

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Pastor Del Strecker, Transition Pastor
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's

Ruth Mirtz, Organist

Ann Metcalfe, Director of Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the

entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table* (ELW 522)

As We Gather at Your Table



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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.

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

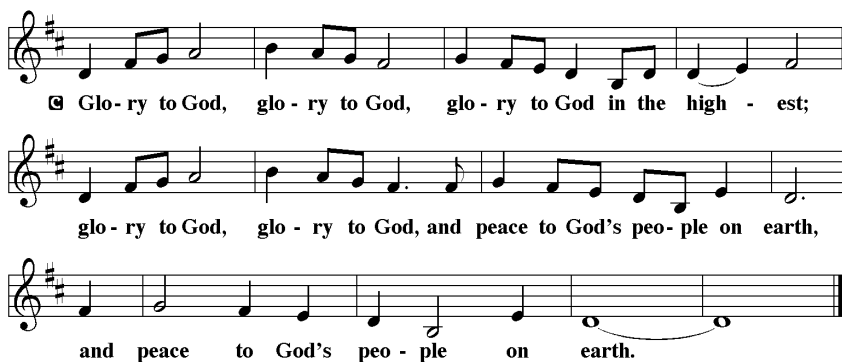


Ⓐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah.

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15



LORD, who may a - bide up - on your ho - ly hill?

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your [|] tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your [|] holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and does [|] what is right,**

who speak the truth [|] from their heart, R

³ they do not slander with the tongue; they do no evil [|] to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- [|] on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected,**

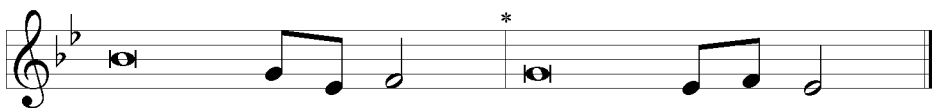
but they honor those who [|] fear the LORD.

⁵ **They have sworn upon their health**

and do not take [|] back their word.

⁶ They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.

⁷ Those who do these things shall never be |
overthrown. **R**



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God

chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world,
 things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no
 one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast,
 God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us
 wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification
 and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the
 one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
 and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he
 began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
 kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be

comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Del

HYMN OF THE DAY *Build a Longer Table* (ACS 1062)

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

CREED

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 to the dead. 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

THE PRAYERS

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries especially Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Hunger.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loving and Gracious God, you have called us to be in community. We share the message of the Gospel with our fellow siblings in Christ, whom we lift up in prayer today: **Sedgewickville Lutheran Church,**

Sedgewickville, Missouri; **Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church**, St. Louis, Missouri; and **Zion Lutheran Church**, Phillipsburg, Kansas

May the Holy Spirit bless our ministry as well as theirs, so that together we make your message of love known to the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way especially **Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Susan Burkland, Will Biggs, Cody Larson, Darla Personney, Dan Ott, Chuck Hadlauer, Allie Paine, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, Becky Shulda, Steve Sykes, Lee Smith, and Janis Plumer** and the families of **Wilma Beckman, Denny Wahlgren** and **William Drown**. We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Tanner Gibson, and Brayden Harper** who are serving in the military.. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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receive our prayer.

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC CHOIR

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

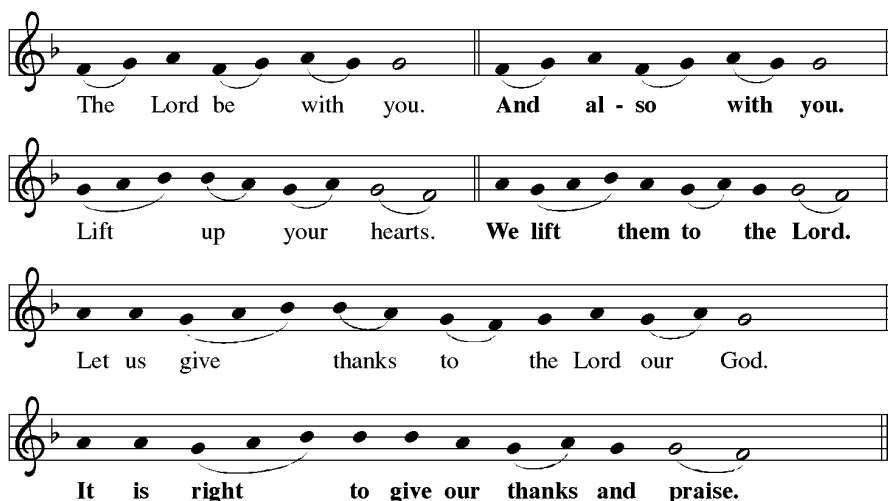
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

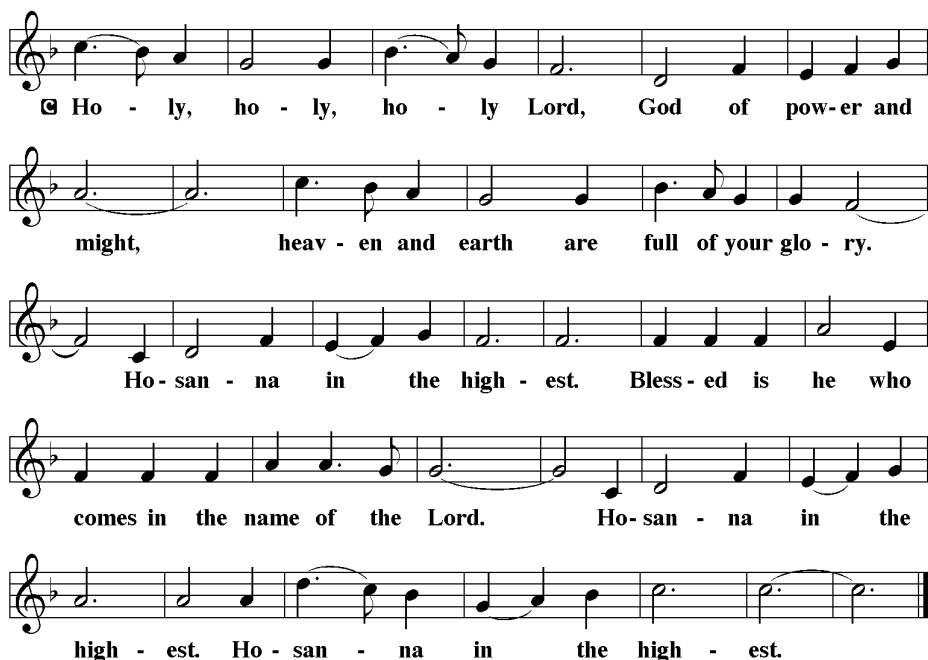
DIALOGUE



PREFACE (WOV p. 22)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION HYMN

♪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The communion table at Redeemer is open to all. If children commune in their home church, then they are welcome to commune here. There are gluten free wafers available. Please ask Pastor if you wish gluten free,

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen

BLESSING

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

Amen

SENDING HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants.



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see,
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Rejoicing Spirits: We need volunteers to help run Rejoicing Spirits, if interested please contact Shellee Callahan 785-822-6878 or Debbie Beckman 785-452-5662.

Transition congregational surveys- Please fill out a survey and schedule a time to meet with a transition team member.

Altar Flowers- Flowers are now increased to \$30. Also, there are plenty of spots to still sign up on the board in the fellowship hall.

Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday : February 18, 2026 Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services

24 Hours That Changed the World

For Lent this year we will be doing a video series prepared by Pastor Adam Hamilton of Church of the Resurrection, located in Leawood, Kansas . This series guides us through the last day of Jesus' life. Pastor Hamilton took his film crew to the Holy Land and filmed at the actual sites of the last day of Jesus' life. Each of the sessions will have opening prayer, a scripture reading, a video , 3 discussion questions , closing prayer and a hymn. Each session will last 30 minutes.

Sessions will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Session 1 on February 25 and is entitled

“The Last Supper”; Session 2 on March 4 will have “The Garden of Gethsemane”; “Sessions 3 on March 11 will be “Condemned by the Righteous”; Session 4 on March 18 is “ Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate”; Session 5 on March 25 will be “The Torture and the Humiliation of the King”

and Session 6 on April 1 will be the “The Crucifixion.”
There will be a light Lenten meal before each session at
6:15 p.m.

Schedule for the week

**Sunday, February 1: Transition Team Meeting at
8:30 a.m. ; Worship at 9:30 a.m. ; Bible Study 10:45
a.m.**

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Church Council 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 5, 2026 6:30 p.m. Guys Night
Out (Smothered Steak)**

Partners in Ministry

Greeter-Wayne & Carol Keeler

Usher- Mary Shaffer & Lana Jordan

Lector- Kahlan Metcalfe

Cantor-Kris Johanson

Crucifer-Frank & Shirley Meyer

Sound- Perry Jurgensen

Fellowship- Wayne & Carol Keeler

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige
Alstatt, Barb Wire, Janis Plumer, Lee Smith.

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Dorothy Hanke (Mother of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave
Herrman)

Zach Swanson(Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson’s daughter-in-law)

Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)

Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)

Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman’s son-in-law)

Cody Larson(Brother-in-law of Jordan and Zach
Burkholder)

Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Susan Burkland (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)
Dan Ott (cousin of Craig Alstatt)
Chuck Hadlauer (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)
Allie Paine (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)
T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)
Dee Wamika (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)
Barbra Stucky (Friend of Kathy Lowman)
Family of William Drown (Tom Drown's brother)
Steve Sykes (Brother of Lana Jordan)
Wilma Beckman (Mother of Susan Ramage)
Family of Denny Wahlgren (former Redeemer member)

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)
Tanner Gibson Hill AFB, Ogden UT (Great-Nephew to
Cecelia Anderson)
Brayden Harper, USS Washington (Great Great
Nephew) of Mary Bridges

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