

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

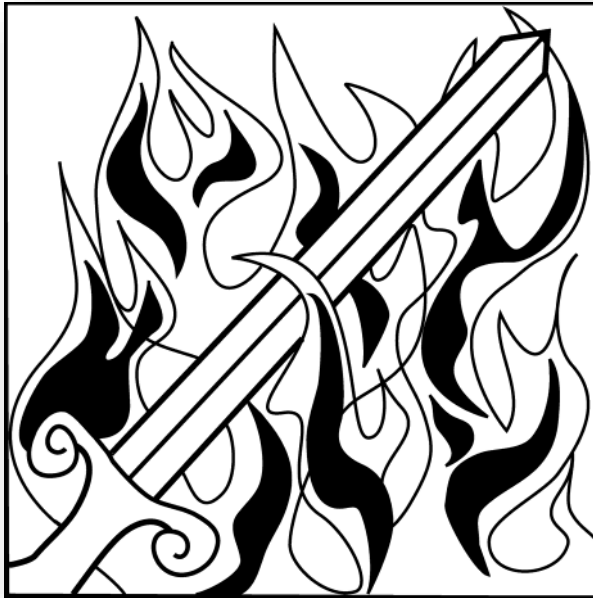
St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022



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COVID UPDATE

The COVID Task Force, Bettina McBeth, Chris Cuttitta, Julie Haller (unable to attend), and Vicar Mike Faust, met on June 22, 2021 and agreed to lift all COVID related restrictions on June 28, 2021.

1. Masks are optional for anyone who feels they need to wear one. It is being suggested that unvaccinated youth under 12 wear a mask.
2. There currently is no social distancing requirement, but please respect each other's space.
3. We will not physically pass the peace at this time. It can be done by waving or gesturing during the service.
4. We suggest that the offering plates not be passed but put in a designated spot as we are doing at the present time.
5. At this time we will still have hymns in the bulletin. Each parish may return any items to pews as they see fit.
6. All will receive communion with the same wafer and juice cups until they are gone. At that point, each parish can decide how they would prefer to distribute the elements. We recommend against intinction as a method.
7. Attendance does not need to be done at this time for COVID reporting. If anyone should receive a positive test for COVID, out of respect for others, please report it to the task force.
8. Buildings can be used for purposes designated by each parish.

As always, if you feel sick stay home and watch service online.

Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

V: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

V: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

V: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon.
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how.

Refrain



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

***GREETING**

V: 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.

(Please be seated.)

KYRIE: “On Eagle’s Wings”



And God will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

V: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

V: Let us pray.

C: **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back— those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 82

L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**C: “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

L: Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**C: rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

L: They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**C: Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

**C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, beginning with the eleventh chapter.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

V: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Vicar Susan Scott



1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go—nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some moving lines.

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.**

THE PRAYERS

V: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

V: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

V: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

V: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

V: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

V: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. We pray for your healing and comfort for those on our Prayer List ... and for those we name silently or aloud ... who are in our hearts. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

V: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us and especially Eric Alberts, Ronald Bean, Sharon Simpson, and Jeffrey Wileman. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

V: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

V: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DIALOGUE

V: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

V: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

V: 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING

V: When these elements were consecrated for Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, 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."

Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

C: Amen.

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

V: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

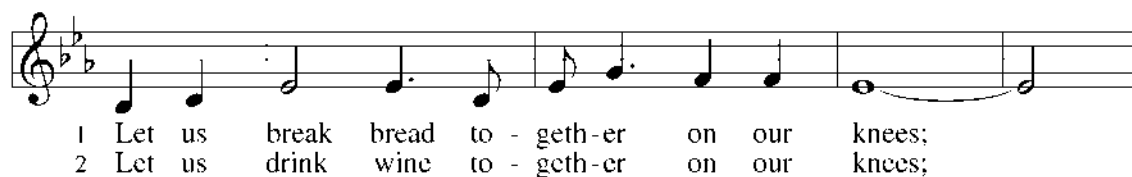
All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. Please come forward single file observing a proper social distance. Vicar Susan will give you the elements in pre-sealed, single servings without touching hands. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please place your hands on your own shoulders to let the Vicar know. For those receiving communion, bring the elements with you back to your seat and wait. We will all partake in the meal simultaneously at the Vicar's direction:

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.



COMMUNION SONG *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* LBW 212

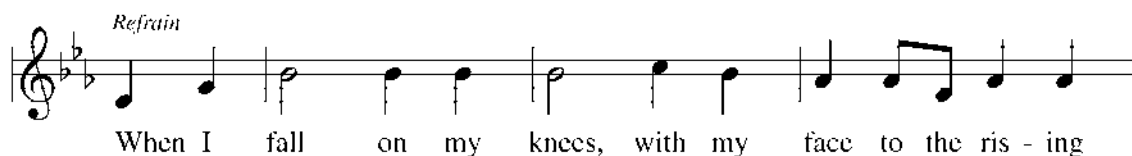


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

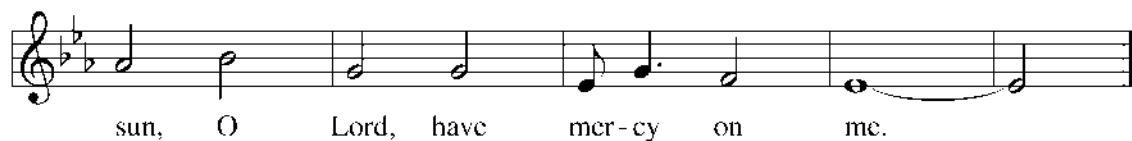


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.


Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Refrain



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

V: Let us pray.

**C: Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

*BLESSING

V: The God of peace,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LBW 495



1 Lead on, O King c - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King c - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of pre - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums.
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

***DISMISSAL**

V: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

Lector

J Dennis Carey
C Steve Haller
B Bev Bretzman

Greeters/Ushers

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—
(volunteers)

Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner
Deb & Dave Copenhaver
Kathy Singley



Altar Flowers:

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem

To the Glory of God



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 18: Bettina McBeth

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August 15: Chris & Cindy Baugher

August 17: Steve & Julie Haller

August 20: Dan & Michelle Turner

OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Vicar Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm at Bethlehem. Please stop by to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact
Vicar Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013
or email pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.

ORDINATION OF VICAR SUSAN

• SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, at 3:00 PM •



At

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

44 W. Main St., Shiremanstown, PA

You are invited to Vicar Susan's ordination on Saturday, August 20, at 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 44 W. Main St., Shiremanstown, PA. There will be a reception afterwards. If you are able, please consider bringing finger foods or desserts to share.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

You are invited to the parsonage for an open house so that Vicar Susan can get better acquainted with you. Light refreshments will be served.

*Please RSVP to Vicar Susan at 717-497-1013 or
pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.*

DATES OF OPEN HOUSE:

Monday, August 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7

Vicar Susan will start Bible Study on Wednesday, September 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bethlehem.

– More information to follow! –



The Apple Core Band

Invites You to Join Us for Our Upbeat Fun Concert!

• TODAY at 2:00 PM •

Biglerville American Legion Woods

3047 Table Rock Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

**Donations Will Be Accepted to Benefit
Area Cancer Patients**

**For more info, call or text: (717) 253-3430.
Chairs will be provided. Rain or Shine Event.**

LUNCH AT NAOMI'S AMISH KITCHEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, at 12 NOON

St. James WELCA has scheduled a Family Style Lunch: Country Ham, Turkey and Stuffing, and all the fixin's for Friday, September 23rd, at 12 noon at Naomi's Amish Kitchen. If you are interested, please call Betty McCauslin at **717-677-7294** for reservation or with questions no later than **Sunday, September 18th**. If interested, there will be a car pool at 10:30 a.m. from St. James, Wenksville.

Cost is \$23 for adults; half price for children 7-12; 6 and under are free.
Tips are not included.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



JOINT COUNCIL TREASURER NEEDED FOR 2023

The Joint Council would like to remind you that it is seeking someone to take over the duties of Joint Council Treasurer beginning January 1, 2023, as our current Joint Council Treasurer Cindy Baugher will be retiring from the position at the end of 2022. The duties include but are not limited to paying parish bills in a timely manner, leadership in formulating the yearly Joint Parish budget, presenting financial reports and perhaps, most importantly, responsibility for the parish payroll. This is an elective office of the executive board of the Joint Council, and there is a yearly stipend associated with the position. Obviously it will be highly desirable for anyone interested in the position to speak up now, so that they may meet with Cindy and familiarize themselves with the duties of Joint Parish Treasurer. This will ensure a smooth transition at the end of December.

We would like to make sure that everyone understands that although we can do without presidents, vice presidents and secretaries for a time, if there is no Joint Parish Treasurer the business of the parish will come to an immediate halt – no paychecks for the pastor/vicar or parish secretary or organist, and no bills paid. Please give this your serious consideration and advise Joint Council President, Chris Cuttitta (717-448-0366), or Joint Parish Treasurer, Cindy Baugher (717-873-8200), as soon as possible. The sooner we have a potential replacement the easier things will be at the end of the year for everyone.

*Thank you,
Chris Cuttitta and the Joint Council*



LET'S GET TOGETHER!!

**Care and Share Card Ministry meets each month.
Remember, all are welcome and no talent is necessary.**

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**The next Care and Share meeting is:
MONDAY, AUGUST 29th, at 1 PM at BETHLEHEM**

Please join us for this meaningful and important ministry.



Prayer List - Parish Members

Ruth Bretzman b
Tony Bretzman b
Mary Chronister b
Roger Chronister c
Shelvey Dugan b
Ed Fletcher b
Wahnetta Harvey c

Harold Hollabaugh b
James Hollabaugh b
Cora Kime b
Jim McGraw c
Paula McGraw c
Loren Mortorff b
Larry Peters b

Mary Peters b
Terry 'Frog' Rex j
Alan Showers j
John Slaybaugh c
Donna G. Taylor j
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Darryl
Diane Baugher
Doug Baugher
Jean Behney
Bev Bretzman
Tom Callahan
Alli Crowell
Jeanne Cuttitta
Helen Daniels
Randy Drybread
Diane Fetters
Luann Fix
Sue Garretson

Michelle Hadley
Jay Hall
Galen Hartz
Linda Heller
Tom Horner
Rosalie Johnson
Jeannette Kime
Tessa Kime
Paige Kriel
Pastor Bob McEllroy
Barb Mahoney
Emily Maiolo
Bobby Manning

Danielle Martin
Bradley Metz
Diane Myers
Sue Myers
Kelli Payne
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Ginny Rinehart
Jim Rodgers
Jim Tracey
Charlie Wescott
Toby Wickline
Lynn Woerner

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):

*Eric Alberts, Ronald Bean, Sharon Simpson,
and Jeffrey Wileman*