ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 28 YEAR A
NOVEMBER 15, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude: "Adagio" **Antonio Vivaldi/J. S. Bach**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 630 "Thanks to God whose Word was spoken"
Blue 1982 Hymnal

Opening Acclamation
Presider Blessed be the God of all Creation
People ***Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.***

The Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

Gloria S280 ***(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*** ***Powell***

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Together, let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 90:1-8,12 ***Domine, refugium*** see next page

The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

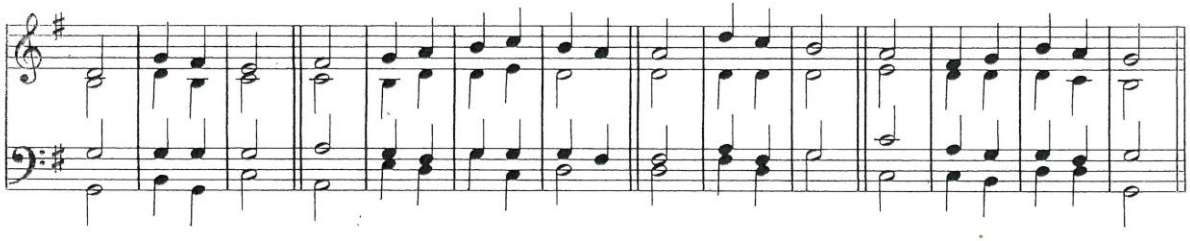
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn 628 "Help us, O Lord, to learn" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 *Domine, refugium*



1 Lord, you have | been our | refuge *
from one gener- | ation | to an- | other.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were | born, *
from age to | **age** | you are | God.

3 You turn us back to the | dust and | say, *
"Go | back, O | child of | earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday | when • it is | past *
and | like a | watch • in the | night.

5 You sweep us away | like a | dream; *
we fade away | sudden- • ly | like the | grass.

6 In the morning it is | green and | flourishes; *
in the evening it is | **dried** | up and | withered.

7 For we consume away in | your dis- | pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your | wrathful | indig- | nation.

8 Our iniquities you have | set be- | fore you, *
and our secret | sins • in the | light of • your | countenance.

12 So teach us to | number • our | days *
that we may ap- | ply our | hearts to | wisdom.

Deacon/Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon/Presider The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily **The Rev. Dr. Marshall Crossnoe**

Profession of Faith: 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 the People

Leader Awaiting the coming of the Lord, let us without fear be faithful stewards of all God's creation entrusted to our care; in faith we pray,
"Hear us, good Lord."

We pray for the church throughout the world, that in faith, love, and hope, we may encourage and build up one another in the mind of Christ;

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, for Chad our Intern Candidate for Holy Orders and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church of Chile;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada La Reconciliacion in Ponce;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;
We give thanks on his birthday with Ed Rich. In faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the world, for their wisdom and mercy in striving for justice and peace, and for the equitable distribution of the world's wealth; we pray for those whose lives have been disrupted by war, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; in faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

For our nation and those who live in it, those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families, for the victims of injustice, violence, and oppression; and for those who live in fear of violence and injustice; in faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray that you grant your healing to all who live in the grip of illness and addiction; we pray for the hungry, the homeless, and for all those in distress;
We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];
For those serving in the armed forces and those in public service; in faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; in faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

For those who have died, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence, and for those who grieve; in faith, we pray,
Hear us, good Lord.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.
Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us

the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution
Deacon/Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People
Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace *We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*
Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Gratitude Moment-Evan Meyer

Children's Time-Jill LaBeaume

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Today I Awake" **John L. Bell (b. 1949)**

Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
With slithers of gold or glory in gray.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
To hope and to heal, resist and invite.

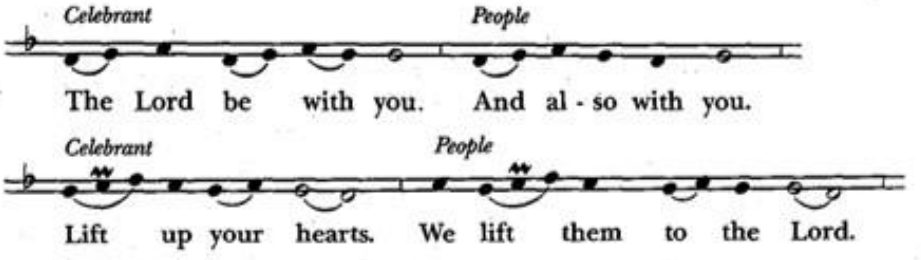
Today I affirm the Spirit within me
At worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
From fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

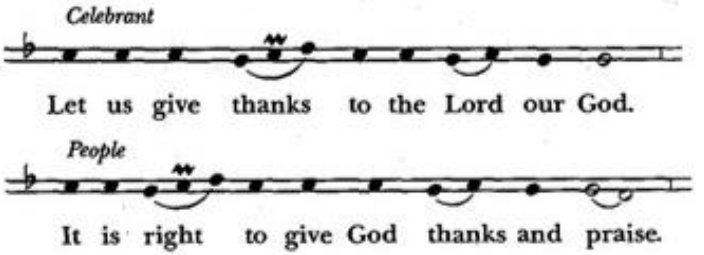
Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
Above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
They called me to life and call me their friend.

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The Holy Eucharist II **S 120**

Lift up your hearts ***Sursum corda***





Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People
Holy, Holy, Holy S129 *Powell* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

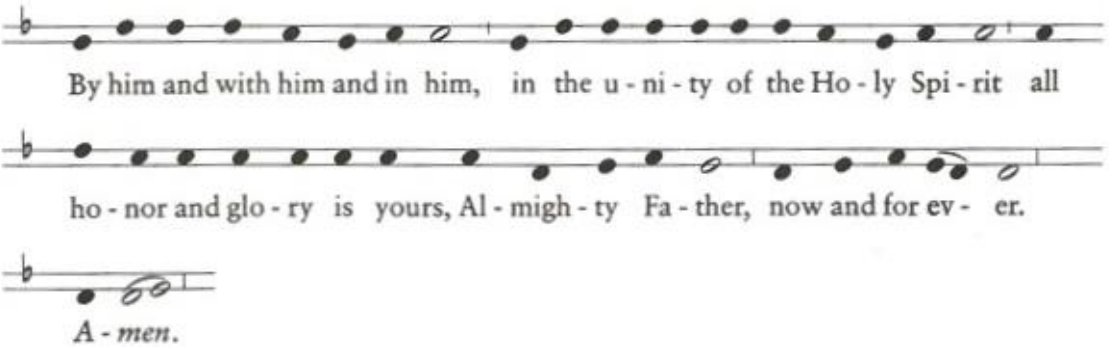
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.



The Lord's Prayer
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Presider
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S154 *Hurd* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 9 "Not here for high and holy things" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Prayer after Communion
Presider Together, let us pray.
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing
Presider Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn 680 "O God, our help in ages past" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Dismissal
Deacon/Presider Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" **Piet Post (1919-1979)**
(Based on Hymn 377)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP
Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Marshall Crossnoe as our Presider

Lector: Susan Goen
Greeter: Kittie Golomski
Crucifer: Scott Thompson
Chalice: Greg Diekemper/Scott Thompson
Usher: Amanda Cashen
Altar Guild: Jonathan Danieley
Livestream: Lucy Danieley
Coffee Hour: Aaron Santos-Odle

This morning we welcome Clara Richter as our guest flutist. Many thanks to her for her beautiful playing.

Walking Through the Church Year
There will be no class after worship today. The class will continue next week Sunday, November 22nd after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace Meal

We need St Mark's volunteers for the next Peace Meal at St John's Church on November 21st. This is a great opportunity to serve our neighbors in need. We need at least one more volunteer for the first afternoon shift from 2 pm – 4 pm for cooking and one more volunteer for the 2nd shift from 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm to serve and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please notify Diane Nienkemper 314/602-9532 or Marti Robards 314/596-6383 if you would like to help.

Third Quarter Parishioner Donation Statements Delayed

St. Mark's outside accountants prepare our parishioners' quarterly and year-end donation statements. They recently had a change in personnel that has delayed St. Mark's third quarter donation statements. We expect those to be completed shortly and will let you know when they are going in the mail.



Investing in our Future

Next Sunday, November 22nd we will celebrate the culmination of our stewardship season in worship. Please send in your 2027 pledge card or bring it with you to worship on November 22nd as we give thanks to God through generosity! And don't forget to bring a pie for our Pie Social. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

Choir Call

November is upon us, and that means December, with its wealth of beautiful music for the Advent and Christmas seasons, isn't far away. I'd like to invite anyone who enjoys singing but isn't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis to join us for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m, and we'll sing for all the Sundays in Advent as well as for the 10:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to sing with us during Advent and/or for Christmas Eve, please be in touch with me (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!

Make and Take Advent Wreaths

On November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will be creating a Make-and-Take Advent Wreath as we begin a new liturgical year together. All are welcome! No prior attendance required. Sign-up sheet is in Parish Hall.

Crisis Nursery Gifts

St Mark's would like to support Crisis Nursery this Christmas. We would be providing gifts for children ages birth to 12 years old. There is a gift suggestion board on the stage in the Parish Hall. Suggested items include Legos, stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, books, dolls, toys, board games, toy cars, puzzles, clothes, socks, sweatshirts, balls infant clothes. Thank you so much.

St Mark's Christmas Light Walk down Candy Cane Lane

This year's festive walk will be held on Saturday, December 5th. We will meet at 5:00pm at the Parish Hall for some pizza, then dress up warmly and walk together down Angel Alley and Candy Cane Lane. We will meet back afterwards for hot chocolate and cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please plan on bringing a small donation to cover the cost of the pizza and make sure to put which pizza you prefer on the sign-up sheet; Cheese, Veggie, Gluten-free, or Pepperoni along with the number of people in your group. This is a fun family event, so you are welcome to invite friends to join us. For more information, please contact Margaret Hvatum.

St. Mark's Christmas Party

The Annual St. Mark's Christmas Party will take place on December 20th at 5PM. Carols, a buffet dinner, and load of good cheer will be on hand as we wait for a "special guest" to complete the festivities. $15 Adults, $8 Children over 5 years, $50 family max. Once again, we'll be asking folks to help with the dessert and snacks table. Please see the sign-up sheets in the parish hall to RSVP and to bring a dessert or appetizer. Or contact Melissa in the Parish Office.

Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform. Your generosity is a blessing!

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Yulia Borjte, Randy Borowiak, Canon Desiree Brattin, Maggie Brogan, Rusty Cates, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Volker Coleman, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Braden Hagberg & Family, Larry Hensel, Lynn Heritage, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Penny McCullough, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Joe Rodriguez and his mother Ellie, Brian Salci, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Joanne Schneider, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Michael Sophir, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Ralph Szevery, Tom Tetrault, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis.

We give thanks on his birthday with Ed Rich.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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