



*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*Mary, Mother of Our Lord
August 15, 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.

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

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

Gathering

Prelude Interludes on *Alma Redemptoris Mater, Salve Regina, Ave Maria*
(Murray)

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

For All the Faithful Women (*stanzas 1, 6, and last*)



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

6 We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
who came to save our race.
May we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

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.

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah:

7 Because their shame was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

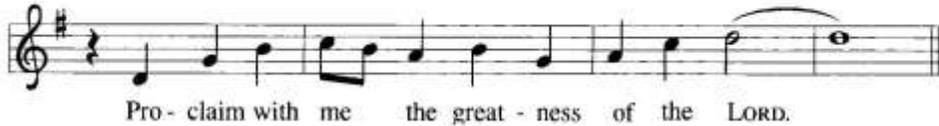
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-9

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

Refrain



Psalm tone



- 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!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing. **R**

A reading from Galatians:

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday verse will be sung by Choir; Assembly joins Choir on alleluia.)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in treble clef and 3/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff has the same melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

**Greetings, O favored one. The Lord is with you.
The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

46 Mary said,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in ev'ry generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm;

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

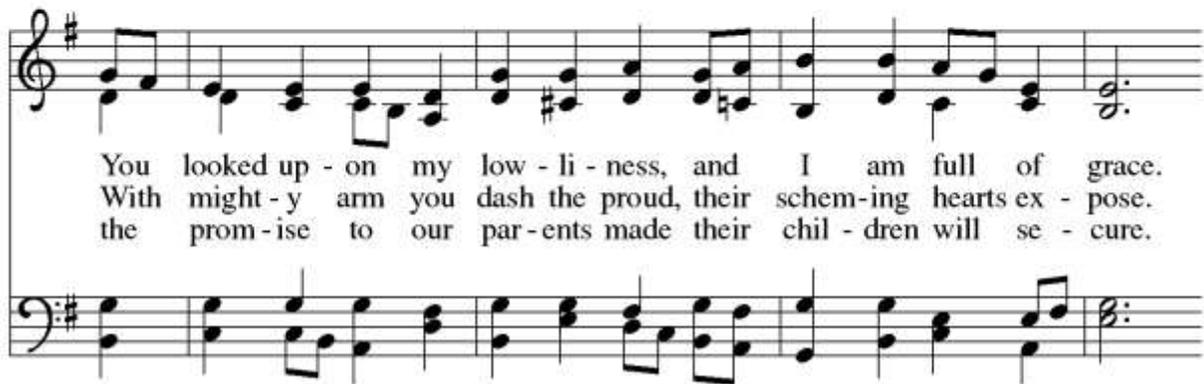
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The Sermon

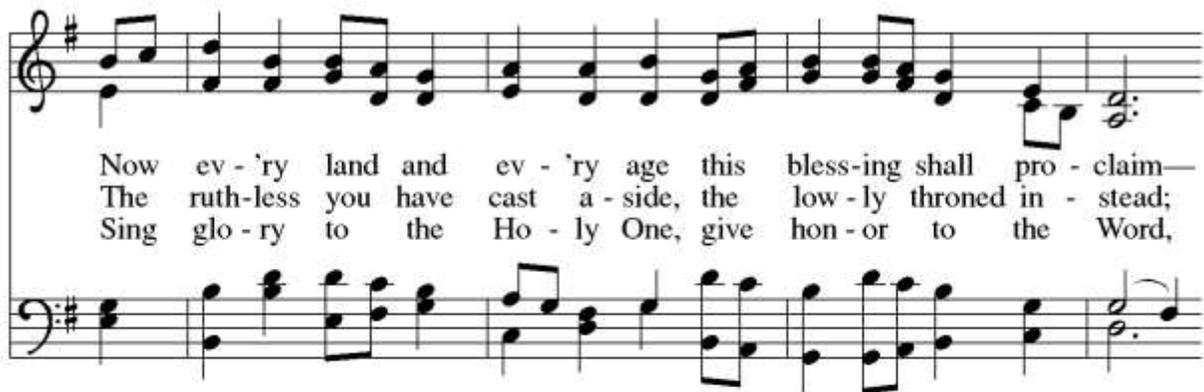
Pastor Brenda Martin



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Prayers of 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: You have revealed your love for people overlooked and cast aside, sending your son to be born among the humble and poor. Send your church to proclaim good news to those who feel abandoned, despised, or rejected and make our congregations places of genuine welcome and hospitality. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council members and teachers. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: All creation longs for healing and restoration. Thwart the destruction of plant and animal habitats and amplify the voices of those who advocate for wise stewardship of the earth’s resources. We pray for those fighting fires in America’s western states. We pray for plentiful harvest for farmers. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We remember your promise to our ancestors and look to you for justice. Expose pride, greed, and exploitation wherever it is found and raise up humble leaders who act on behalf of those who are poor, oppressed, or in other need. We especially pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and our local elected municipal and school leaders. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Your Spirit lives in our hearts and makes us heirs of salvation. Rescue us from shame and dishonor. Lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and have mercy on those who turn to you for help. We are bold to pray that you intercede in this world weary of pandemic. Bring a quick end to the COVID-19 crisis. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Mary's song of praise and amazement echoes through this assembly. Attend to those in this congregation expecting a child and console those struggling to conceive. Come to the aid of those enduring a difficult pregnancy and those who have experienced a miscarriage. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the saints who have found refuge in you, O God, especially Mary, mother of Jesus. As you have delivered them from all their afflictions, so save us from all our earthly troubles until that day when we sing your praise together in heaven. 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

Variations on *Stabat Mater*

(adapted from Mainz *Gesangbuch*, 1861)

(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

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

Music during communion

Holy Night

(Gruber)

(Parish Choir Women)

Holy Night! Peaceful night!
All is calm; all is bright!
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Rest in heavenly peace.

Holy Night! Peaceful night!
Through the darkness beams a light,
Yonder, where they sweet vigils keep,
O'er the babe who in silent sleep,
Rests in heavenly peace.

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

Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
 saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
 God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
 bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
 Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
 beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
 and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Magnificat

(Dandrieu' arr. Spong)

This Week at Holy Trinity

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22, 2021, *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Monday, August 23, 2021

Messenger articles due today

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, August 26, 2021

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

Saturday, August 28 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:

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