



# The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

*We Greet Our Members and Visitors  
Warmly In Jesus' Name.*

## **The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 16, 2024



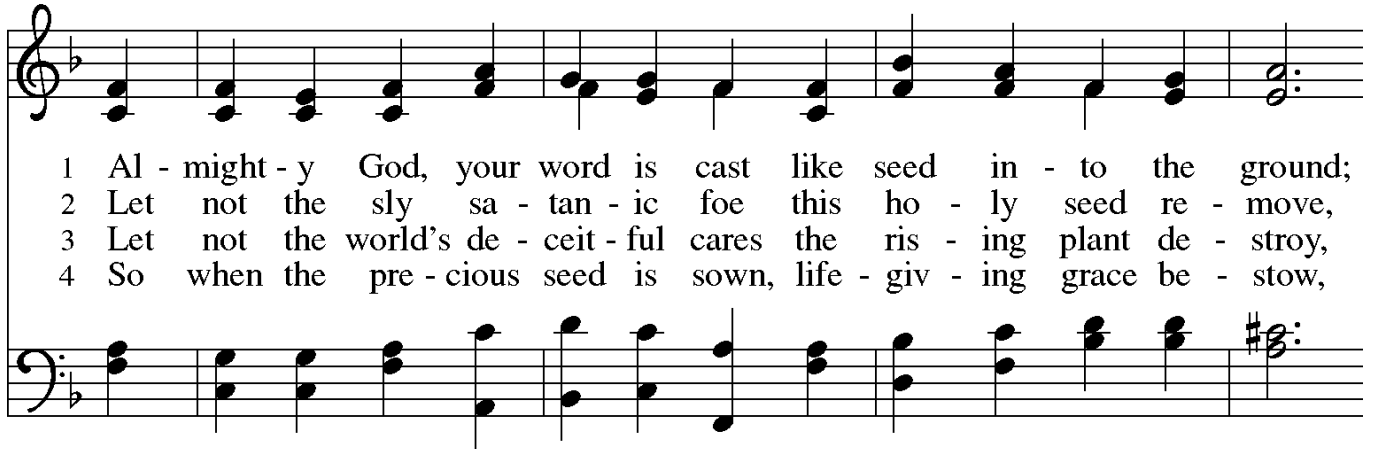
The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour  
*Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!*

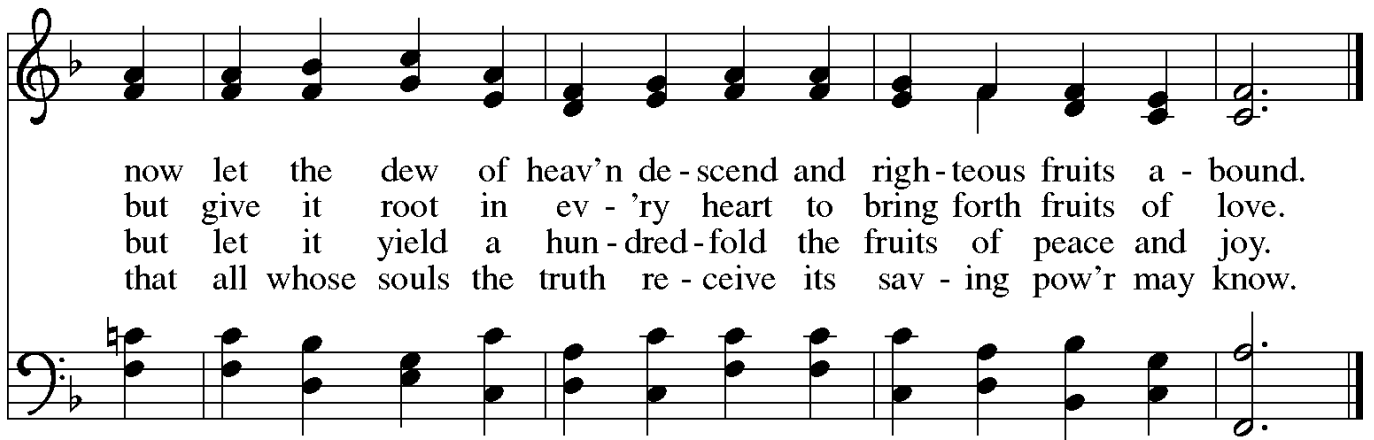
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## Prelude ~ Announcements

### Entrance Hymn: "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.



*(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*Pastor:* Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

*All:* Amen.

*Pastor:* Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Pastor:* God, our provider,

*All:* help us.

*All:* **It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

*All:* Amen.



## Prayer of the Day

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

*All:* **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Have Mercy On Us Lord & Gloria

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.

Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## The First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

*Lector:* Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose some one from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*Lector:* It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

*All:* **to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

*Lector:* on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

*All:* **For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

*Lector:* The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

*All:* **Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

*Lector:* they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

*All:* **that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

*Lector:* Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

A reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

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## The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

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

*Pastor:* Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Hymn of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*(You may be seated)*

**The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck**



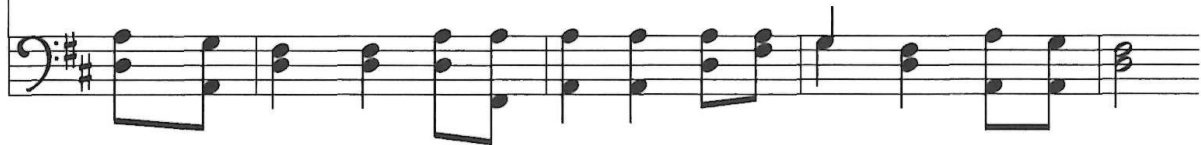
## Song of Response: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



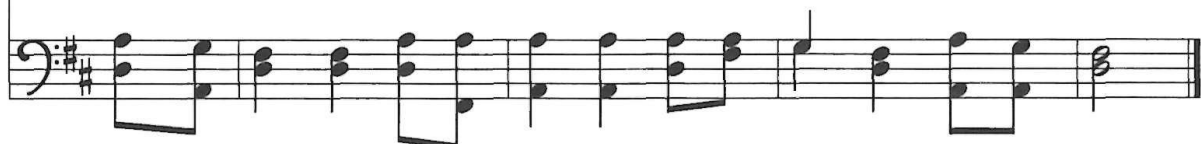
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



*(You may be seated)*

## Offertory Anthem: "All Good Gifts" from the Musical Godspell

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter, the warm to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.  
All good gift around us are sent from heaven above.  
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love.  
We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good.  
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts  
but that which thou desirest: our humble thankful hearts.*

*(Please stand if you are able)*

## Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## The Apostles Creed

**Pastor:** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## Prayer of Intercession

*Pastor:* We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *(a brief silence)*

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* With gratitude, we remember all the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Pastor:* Let us pray as our Savior taught.

*All:* **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.**

## Blessing

*Pastor:* The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

*All:* Amen.

## Closing Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## Dismissal

*Pastor:* Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

## Announcements

**June Special Collection for Loop Ministry** – For the month of June we are collecting funds for Loop Ministry. Please consider making a contribution to Loop. You may put your monies in one of the yellow envelopes and put it in the plate or put it in the office.

**New This Summer—Multi-age Activity days**—on the first Sundays of the month, July 7th and August 4th. Gather at 9: 15 a.m. in the Youth Room. Breakfast will be provided. Visitors and friends are encouraged and welcome.

**Jubilees Picnic**—June 20th at 12pm at Memorial Park Lodge in Gates. Please sign up.

**Piano Voice Recital**—Lucas and Jonathan will be giving a recital on July 19th (Time TBA). The recital will feature Classical Solo Piano, Opera, Art Song and Musical Theater. A portion of the proceeds will support the purchasing of new music for the choir and bell choir.

**Closing Doors**—If you are the last to leave the building please pull on the doors and make sure they are latched completely.

**Sunday Coffee Hour**—Please sign up to bring snacks for a Sunday.

**Safety Cell Phone**—During church services we will continue the practicing of locking our doors once the service has gotten underway. The church has purchased a cellphone , the number for which will be posted on the Church Door. We will continue our practice of locking our doors once the service is underway. If you arrive late, or need to go out during the service please call the cell phone to alert the service leader that you need to be let in.

**Test Drive**—Have you considered singing in the choir? The summer is a perfect time to come take a test drive. Just show up at 9: 30 a.m. any Sunday and bring your singing voice. No sign up required, and there is no commitment to buy (or in this case to join the choir full time.)

## This Week

### **June 16—Sunday**

9: 30 a.m. .... Open Choir Loft Rehearsal  
10: 00 a.m..... Worship Service  
11: 15 a.m..... CLC

### **June 17—Monday**

..... Election Equipment Delivery

### **June 18—Tuesday**

10: 00 a.m..... Bible Study

### **June 20—Thursday**

12: 00 p.m. .... Jubilees Picnic

### **June 23—Sunday**

9: 30 a.m. .... Open Choir Loft Rehearsal  
10: 00 a.m..... Communion Service

## Service Schedule

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday June 16	Diane Parke-Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Paul Hamblin	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday June 23	Ann Seppa	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Carol Werth	Moni Stellrecht & Dick Ransom	Lois Dannenberg

## Birthdays This Week

Trudy Reich.....	June 17
Elaine De Vantier.....	June 20
Kyle O'Connor .....	June 21
Barb Sihto .....	June 22

## Anniversaries This Week

Frank & Francine Johnson .....	June 17, 18 years
Jim & Ann Marie MacBride.....	June 17, 57 years
Larry & Sharon Nazarian .....	June 22, 66 years

## Our Saviour Church Council

Steve Brady, <i>President</i>	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>Zoom Coordinator</i>
Ann Seppa, <i>Vice President</i>	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>WELCA, Church &amp; Community</i>
Heidi Kozireski, <i>Secretary</i>	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>Finance</i>
Deb Ciccone, <i>Treasurer</i>	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Finance</i>
Dave Cuff	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Missions</i>
Lois Dannenberg	<i>3 year term.....</i>	<i>Properties</i>
Charlyne Hickey, <i>at large</i>	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Reformation Archives</i>
Frank Johnson	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>Properties</i>
John Macksamie	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>Missions</i>
Ruth Otto	<i>3 year term.....</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Mary Ellen Saur, <i>at large</i>	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
Pam Spencer	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Evangelism, Alpha</i>
Rainer Stellrecht	<i>1 year term.....</i>	<i>Logistics</i>
Carol Werth	<i>2 year term.....</i>	<i>CLC</i>

## In Our Prayers

### Members In Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Jack Erbeding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Carolyn Hane, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Lynn Johnston, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, Elly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie, Debbie Frey

### Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG, Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

### Others Serving

LTC Paul Graf , Captain Matthew Wormuth

### Family & Friends In Need of Payer

John Aune.....*brother of Ann Marie MacBride*  
Sam Bagdan .....*nephew of Ray McQueen*  
Danny Baird .....*son of Valerie Baird*  
Michael Baird, Jr. ....*son of Valerie Baird*  
Jeremy Balmer .....*nephew of Valerie Baird*  
Shannon Balmer .....*niece of Valerie Baird*  
Dan Burrell and family .....*friends of John and Debi Macksamie*  
Anthony Caratello.....*friend of Valerie Baird*  
Rick Conley .....*friend of Jean Lombard*  
Annette and Casey Corbridge and family .....*family of Debi and John Macksamie*  
Marilyn Dawe.....*sister of Richard Forsey*  
Marlene Denz .....*mother of Paul Denz*  
Rich Doehl .....*friend of Debi Macksamie*  
Krystle Earle .....*daughter of Debbie Frey*  
Valerie Gingello.....*sister of April O'Connor*  
Gary Gubiatti .....*stepmom's brother of Valerie Baird*  
Barbara Haeefe.....*aunt of Steven Fries*  
Roy & Ann Hamblin .....*parents of Paul Hamblin*  
Stacy Harris .....*friend of Wendy Forrest*  
Kyle Hopkins .....*son of Larry & Janie Hopkins*  
Sean Hopkins .....*son of Larry & Janie Hopkins*  
Family or Rick Horn .....*cousin of Wendy Forrest*



**Family & Friends In Need of Payer Continued**

Cathy Lee Johnson.....*niece of Ann Seppa*  
Nancy Lenox .....*mother in law of Steve Fries*  
Greg Lombard..... *son of Jean Lombard*  
Scott Lynaugh ..... *nephew of Alice Crawford*  
Zoe and John Marshall ..... *friends of Debi Macksamie*  
JohnAnthony Neri..... *nephew of Alice Crawford*  
Rich Petronio .....*friend of Stephanie Karcher*  
Scott Preston..... *son of Karen Preston*  
Marianna Reed..... *friend of Debi Macksamie*  
Martha Richenberg ..... *sister of David Nowatka*  
Lois Russell ..... *friend of our WELCA*  
Mary Anne Schnabel..... *friend of Bill Vogel*  
Matt Seger ..... *family friend of Valerie Baird*  
Joseph Seiler..... *brother in law of David Nowatka*  
Avrie Sinesiou ..... *friend of Keely Lyons*  
Denton Sutphen .....*brother of Debi Macksamie*  
Glena Sutphen ..... *sister-in-law of John and Debi Macksamie*  
Kerri Wallenhorst and family..... *friends of Jenny (Stich) Guiles*  
Judy Whitney ..... *cousin of Ric Seiling*  
Clarence Wingate ..... *nephew-in-law of Jack Erbelding*  
Sammy Zaffuto .....*friend of Alice Crawford*

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