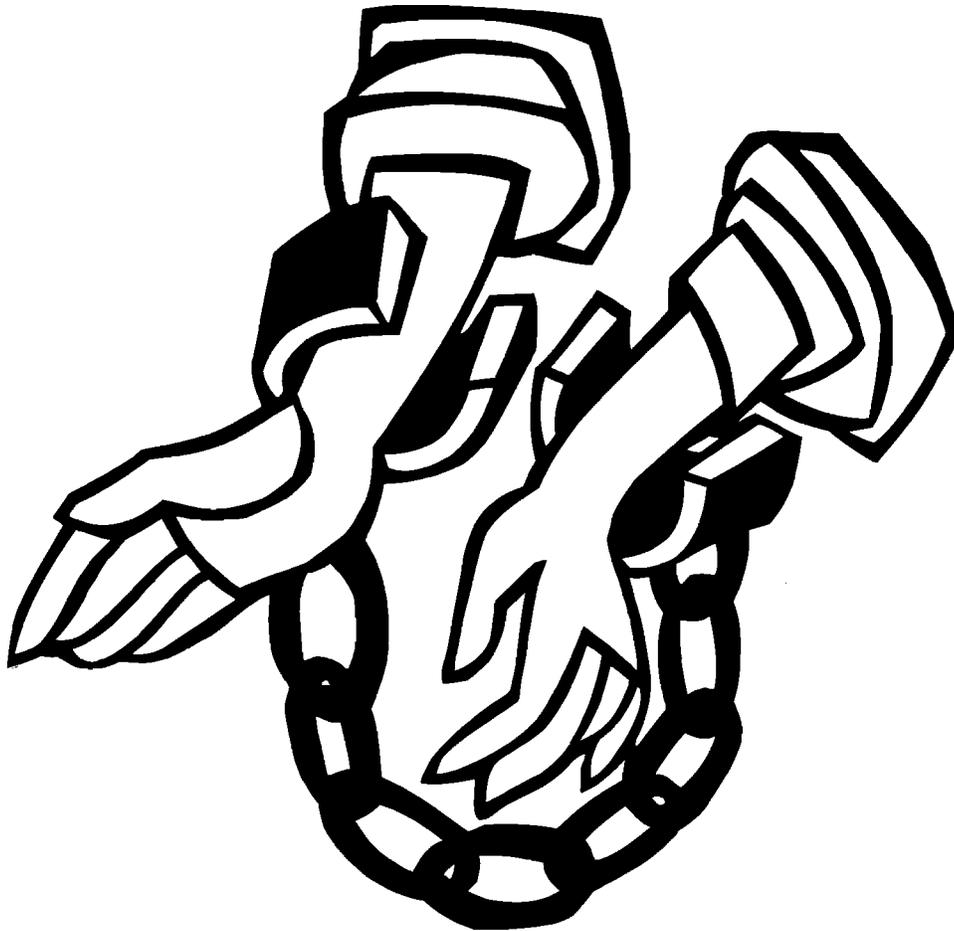


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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Dialogue on “O Waly Waly” and “Finlandia” Timothy P. Cooper

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In ✚ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886 (vv. 1-4)

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| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! | 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name. |
| 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace. | 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. |

(Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.; Music: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872)

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576 (vv. 1 & 2)

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

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

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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Bread of the World

Lyndell Leatherman

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW 695 (v. 1)

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock,
and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

(Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996, alt.; Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Text © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © Oxford University Press)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

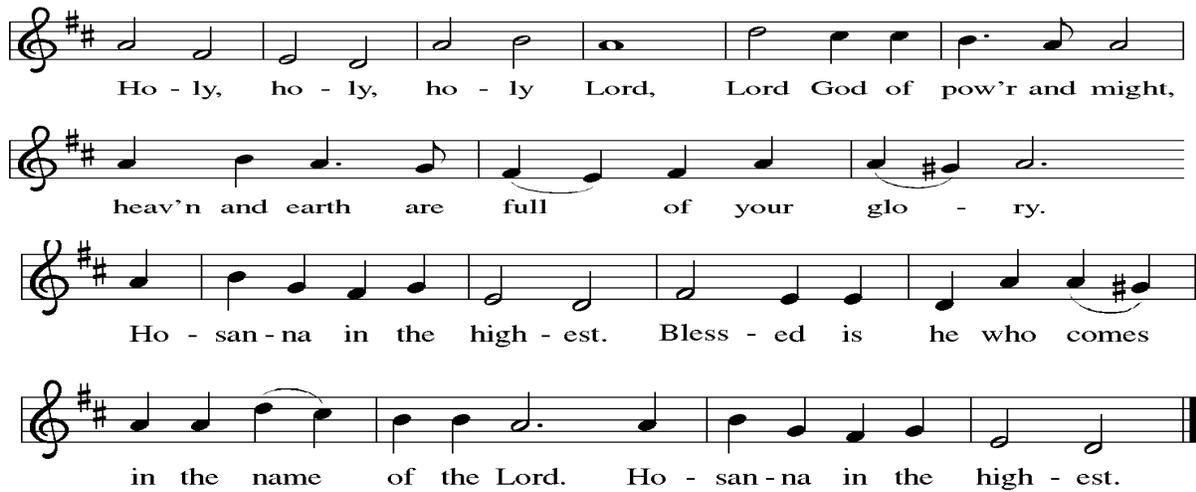
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he come. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor in yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray together.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here is Bread

ELW 483

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| 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine. Christ is with us here. | Refrain In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here. |
| 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. <i>Refrain</i> | 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. <i>Refrain</i> |

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Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

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| 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song. | 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield. |
| 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor. | 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name. |

(Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751; Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of our grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, **✝** bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth

ELW 551

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| <p>1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.</p> <p>3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.</p> | <p>2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.</p> <p>4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.</p> |
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(Text: Delores Dufner, OSB; Music: attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820; Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Thousand Tongues

William A. McNair

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| This week's schedule | | |
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| Today | 10 am | Live & Online Worship |
| Mon. | | |
| Tues. | | |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | Busy Bees (Smith Building) |
| Thurs. | | |
| Fri. | | |
| Sat. | | |

| Those Serving Today | 10 am |
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| Assisting Minister | Bob Berner |
| Crucifer | Simon Blazakis |
| Acolyte (s) | Julianna & James Johnson |
| Lector | Lee Smith |
| Communion Assistant | Lee Smith |

Announcements

- Saturday, February 5th – Meet and Greet with the new Pastoral Candidate
- Sunday, February 6th – Pastoral Candidate will Preach and Preside. Congregational Meeting will follow to vote on candidate.
- Giving Statements were mailed this week. Please contact Debbie Haacke with any questions or concerns.
- St. John's will remain open with Plan B enforced. Plan B includes: Masks being worn at all times, seating by an usher, social distancing in place, no congregating in the hallways, communion in the pews and offering in the back of the Sanctuary. Ministry meetings and outside groups may hold their meetings with all of the above protocol in place; as well as sanitizing the room after your meetings.
- As a precaution, the choir, handchimes and handbells will be suspended until future notice.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor and in memory of Bill Carrol's birthday on January 26th, by his family.

We are taking flower dedications. The cost is \$50. The dates available are: February 6th and 27th, March 6th and 13th, April 17th, May 1st, 8th and 15th, June 5th, 12th, 19 and 26th, July 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



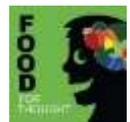
Calling all Ministry Chairs... We need your ministry reports for the 2021 Annual Report. **Please email your reports to the church office by Friday, January 28th.**

There are still several boxes of envelopes left. The envelopes are very costly to mail. If you would like to deliver a box to a friend, please feel free to do so.



The Busy Bees have a few jars of jelly left. If you would like to purchase a jar or two to get you through the winter, contact Mil Schaffer or Judy Jasinski.

Social Ministry is participating in the "Food For Thought Program". With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is chicken & tuna salad kits, poptarts and juice boxes/pouches.**



Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc

Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.



Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Emily Rash, Patrick O'Connell, Georgeanne Schleigh, Kathy Barnes, Julie Hastings, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Erlene Cryser, Paul Glassband, Grace Sexton, Roy Rapp, Joan Dunaway, Debbie Hudson, Richard Koch, John Bielat, Linda Fliegel, Mary January, Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Schepler, Rita Brady, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Helen Marcomin, Rosemay Balmos, Helen & Don Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of:

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Helen Baker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz and Doris Warfield

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