

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday

Prelude

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us.
We bless you for these gifts of water: Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Cold Creek, Mill Creek and other waters close by Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:
Noah and the animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.
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Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

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Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all your people with grace.

Embolden us to do justice.

Bless us to love mercy.

Guide us to walk humbly with you,

whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,

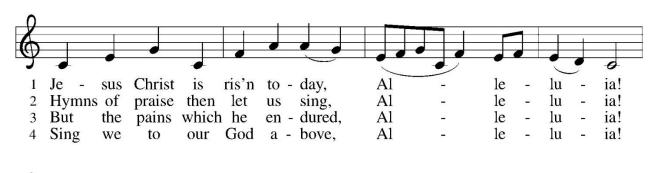
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

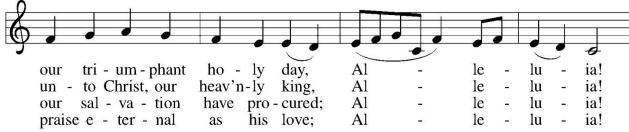
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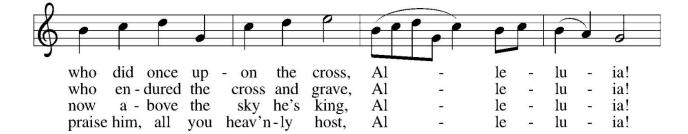
Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

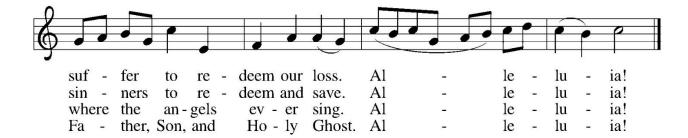
No. 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today









Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Alleluia Jesus Has Risen No. 377



Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- ²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

 The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

- ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

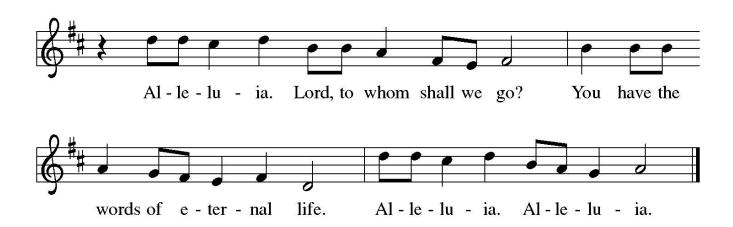
¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ¹ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁶ Then they remembered his words, ⁶ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

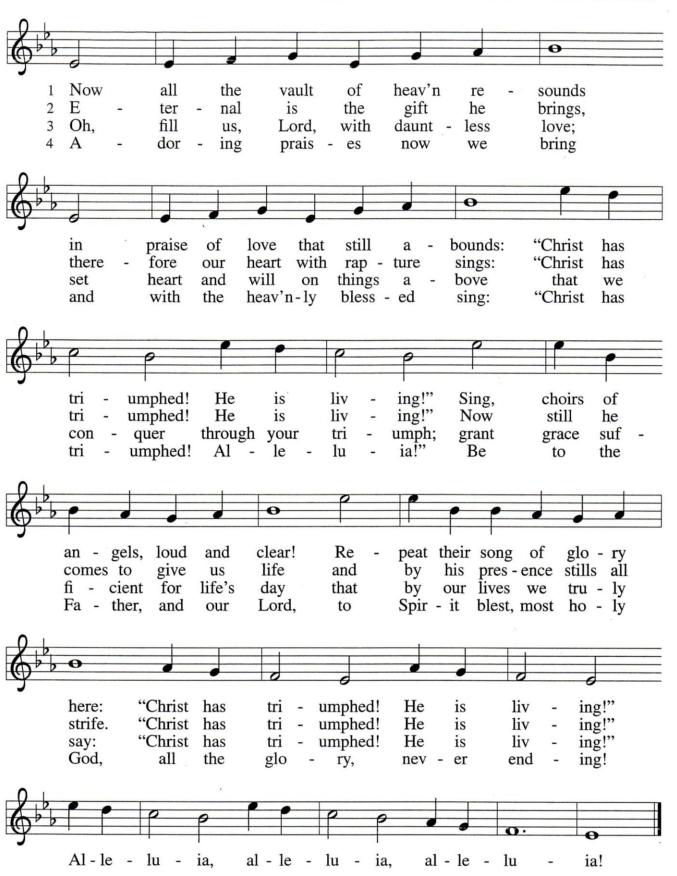
Children Sing

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds No. 367



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Apostles' 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 was 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 dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song – Father Make Us One (Maranatha Praise)

Father, Make Us One 116

Rick Ridings



Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

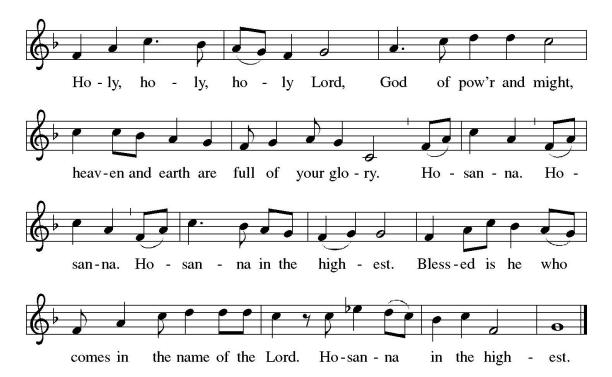
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones,

clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

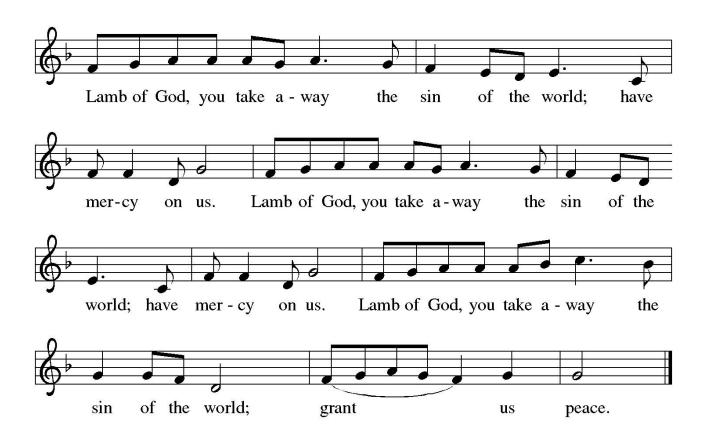
The Lord's Prayer

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.

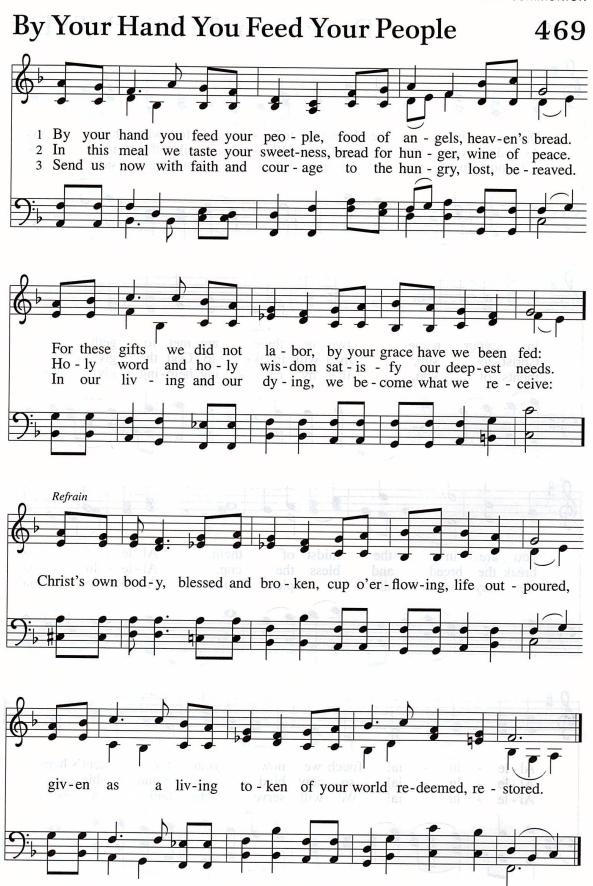
These are God's gifts for all people – Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: By Your Hand You Feed Your People No. 469



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952 Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text and music © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.

Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: Thine is the Glory



No. 376



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759 JUDAS MACCABAEUS 55 65 65 65 and refrain

Dismissal.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann Lectors: Carrie Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant: Sally Warner

Usher: Roy Patterson & Guy Miller Acolyte: Tyler & Carlie Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann Lectors: Gayle Thompson

Communion Assistant:

Usher: Gary Lieb & Charles Howard

Acolyte: Eli & Claire Conner

April Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, tornadoes, and flooding;

FAITH members, including, Ruby Stierhoff;

the people of Zion, Huron and their interim pastor Kathleen Suggit; the ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing activities and services for Sandusky youth and their families.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Jim Bertsch – Happy Easter!

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Greg Norman & Cindy Norman in memory of their parents Les & Mabel Norman and their maternal and paternal grandparents.

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY Communion Service (Easter Sunday) 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

WEDNESDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 7:00 pm

SATURDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 11:00 am

SUNDAY Service of Word and Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

ATTENDANCE:

Palm Sunday: 56 + 22 = 78

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

April 13th: General Fund \$4,455.16

Building Improvements: \$530.00

TODAY after service, The Worship and Music & Congregational Care Teams are hosting a gathering with cookies and muffins, coffee and milk. Please join us after service for special Easter fellowship in the upstairs gathering area!



A **special bunny** is here to be a part of your picture that we will be taking in the upstairs Gathering Area after each worship service. Be sure to stop out and see him and smile pretty for the camera!

On **Saturday, May 10th, 2025**, the letter carriers of Sandusky Post office, USPS, and the Sandusky Rotary Club will hold their **Stamp Out Hunger** food drive. Please place a non-perishable food item in a bag by your mailbox on May 10th. Last year, over 21,000 lbs of food was collected and distributed to local food banks!



Easter Flowers

adorning our chancel have been donated to the glory of the risen Christ by:

Larry Velliquette in loving memory of parents Bea & Burt, Melvin & Goldie Velliquette, brothers Ted, Bob & Standford, and sisters Doris, Jean, and Mary

Linda Velliquette in loving memory of Alvin Sr. & Gladys Gast and Alvin. Jr & Florence Gast

James & Nancy Yantz in memory of loved ones

Carrie, Ken, Emma, and Drew Killingsworth in honor of our parents, Grandma Bertsch and Bill & Jim Bertsch

Craig & Betsy Stierhoff in honor of Ruby Stierhoff, Barbara & Jerry Lindstrom, Douglas & CJ Stierhoff, Kimberly Rose, Morgan Otto & Alexandria; in memory of Bill Gillogly, Robert Gillogly, and Norman Stierhoff

Fred Wobser in memory of wife Mary Ann; in honor of children Amy & Jim

Nancy Vollmer in memory of Corinne Smith, Carol Vollmer Sr., Carol Vollmer Jr., Clarence Smith, David Burr & Kelley Vollmer

Roy & Joyce Patterson for our parents

Linda & Sam Wilcox in memory of our sisters and brothers

Gregory, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert in memory of Kenneth Grahl, Edward & Ada Grahl, and Ben & Ethel Lemert

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of my mother Alice Bertsch; in memory of my father Robert Bertsch

Mark, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie, & Ryan Wiedenheft in memory of loved ones

Linda Gantz in memory of loved ones; in honor of Mike & family

James Yantz

Easter Chicks

Anonymous

Anonymous

For Linda and Sam Wilcox for all their support

Craig & Betsy Stierhoff in honor of Douglas & CJ Stierhoff, Kimberly Rose, Morgan Otto & Alexandria; in memory of Bill Gillogly, Robert Gillogly, and Norman Stierhoff; in memory of Bill Gillogly, Robert Gillogly, and Norman Stierhoff

Rich & Sheryl Miller in memory of grandson Henry and in honor of all our grandchildren

Noah Velliquette in loving honor of Granda Ulman; in loving memory of Grandpa Ulman

Guy & Laura Miller in honor of Wes & Betty Miller

Denny & Barb Sessler in memory of Robert & Nancy Sessler, Paul & Mary Lou Dauch

Nancy Vollmer in memory of loved ones

Mike & Maree Markley

Jim Bertsch in honor of loved ones

Wesley & Betty Miller in honor of our grandchildren

Arlayne Mischler

Dean & Rhonda Matus

James & Nancy Yantz in memory of loved ones

Wendy Wiedenheft for David Wiedenheft, Larry Wiedenheft, Mary Anne Wiedenheft. Henry Stine

Grandpa & Grandma Wiedenheft in honor of our grandchildren: Tyler, Carlie, Ryan, Emma, Drew, Ava & Oliver

Dave & Sally Warner in memory of Bob & Nancy Sessler; in honor of our grandchildren

Anonymous in memory of Shannon

David & Cathy Wobser in honor of Fred Wobser Jr.; in memory of Martha & Fred Wobser Sr.

