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For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.*

## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 24, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 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, 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, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

## ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**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.

**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.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## Introit

*Psalm 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5*



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*

for to You do I cry | all the day.

For You, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

**Incline Your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\***

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on You,\*

for You | answer me.

**I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\***

and I will glorify Your Name for- | ever.

For great is Your steadfast | love toward me;\*

You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*

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For You, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

## Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high!

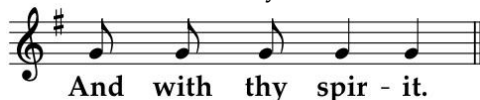
And on earth peace, good will toward men. We  
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we  
glo-ri-fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great  
glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Fa-ther Al-  
mighty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,  
that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have  
mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test-at the  
right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
For Thou on-ly art ho-ly, Thou on-ly art the  
Lord. Thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly



Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God—the Fa - ther,  
A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Sit

## Old Testament

*1 Kings 17:17–24*

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the Word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 102:15–16*



Nations will fear the Name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear Your | glory.

**For the LORD builds up | Zion,\***  
**He appears in His | glory.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:13–21*

*Brethren:* <sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. <sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

*Psalm 115:11*



Alle- | luia!\*

Alle- | luia!

**You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\***

**He is their help and their shield! Alle- | luia!**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:



<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. <sup>12</sup>As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" <sup>17</sup>And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is *worshipped and glorified*, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**



Sit

## Hymn of the Day

The Will of God Is Always Best

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

## Offertory



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 Thy  
pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion  
and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

## Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



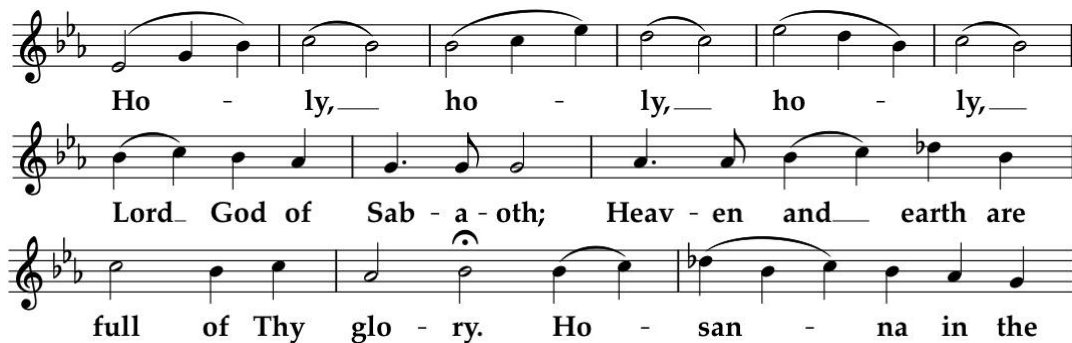
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



## Proper Preface

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



high - est! Bless-ed is - He that com - eth in the  
Name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## The Words of Our Lord

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

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

A - men.

## Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on\_ us. O\_

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the  
 sin of the world, grant us Thy\_ peace. A - men.

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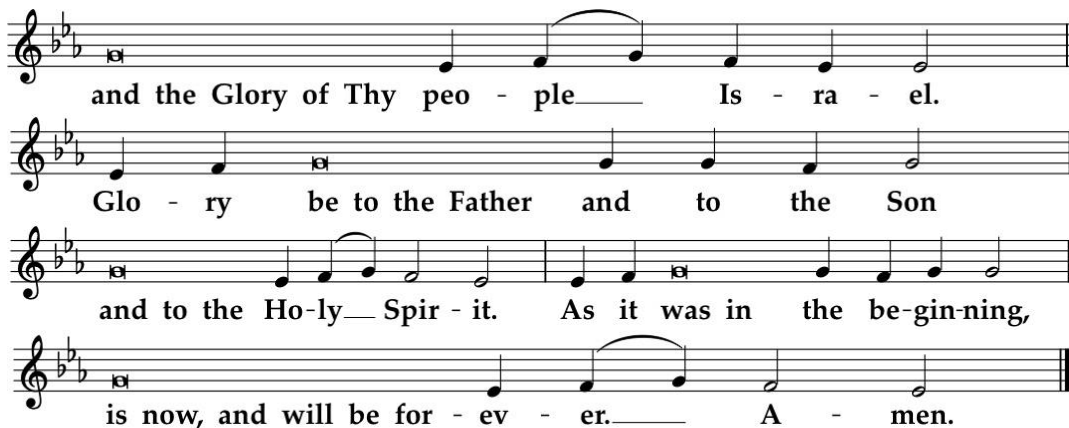
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### Nunc Dimittis

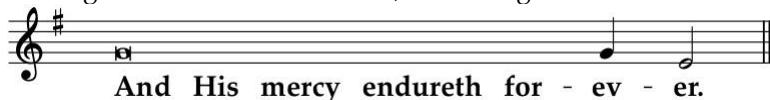
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace  
 ac - cord - ing\_ to Thy Word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion  
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all\_ peo - ple,  
 a\_ Light to light - en the Gentiles



and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. As it was in the be - gin - ning,  
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

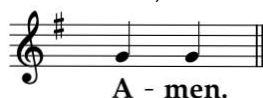
## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

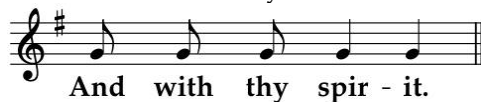
**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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



A - men.

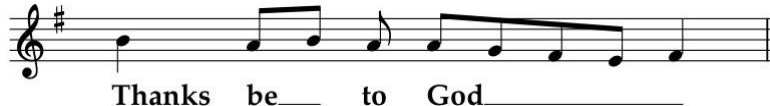
## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God

## Benediction

**P** 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.



## Hymn

### O Lord, My God, I Cry to Thee

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1 O Lord, my God, I cry to Thee; In my dis -  
2 O Je - sus Christ, Thou Lamb of God, Once slain to  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, faith - ful Friend, Grant me Thy



- tress Thou help - est me. My soul and bod - y I com - mend  
take a - way our load, Now let Thy cross, Thine ag - o - ny,  
com - fort to the end. When death and hell as - sail me sore,



In - to Thy hands; Thine an - gel send To guide me home and  
A - vail to save and sol - ace me, Thy death, to o - pen  
Leave me, oh, leave me, nev - er - more, But bear me safe - ly



cheer my heart When Thou dost call me to de - part.  
heav'n, and there Bid me the joy of an - gels share.  
thro' the strife, As Thou hast prom - ised, in - to life.

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In praise and thanksgiving for blessings and in celebration of

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

## BULLETIN NEWS

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 24	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY . . . OKTOBERFEST . . . PROCTOR FAREWELL

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, October 29, 2023, St. Paul Lutheran Church will celebrate the confirmation of 2 young men, enjoy an Oktoberfest-style luncheon following the Divine Service, and bid farewell to Pastor Proctor and his family. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the narthex for needed luncheon items.

### PASTOR PROCTOR OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Proctor and family will be camping in the Grand Canyon next week. There will be no midweek Bible study, Confirmation class, or Saturday morning Matins.

### PRAISE REPORT FROM DENNIS STONECYPHER

I have been blessed to be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church for more than 30 years. Both of my children, Angela and Joshua, grew up in this church. God has truly blessed me! I had never been sick one day for 77 years. Two days after Christmas 2022 I drove myself to the emergency room and was diagnosed with a severe gallbladder infection. It took more than 90 days to find a surgeon to remove it! When I went in for surgery, I weighed 255 pounds. When it was all said and done, I had lost nearly 80 pounds! This whole ordeal has been such a mental, physical, and spiritual roller coaster, there were times I thought I was going to die. Praise our Heavenly Father! I am on the right side of the dirt! Thanks be to God for His faithfulness, and thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers! I am truly humbled and at a loss for words to express my deepest feelings. Please remember always that God loves you, and so do I. God is good . . . all the time.

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaullutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaullutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

**Nigel Proctor** – suffering from severe digestive issues  
**Wayne Bartels** – recovering from brief hospitalization  
**Debbie Dyjak** – ongoing eyesight concerns  
**Jonathan Brant** – recovering from surgery  
**Bea Hendricks** – fell and currently in a care center  
**Rose Tressler** – health issues  
**Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas**

**Kevin Stamm** – recovering from surgery  
**Christopher Richards** – recovering from fall  
**Dennis Stonecypher** – seeking employment  
**Suzi Riley** – suffering from sleep apnea  
**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Bill Garber** (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
**Angela La Fae** (daughter of Dennis Stonecypher) is very sick with issues in multiple systems.  
**Kathy Page** (former member of St. Paul) is in the hospital with kidney stones and an infection.  
**Rei Irmer** (sister of Louise Ahrens) diagnosed with breast cancer.  
**Sharon Wies** (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.  
**Nick Koontz** (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.  
**Jean Lorenzen** (mother of Debbie Dyjak) fell recently and broke her arm.

### THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Janet Nicol Smith** (former member of St. Paul) died September 16, 2023.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.      **Debbie Dyjak**, preparing to serve in Latvia  
Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.      **PSWD Missions**  
Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family      LCMS officers, congregations & schools  
Sunday School teachers & children      Lexington Life Academy families & staff  
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): Lucas Butterfass, Erich Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith, Lois Carlson, Suzanne Berna