

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
*February 5, 2017*



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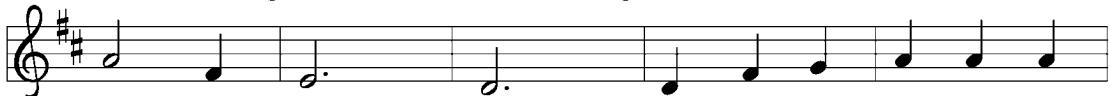
Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. Ushers are available at the back of the sanctuary if you should need any assistance. Restrooms are located just down the hall and at the far west entrance. All God's children are welcome and celebrated in this sanctuary, with all their wiggles and giggles, but there is also a staffed nursery and changing station at the far end of the hallway for your convenience. We hope you can join us for cookies and fellowship following worship!

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the brightness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je sus.

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,  
**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.**  
**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly;**  
**we have not spoken or acted at all;**  
**we have hurt those closest to us;**  
**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**  
**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**  
**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**  
**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,**  
**so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of  $\ddagger$  Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **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

Musical notation for the first stanza of Kyrie. The music is in common time, treble clef, and key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy."

Musical notation for the second stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

Musical notation for the third stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the fourth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Musical notation for the fifth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Musical notation for the sixth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the seventh stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

Musical notation for the eighth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

Musical notation for the ninth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

Musical notation for the tenth stanza of Kyrie. The lyrics are: "A - men."

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 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.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 58:1-9a

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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 delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“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.

<sup>4</sup>Look, 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.

<sup>5</sup>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?  
<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice,  
    to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
    and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>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?  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM** Psalm 112:1-9

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)*

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
    and have great delight in God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
    the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
    and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
    the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
    and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;  
    the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
    their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
    until they see their desire upon their enemies.

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

**SONG FOR CHILDREN** *This Little Light of Mine* ELW 677 vs. 1

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The melody is simple, using quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are repeated three times, followed by a final line.

I This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Kristi Ongalo*

**SONG FOR CHILDREN** *This Little Light of Mine* ELW 677 vs. 2

Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**THE SECOND READING**      1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>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 doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this

age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>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”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being 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. <sup>12</sup>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. Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G clef and has lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," with a fermata over the last note of each phrase. The bottom staff is in F clef and has lyrics: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features eighth and sixteenth notes, with a key change indicated by a flat sign between the two staves.

### THE GOSPEL

The holy gospel, according to Matthew 5:13-20. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“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.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE MESSAGE**

*Pastor Paul Lutter*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838



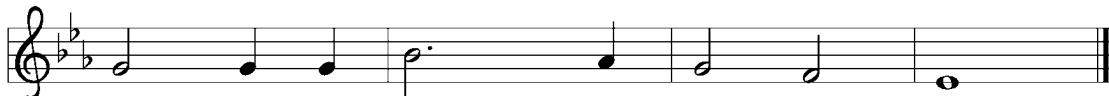
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son robed in the God flow'rs and Son bloom - ing Man! spring;  
bright Spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - - er - more be thine!

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

**THE PRAYERS** *All petitions conclude:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**PEACE**         The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

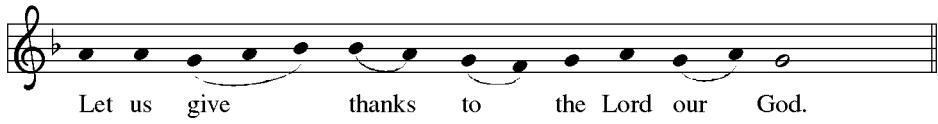
### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

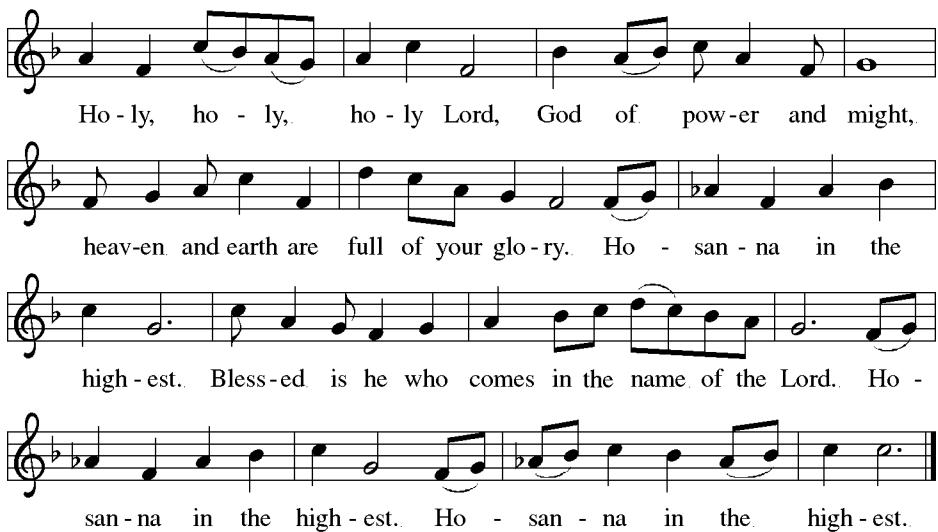
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...*



## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.

*All are welcome to the Lord's table! You will be offered the wafer; please receive it in your open palm and eat. Then take either the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) in the small cup and drink. Those not wishing to*

receive communion are invited to receive a blessing. Children not communing will receive a blessing and a teddy graham. Children may indicate if they are ready to receive communion by offering an open palm.

### Communion Music: Lamb of God

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.

### Communion Music: Christ be Our Light ELW 715

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.

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**Communion Music: Shine Jesus Shine**      ELW 671

*Refrain:*

Shine, Je-sus shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glory;  
 Blaze, Spit-it blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, ri-ver flow, flood the na-tions with grace and mer-cy;  
 Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

*Verse 1:*

Lord, the light of you love is shin-ing,  
 in the midst of the dark-ness shin-ing;  
 Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on us,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

*Verse 2:*

As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness,  
 so our fac-es dis-play your like-ness,  
 ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry,  
 mir-rored here, may our lives tell your sto-ry.  
 Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.  
 You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day—  
 that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and  
 forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the  $\text{☩}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN *Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

### SENDING

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Welcome to Worship Sunday, February 5, 2017

Nursery is open and available!

Thank you to today's worship assistants:

**Organist:** Mark Ongalo **Lector:** Kathy Hoppa **Greeters:** Janet Heglund

**Ushers:** Tom & Jackie Witty **Video:** Cooper Carlson **Acolytes:** Gavin Dahl & Dylan Bartlett

**Altar Care:** Gail Wieman **Communion Servers:** Dan & Judy Peliska

Pastor Paul's **office hours** this week will be Monday-Wednesday 9am-noon. If there is an emergency, please contact Pr. Paul at 507-440-0048.

We will be resuming our **pizza sales fundraising** effort again. The pizza sales monies will be going toward the new window fund. The first sale will be the third Sunday of February (Feb. 19). Our plan is to sell on the third Sunday of each month thereafter.

"And Who Is My Neighbor?" TALKING ABOUT RACE AND RACIAL EQUALITY: **an LSS and ELCA Quad Cities Collaborative 6-week Discussion Series** sponsored by Lutheran Social Services and the Presbyterian and ELCA congregations of the Quad Cities. Join us Tuesdays at the Shop Coffee House at 4pm and the Wednesday evenings at OSLC at 6:45pm, led by Pastor Paul.

Sunday Feb. 19 10am-1pm - **Pancake breakfast each month in the Voyageur Lodge (new dining hall) at Camp Vermilion!** Enjoy all you can eat pancakes in the new building. Coffee and hot cocoa will be available into the afternoon for those interested in bringing their sleds, snowshoes or cross country skis and enjoying some winter fun in God's great northwoods. \$5/person (kids under 12 are free).

**Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY!** - Join churches and youth groups across the country raising money to fight hunger in our communities, country, and around the world! As we depart worship today, we invite you to support the effort (and your pick for the Super Bowl) by adding a donation to one of the pots. All donations will benefit the Quad Cities Area Food Shelf.

**Prayer Chain – January & February –** contact Janet Heglund at 749-6143.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Please pray for all who are undergoing medical tests or who suffer from chronic illness, all scheduled or recovering from surgery or treatments

+ **We pray for the people listed below and those we name in our hearts in need of comfort, hope, and healing, we lift up:** Ellison Ponto, Jason Bergman, Loren Bergman, Mel Benassi, Sharon Pernu, Matthew & Mary House, Joyce Wessman, Norma Bodovinac, Helen Foosness, Irene Hanula, Cliff Heglund, Gladys Johnson, Ann Markley, Troy McGowan, Jay Mott, Bonnie Murray, Sarah Robertson, Elizabeth Rutske, Vincent Suihkonen, Irene Swartout, Bill Culbert, Irene Coleman, Skip Hanson, Ruby Rasmussen, Dave Crockett, Deb Conaway, Marilyn Chilstrom, Connie.

+ **For Families and Friends who mourn the loss of loved ones:** Betty Anderson, Cindy Griffin – Kotila, Vernon Schwandt, Karen Maki, Patti LaBelle

