

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Gathering

Prelude Chorale Prelude on *Schmucke dich* (Brahms)

Greeting / Announcements

(The assembly stands as the minister enters.)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift possess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from 1 Kings:

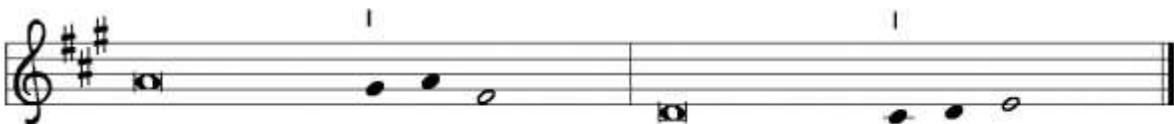
4 Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in unison.)



1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

2 I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

4 I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your fac- | es be downcast.

**6 I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

**8 Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

A reading from Ephesians:

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday acclamation will be sung in unison.)



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Installation of Congregation Council Members

The following members will serve in positions of leadership on the Congregation Council. They are asked to come forward as their names are read.

**Linda Armstrong, Mary Beth Bradley, Tammy Daniello,
Debbie Faber, Bob Gargas, Chuck Lanning, Jim Martin,
Olivia Martin-Call, Bob Massing, Bob Olson, Ed Pitcher,
Barbara Swartz**

St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

As Council Members, you have been chosen by your fellow members to hold positions of trust, responsibility, and authority in this congregation of God's people. In all concerns for the care of our congregation and the work of God's mission, you are to be leaders among us. By your guidance and direction, you are to see that we fulfill God's purposes in our parish community and the wider world.

Uprightness of life is required of all of us who name Christ as Lord, but it is especially incumbent upon those called to be office bearers in the Church, to show yourselves in all things, by word and deed, to be an example of faithfulness and good works.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the office to which you have been elected?
Yes, by the help of God.

(Those being installed face the assembly. The assembly stands to be addressed by the presiding minister.)

People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
Yes, by the help of God.

(Those being installed face the presiding minister.)

I now declare you installed as members of the Congregation Council.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation, responding, "God in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council and committee members. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With Jim and all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared Interlude on *Cwm Rhonda* (Shields)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty
of your glory.

You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in him
may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks
for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things
for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you
revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: *We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.*

(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion Appointed hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variation on *Aurelia*

(Hustaad)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Pianist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Catherine Mott

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Marj Stubert

Communion Assistant Alyssa Martin

Lector Mike Balas

Head Usher Ed Pitcher

Altar Guild Bonnie Massing

Bonnie Long

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes

The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

Attendance at the Saturday, July 24, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 24. Attendance at the Sunday, July 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 44. Total: 69.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, August 8, 2021, *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed meeting via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion
- Council reports due today*

Thursday, August 12, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, August 14, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 15, 2021, *Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 1:00 p.m. Reformed: Always Reforming
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, August 19, 2021

- NO Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, August 21 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Is Coming Up

Mark Sunday, September 12, on your calendar for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. After worship on that Sunday, we will be participating in a day of service for the benefit of our community.

Thanks to the leadership of our member, Mary Reames, we have invited ALL churches in the Greenville area to participate with us to see how much we can accomplish for the good of the Greenville area. We hope to have 15-20 churches participating, as well as Thiel College students, and are now working on the list of projects for various sites on that day.

Young People's And Women's Study Groups for Fall

Beginning in September, there will be two new small group studies, one for young people and one for women that will meet once a month at a predetermined time.

The young people's group study will be exploring how faith speaks into their lives, using a curriculum that includes video from some of the ELCA's dynamic young leaders. This group is for people in their 20s and 30s.

The women's group will explore the Old Testament story of Ruth, and focus on 11 things from Ruth's story that every woman faces in her life. This group is for any woman over the age of 18.

We ask you to sign up for these groups so that we can have materials for everyone. Please contact Tammy in the church office, or Pastor Brenda.

Good Shepherd August Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area.

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **August is personal care items and school supplies.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Please note that their primary need is for personal care items.

Second Mile Giving for August – Youth Gathering

Youth Gathering gathers about 30,000 of our youth from around the country every three years for a week of worship, learning and service opportunities. The Gathering in 2022 will be held in Minneapolis.

Those who have attended Youth Gathering have said that no one – not the teens or their adult leaders – comes home unchanged. It is an amazing experience in a life's faith journey.

Because Youth Gathering involves significant preparation in advance – the teens spend a lot of time together and the congregation would help with fund-raising – we will lift up Youth Gathering as a repeated emphasis in Second Mile Giving.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Judy Logan Carnal (sister of John Logan)	Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Henry Heil	Lori McCann
Mary Beth (friend of Jill Murrin)	Jim Shaffer
Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Pam (friend of Jill Murrin)	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Dan Songer (friend of Carl & Bonnie Long)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)	Carl Long
Jodi Lewis (friend of John and Mary Moore)	Paul Bittler
Maude (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Esther White (sister-in-law of Sharon VanKanegan, aunt of Denise Hall)
Dawn VanKanegan (cousin of Rich and Denise Hall)
Louise Rovatti (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
Richard Morgan (brother of Matt Morgan)
Jim Currie
Helen Morgan (mother of Matt Morgan)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)