter rulers (or ruler with centimeters and inches)**
- **pencil sharpeners**
- **pairs of blunt scissors (safety scissors/steel blades)**
- **unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- **black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **boxes of 16-count or 24-count crayons**
- **2½" erasers**
- **sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags (approx. 14" x 17" with shoulder straps – NO standard backpacks)**

**SIGN UP FOR “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS”!**

**<https://signup.com/go/oMvxLLC>**

*If you do not have computer access, Pastor Susan will sign you up.*



## *Prayer List - Parish Members*

Adam & Laura Albright b  
Dixie Atha c  
Tony Bretzman b  
Dolly Chronister c  
Mary Chronister b

Wahnettah Harvey c  
Lois Rinehart b  
Mike Rinehart b  
Alan Showers j  
Bill Slaybaugh j

Rhonda Slaybaugh c  
Dan Turner c  
Mike Wolfe c

## *Friends of the Parish*

Douglas Barbour  
Pr. Sally Bartling  
Adam Black  
Jeff Black  
Tracy Brandt  
Bev Bretzman  
Valerie Bushey  
June Cline  
Nicole Cline  
Dick Cook  
Carl Corl  
Jeanne Cuttitta  
Peter Cuttitta

Bonnie DeHaven  
Diane Fetters  
John Gantz  
Galen Hartz  
Madison Itterly  
Cody Johnson  
Susanna Kidwell  
Deb Litten  
Nicole Mackey  
Emily Maiolo  
Doug Miller  
Rosa Moreno-Garcia  
Glenn Mulvey

Diane Myers  
Shirley Ogburn  
Zach Pelc  
Calvin Pugh  
Brian Reed  
Maurine Rickard  
Ginny Rinehart  
Claudia Robertson  
Donnie Slaybaugh  
Vera Sprenkle  
Erik Strunk  
Robert Tate

## *With Deepest Sympathy*

*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have  
died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father  
(our saints who have gone before us).*

*Anna Mae Cook, Arlan Reynolds, Wayne Rodgers, and Gary Shank*