

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday February 8, 2026

Fifth 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.:

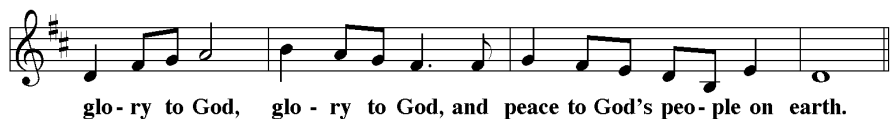
Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

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.

I
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir- it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

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,

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and

power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call,

and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who [|] fear the Lord
and have great delight in [|] his commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty [|] in the land;
the generation of the upright [|] will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be [|] in their house,
and their righteousness will [|] last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness [|] for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full [|] of
compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- [|] ous in lending
and to manage their af- [|] fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- [|] er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- [|] ing**

remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely ¹ to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will
hold up their ¹ head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will
gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the

human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON
MECKLEY**

REV. EMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

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 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern

with compassion, and bring peace to war zones . We pray
for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and
heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease,
hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are
sick or grieving *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 Hadlouer, 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, Joyce Karst 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...

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: **Peace Lutheran Church-**
Washington, Mo, Salemsborg Lutheran Church-
Smolan, KS, St. Paul Lutheran- Wichita, Ks, 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

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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.

Offering

Offering Music- Flute by Shirley Meyer (you are my hiding place)

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.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

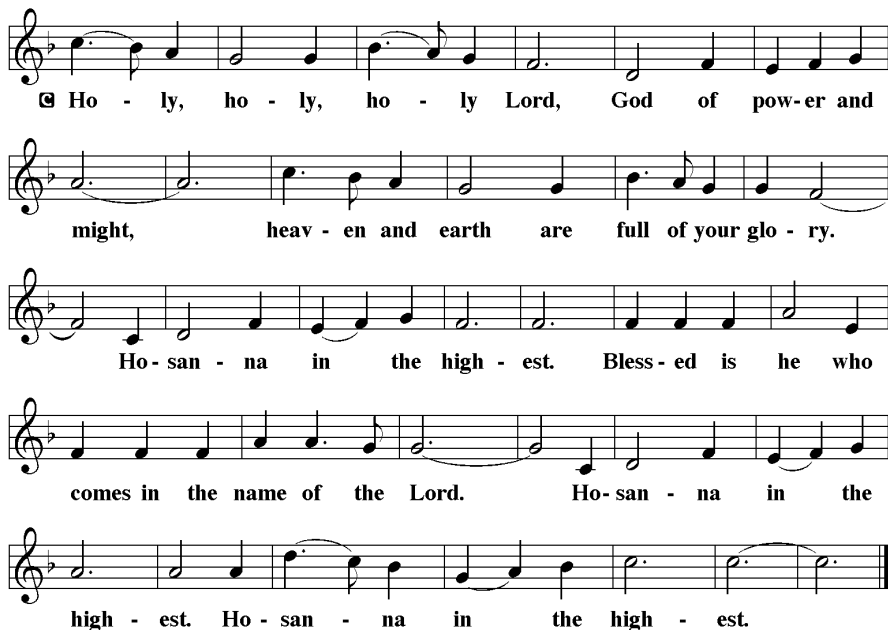
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to

save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both 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 need this.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (ELW 726)

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



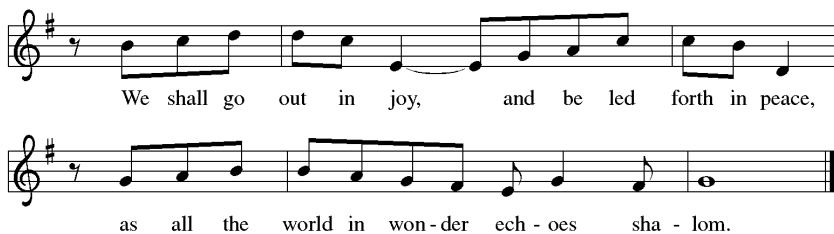
wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



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. We would like to have all surveys back by March 1st please.

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 8- Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 11- Bells rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Partners in Ministry

Sunday February 8th

Greeter- Rosemary Anderson & Arlene Keil

Usher- Ray & Debbie Beckman

Lector-

Cantor-none

Crucifer-Mary Shaffer

Communion- LaNita Pratt

Sound- Kris Neff

Fellowship- Vivian Cook

Sunday February 15th

Greeter- Gary & Sue Mettlen

Usher- Jan Jackson & Janet Whitaker

Lector- Charlotte Herrman

Cantor-Sam Neff

Crucifer-LaNita Pratt

Communion- Sheila Alstatt

Sound- Ray Beckman

Fellowship- Arlene Keil

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)
Joyce Karst (Pastor Del & Charlotte Herrman's Aunt)

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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