

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

• May 5, 2024 •



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

***GATHERING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"**


LBW 507

***GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:44-48

The First Reading is from Acts, the tenth chapter.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 98

L: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: You remember your steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

L: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING:

1 John 5:1-6

The Second Reading is from First John, the fifth chapter.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the first two phrases of the acclamation: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

***GOSPEL:**

John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” WOVS 765

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and for those we silently name in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us, especially Steve Tuckey. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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.

5 The captive to release,
the lost to God to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

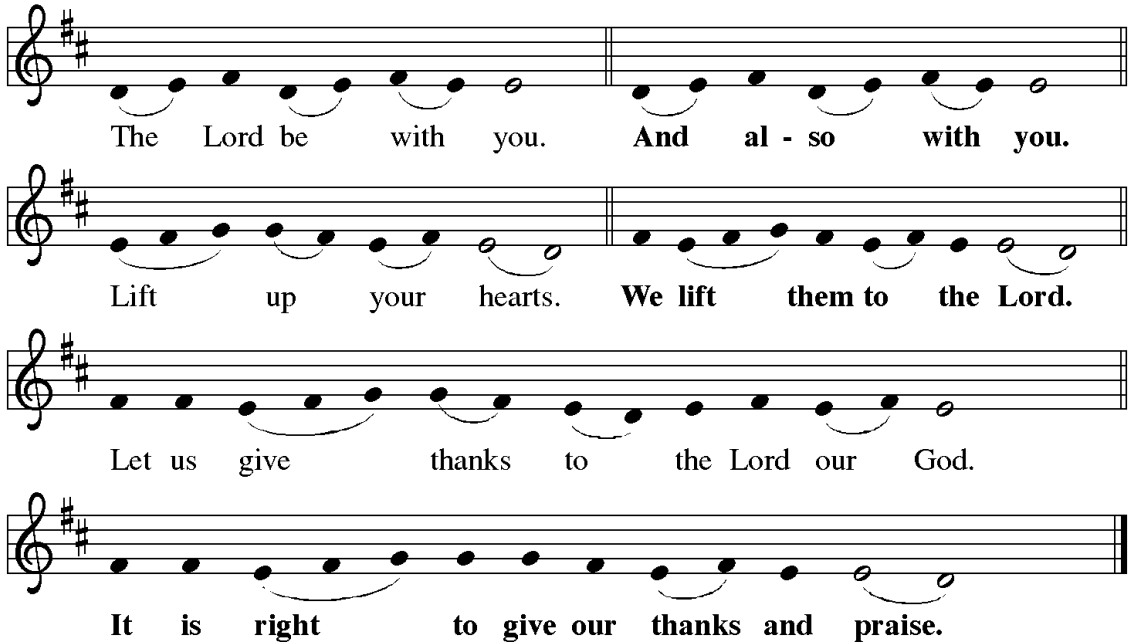
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



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

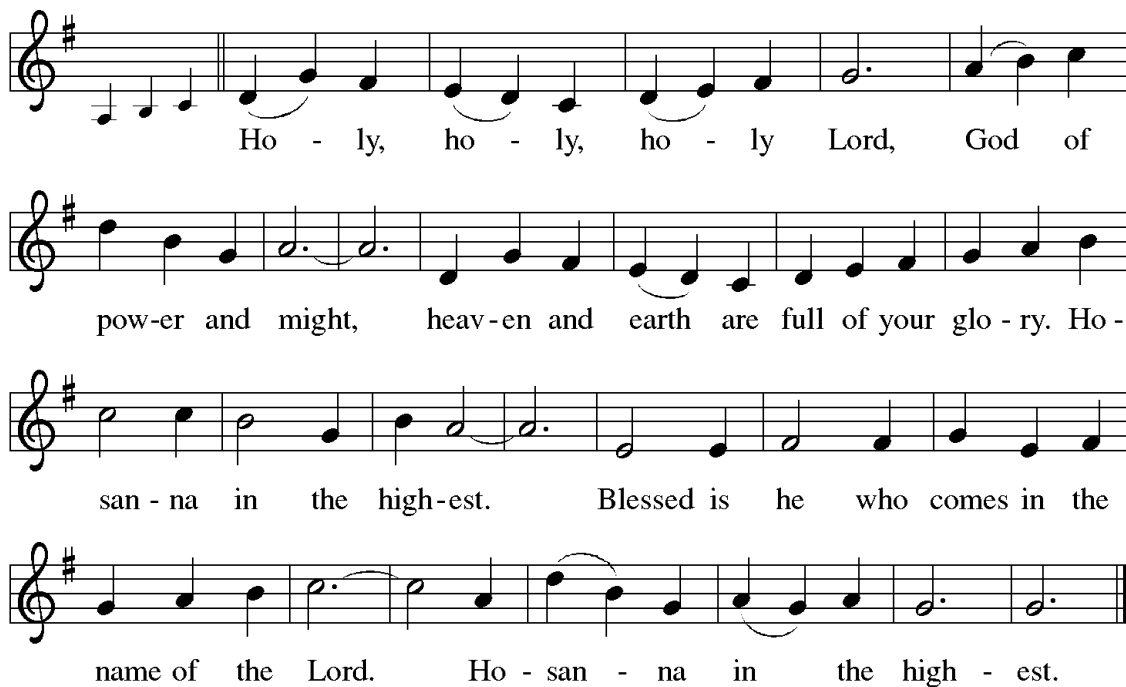
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: O God most mighty ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

P: O God, you are Breath ... life in you, now and forever.

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

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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: "Beautiful Savior"

LBW 518



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*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.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

LBW 551

***DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE**

• MAY 2024 •

SUN. May 5	MON. May 6	TUES. May 7	WED. May 8	THURS. May 9	FRI. May 10	SAT. May 11
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	<i>Birthday:</i> Diane Kuhn		7:00 pm: Bible Study (Bethlehem) Luke 8 Matt. 27 & 28 Mark 15 & 16 Luke 24 John 19 & 20: 'Mary of Magdala'	<i>Anniversary:</i> Joe & Anna Saum		<i>Birthday:</i> Brian Kuhn
SUN. May 12	MON. May 13	TUES. May 14	WED. May 15	THURS. May 16	FRI. May 17	SAT. May 18
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem <i>Anniversary:</i> Adam & Heather Clapsadl	<i>*Conference:</i> Pastor Susan 1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem) 7:00 pm: Council Meeting (Bethlehem)	<i>*Conference:</i> Pastor Susan 7:00 pm: Choir Practice (Bethlehem) <i>Birthday:</i> Jonathan 'J.J.' Lang	<i>*Conference:</i> Pastor Susan <i>Birthday:</i> Hunter Taylor	<i>*Conference:</i> Pastor Susan	<i>Anniversary:</i> James & Kelly Lang	<i>Anniversary:</i> Tony & Bev Bretzman

◆ BIBLE STUDY ◆



We will gather for Bible Study this **Wednesday, May 8,** at 7 p.m. at **Bethlehem** for the conclusion of "Women of the Bible". The study will be from ...

Luke 8, Matthew 27 & 28, Mark 15 & 16, Luke 24, and John 19 & 20: 'Mary of Magdala'

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Bettina McBeth
C Chris Cooley
B Nancy Miller

Greeters/Ushers

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Joe & Anna Saum

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 p.m. 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.

PASTOR SUSAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

• MAY 13 through MAY 16 •

Pastor Susan will be attending the Festival of Homiletics conference from May 13 through May 16 and will be unavailable.

If you would need pastoral care while she is attending the conference, please contact: Pastor Dennis Probst at 304-886-3200.

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).

*** CELEBRATION ***

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Pastor Robert McEllroy III

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024, at 10 a.m.

- Joint Service at Bethlehem -

On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Pastor Bob McEllroy's 50th anniversary of ordination with one service at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem, followed by a luncheon. Pastor Bob was ordained on May 21, 1974.

There is a sign-up sheets at each church for side dishes, drinks, and condiments. Also, in order to get an idea of how much food we need, please **RSVP by May 12**. However, if you don't RSVP, you are **STILL invited to come!**

If you would like to send a card for this special occasion to Pastor Bob directly, his address is:

PASTOR BOB McELLROY
2688 Sarah Place • Chambersburg, PA 17202

*In lieu of gifts, Pastor Bob has requested a donation be made to SpiriTrust Lutheran at Luther Ridge for their Compassionate Care fund which helps residents who may have financial challenges. You may donate directly to **Luther Ridge (2998 Luther Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17202)** or with your regular offering. (Just include a note "gift for Pastor Bob" with your envelope.)*

INVITATION TO JOIN OUR SPECIAL CHOIR!

A choir is being organized and participants are being sought to sing on Sunday, May 19, at Pastor Bob's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration event and/or at the parish's joint Memorial Weekend service at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 26. Both services are at 10 a.m. On Sunday, May 19, a Pentecostal Song will be sung for the Prelude and following the Prayer of the Day, we will be singing "**We All Are One in the Lord,**" which was written for Pastor Bob and Pat. There will be a practice on: **Tuesday, May 14**, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem. If interested in being a part of this choir or wanting more information, please text or email Donna.

Text – (717) 253-3430 • Email – donnakkime@gmail.com



Prayer List - Parish Members

Dixie Atha c
Eric Black j
Dot Bosak b
Ruth Bretzman b
Tony Bretzman b
Mary Chronister b
Adam Clapsadl j

Wahnettah Harvey c
Harold Heller j
Linda Heller j
James Lang b
Betty McCauslin j
Kathy McCauslin j
Loren Mortorff b

Carol Rex j
Lois Rinehart b
Mike Rinehart b
Alan Showers j
Bill Slaybaugh j
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Connie Adams
Douglas Barbour
Mary 'Sis' Becker
Adam Black
Gary Black
Jeff Black
Bev Bretzman
Nathan Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline

Nicole Cline
Dick Cook
Carl Corl
Jeanne Cuttitta
Peter Cuttitta
Helen Daniels
Bonnie DeHaven
Luann Fix
Galen Hartz
Celine Horner

Susanna Kidwell
Kinley
Karen Lowson
Nicole Mackey
Emily Maiolo
Bradley Metz
Diane Myers
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Ginny Rinehart

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).

Steve Tuckey