

*Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.*

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

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 our pastor, 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 8:1-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!*

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**

what is man that You are mindful of him,
and the son of man that You care for him?

**Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

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.**

Kyrie



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



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

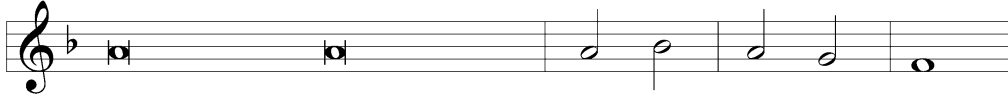
Gloria in Excelsis



☐ 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 glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



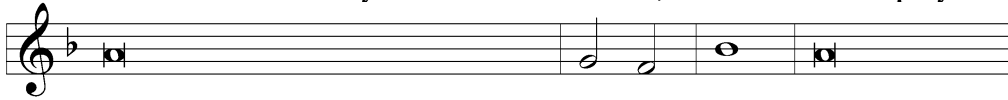
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



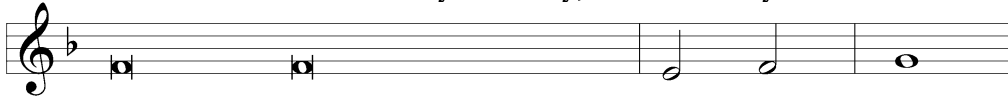
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

P Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament

Numbers 26:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Tell Aaron and his sons, "This is the way [you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

"The Lord bless you and protect you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace."

"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:33-36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been His counselor?"

³⁵"Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?"

³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever.
Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Liturgical Text

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Blessèd are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep,
and who dwells between the cherubim.**

**Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven,
and greatly to be praised forever.**

**Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers,
and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into Heaven except He who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Athanasian Creed

P Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not guard it whole and unchanged will doubtless perish eternally.**

P Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C **For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.**

P But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

C **What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

P Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

C **The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.**

P Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

C **And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;**

P As there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C **Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:**

P And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

C **Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:**

P And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

C **Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:**

P And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

C **As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so Christian truth forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.**

P The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

C **the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;**

P the Spirit was neither made nor created, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

C **Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**

- P** And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
- C** **But all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.**
- P** Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.
- C** **It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.**
- P** For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- C** **He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother –**
- P** Existing fully as God, and fully as man with a soul and a human body;
- C** **Equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.**
- P** Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.
- C** **He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.**
- P** He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.
- C** **For as the soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.**
- P** He suffered death for our salvation.
- C** **He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.**
- P** He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- C** **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.
- C** **Those who have done good will enter eternal life,**
- P** Those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith.**
- P** One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Father Most Holy

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory



C 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. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

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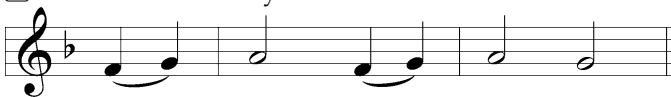
P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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.



C 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.

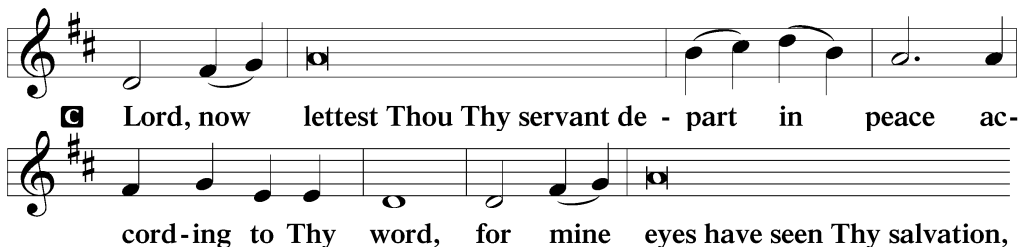
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Distribution Hymns

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis



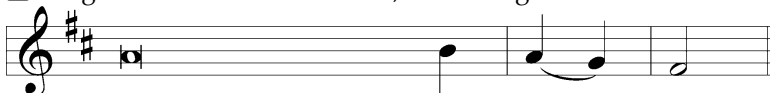
□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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 without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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



C 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.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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Flowers under the cross are given
in celebration of Rose Tressler's Birthday!
-The Tresslers



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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 26	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Monday, May 27 - May 30		Church Office Closed	
Saturday, June 1	11:00am	Dylan's Memorial Service	Sanctuary
		Memorial Reception	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS

05/29 – Sharon Cook

05/31 – Rose Tressler

SUZANNE BERNA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service, graveside service, and catered reception for Suzanne Berna will be held at Phoenix Memorial Park & Mortuary, 200 West Beardsley Road on Tuesday, **May 28, 2024**. The Memorial Service will be held at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a graveside service at **11:00 a.m.** and after a catered reception at **12:00 p.m.** Officiated by Darrell Ahrens

DYLAN PARCENKA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Dylan Parcenka will be held at St. Paul on Saturday, **June 1, at 11:00 a.m.** followed by a light reception at Irmer Hall. Pastor Proctor will be officiating the service.

OUT OF OFFICE

The Church Secretary will be out of town, May 27 – May 30. Her uncle in San Benito, TX has been in and out of the hospital, dealing with concerns related to his heart and kidney function.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: American Revivalism, Christian Hope, The U.S. Constitution & Civic Virtue, Media Bias and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or a podcast provider.



PROMOTION & GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We congratulate these young people as they advance in their educational pursuits.

University Undergraduates

Kaitlyn Tressler, daughter of Chris & Katrina Tressler, graduated from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Her plans are to find a job in the industry.

Elementary Promotion

Justin Collins Jr., grandson of Cymantha & William Ashby, promoted from Acacia Elementary in Phoenix, AZ and will attend Desert Foothills Junior High School in Phoenix, AZ.

Kindergarten Graduate

Wyatt Collins, grandson of Cymantha & William Ashby, graduated from Legacy Traditional in Mesa, AZ and is headed to first grade.

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2

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. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERN:

Marcia Brant, recovering from surgery.

Cymantha Makeley, experiencing health issues that require further testing to identify the cause.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Kevin Stamm – health issues

Dennis Stonecypher, suffering an undiagnosed illness

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Rose Tressler – health issues

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) is recovering from surgery and is now going through radiation treatment.

Angie Collins (31-weeks pregnant) and **baby Chloe**, daughter-in-law of Cymantha, premature labor.

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) was diagnosed with leukemia.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Suzanne Berna**, died May 13.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. **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 Substitute Pastors and their families

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life 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, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith