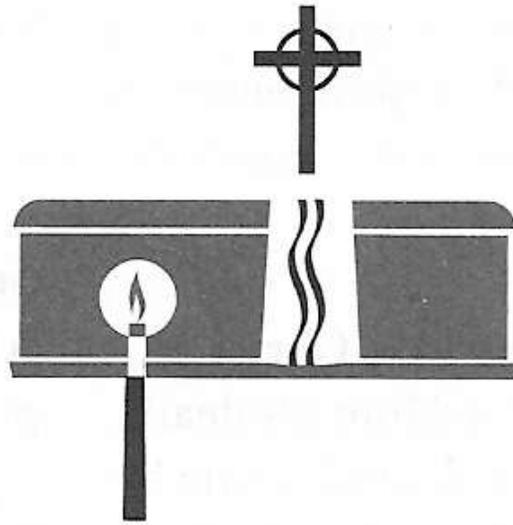


*Peace be with you*



*Sonya M. Wilt*

*March 7, 1937 – October 30, 2021*

**Welcome to all.** We greet you in the name of Christ the Lord, and extend the hospitality of the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to you.

**A Christian Funeral** is a service of worship which involves all those present. We are here to worship God together. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and the promise of our own resurrection and life with God.

We offer thanks for the blessing which God has brought to us with and through Sonya. By our Baptism into Christ, God makes us God's own people. Sonya's baptism marked the beginning of eternal life for her. Along with her, we have the certain hope of life forever in Christ's presence.

**Please participate as a fellow worshipper.** By use of this booklet, you may join in all responses and prayers. **Bold print in this booklet indicates that the entire congregation responds.**

# *Sonya M. Wilt*

Born: March 7, 1937  
Married: August 6, 1960  
Died: October 30, 2021

## The Order for Burial of the Dead

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Greenville, Pennsylvania  
Monday, November 22, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

## *Gathering*

*(At the Presiding Minister's direction, the assembly stands to face the rear of the Church; as the processional cross passes, please turn to face it as it moves to the altar.)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, *(the urn is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism)*, we were baptized into his death. We were buried *(the white pall is placed over the urn)* therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

Gathering 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.

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.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister in Christ, Sonya. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

# *Word*

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

A reading from Isaiah:

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion –  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*(The cantor will sing stanzas 1 and 2.)*

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11 For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I believed, and so I spoke” – we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands.)*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia-The Memorial Eucharist

(Washill)

Alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead.

To him be the glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*(After the gospel is proclaimed, concluding:)*

11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

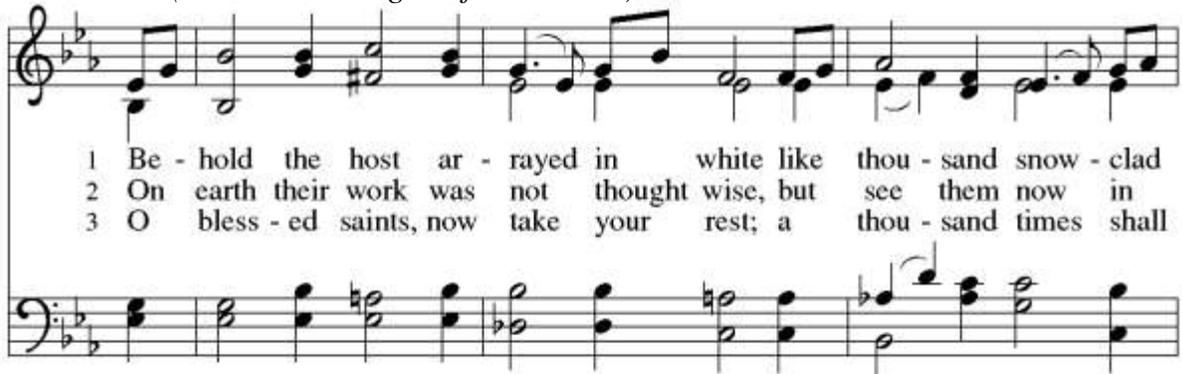
Sermon

Pastor Brian Riddle

*(The assembly stands.)*



*(Cantor will sing the first stanza.)*



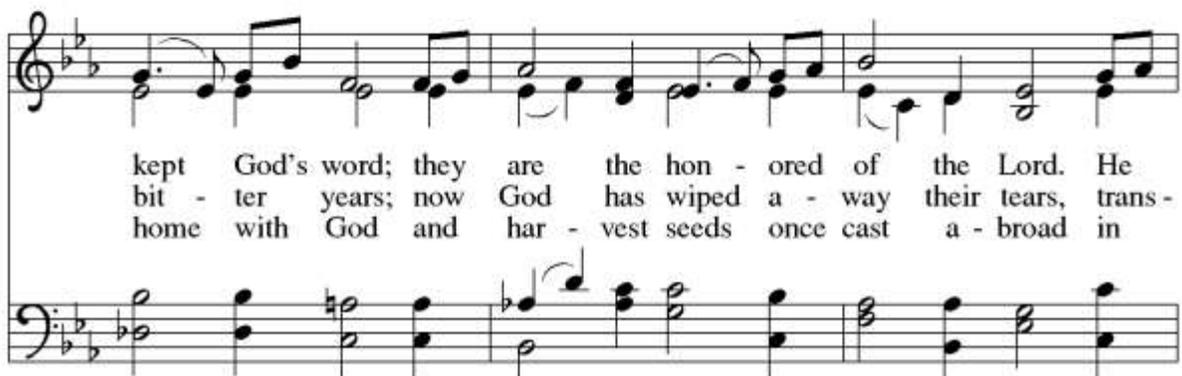
1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad  
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in  
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -  
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they  
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who  
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through  
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He  
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -  
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in

is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -  
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their  
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the

stored. They now serve God both day and night; they  
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they  
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O

sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when  
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our  
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let

they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.  
 heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

## Apostles' Creed

God has made us God's own people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Sonya to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your presence all family and friends who have completed their journey on this earth, and have gone to their rest in the hope of rejoicing with you forever in heaven. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Peace

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

## *Meal*

Organ Offertory

Interlude on *Omni Die*

(Wood)

*The altar is prepared for the celebration of the Sacrament, a celebration of Christ's victory over death, and Christ's continuing nurture of the Church.*

*(The assembly stands.)*

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Redeemer,  
receive all we bring you this day –  
these gifts and the offering of our lives.  
Refresh us with this holy food and drink  
that we may reach the promised land,  
the Easter feast of victory in 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

Holy and gracious Father:  
in your infinite love you made us for yourself;  
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,  
to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us to reconcile us to  
you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,  
and offered himself in obedience to your will,  
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering therefore the life he offered for us,  
and celebrating his glorious resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you.

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
as the holy food and drink of unending life,  
may serve you in unity, faithfulness, and peace,  
until you bring us with Sonya and all your saints  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

*As the bread is broken:*

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.

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## 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.*

## Communion 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 pos - sess - 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.

Communion Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection.)*

## *Sending*

### Commendation

Let us commend Sonya to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Sonya. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

*(The urn is processed to the Columbarium for the Committal.)*

Music

O Lord Support Us

(Becker)

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Committal

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister in Christ, Sonya, whom we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

*(The urn is placed in its niche in the columbarium.)*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister in Christ, Sonya, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace.

**Amen.**

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;  
**and let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with Sonya. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is blessed and sent forth.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(The assembly stands to sing the Sending Hymn)*

Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Postlude

Sortie

(Rawesthorne)

## *Serving Today*

Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Brenda Martin
Preacher .....	The Rev. Brian Riddle
Organist.....	Maidene Hackett
Cantor .....	Andy Joos
Deacon .....	Sheryl Lanning
Lectors .....	Tanner Ray Wilt Saba Wolteji Robert Alan Wilt
Crucifer/Communion Assistant .....	Linda Armstrong
Altar Guild.....	Bonnie Long
Pallbearer .....	Rod Wilt
Ushers .....	Bob Massing John Logan
Family Ushers .....	Kirubel Wolteji Peter Mugnani Joseph Scarpitti David Elish

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