

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**



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## ***PRAYER CORNER***

### **Please pray for the following people:**

Skip Hutchinson, Tess Freeman, Jeff Moyer, Nancy Jeffers, Julie Ewing, Dave Haldeman, Clair Miller, Jane Goshert (Home Hospice), Mike Leed, Anita Soto, Jay Stoltzfus (with family in Florida), Beverly Sweigart, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, Sam Soto, Dorothy Hutchinson, Walter Goshert Jr., Deb Zerbe, Roy Latshaw, Shirley Sweigart, Amanda Benton, Marty Leed & Family, Fay Weitzel, Vivian Gehr, Jay Weaver, Barb Moyer, Betty Cordes and Judy Meckley.

Artman Lutheran, Ambler, Pa: Sally Wealand

Ephrata Manor: Vesta Reber, Shirl Tobias, Pauline Sawyer, Joan Wentzel, Ella Felker and Bob Weaver

Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine

Legends of Lititz Home: Pauline Martin

Maple Farms: Janet Hirneisen

Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Somerset Rehab Hospice Care: Grace Wentz

United Zion Home Lititz: Ethel Leed (Hospice Care)

Mary Royer, Tom Parrish Sr., Caroline Palmer, Bea Hassler, Donald Craven, Quentin Ellis, Earl Crum Jr., Mary Sanger, Larry Weachter, Karen Leonhard, Greg Nemchik, Mike Tangert, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Matt Thorn, Aiden Prevoznik, Nancy Leh, Brian Fetter, Kelly Means, Desi Wagner, Patty Hall, Pastor Karen Larson, Brian Kerns, Mary Lou Crum, Rev. Judy McKee, Meredith Palmer, Althea Hillegas, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Mary Morton, Robyn Redcay, Corrina Bender, Margaret Weller, Bud Bender, Mike Fasnacht and Cynthia Peters.

### **Pray also for the grieving families of:**

Alex Becklin, Faye Pannebecker, Maggie Bollinger, Cindy Novak, Dot Demming, Harriet Stoltzfus, Mick Smyer, Shanan Shortuse, Ray Vargo, Lavern Gehman, Patricia Kieffer, Tom Craven, Bill Nodeen, Michelle Simpson, Sam Heiser, Hunter Bristow, Clair High, Tom Dittoe, Donald Hain and Clara Ingram.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Ahava will be playing this morning.

Prelude: "God's Highway"

-Sandra McCracken & Thad Cockrell

"My Jesus"

-Anne Wilson, Jeff Pardo & Matthew West

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: #693** *"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**\*GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



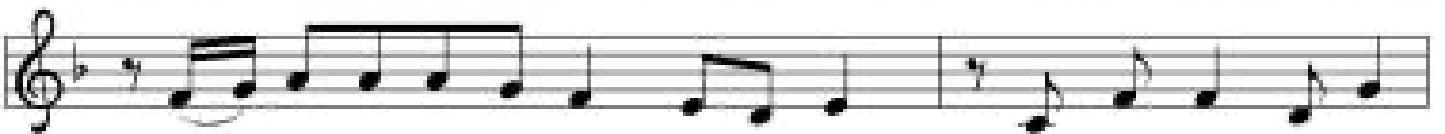
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



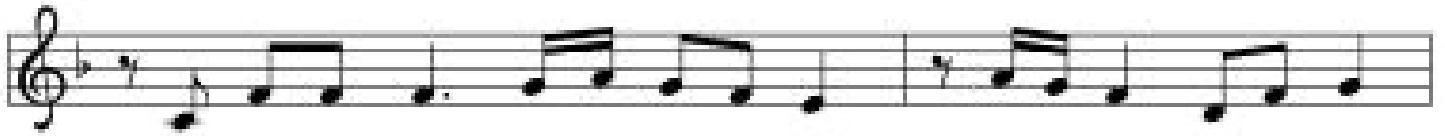
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



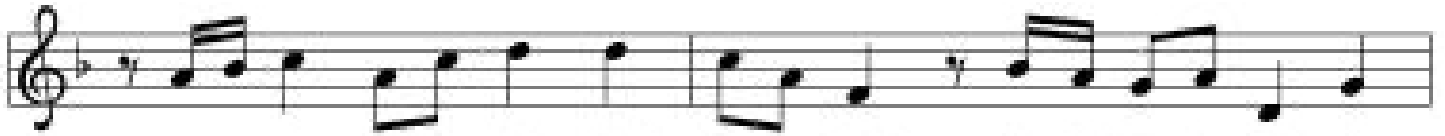
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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



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.

### **\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **† GOD'S WORD †**

#### **FIRST READING**

#### **NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

Lay Reader (Brittany Hartlove): Reading from Numbers the 11th chapter.

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my

sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALMODY

PSALM 19:7-14



*The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to  
the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much  
fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

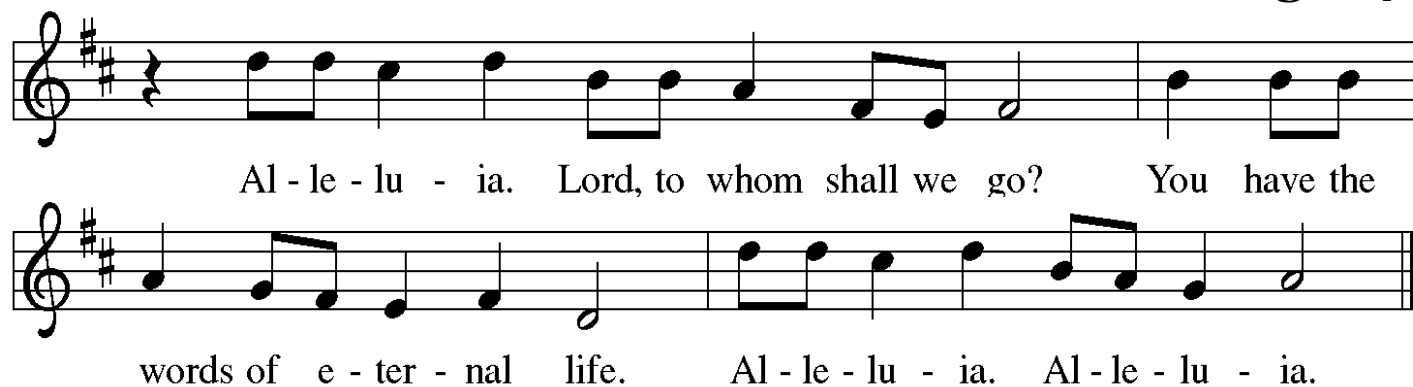
<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

CHILDRENS SERMON

-Pastor Craven

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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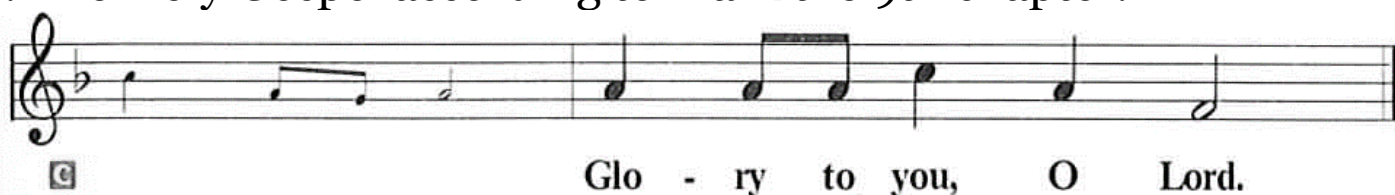


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

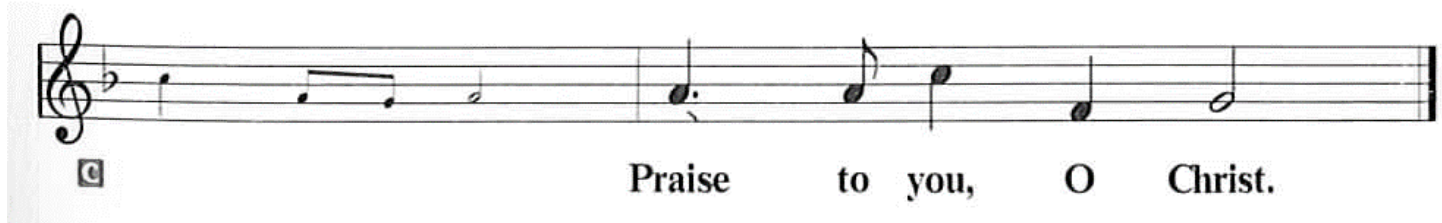
<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be



thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON:** *“Trust In The Harvest”*

-Pastor Craven

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"Breathe"*

-Marie Barnett

### **\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C: 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 Intercession †

\*P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

P: We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones (*other caregivers or individuals may be named*). Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

### **\*THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **\*OFFERING HYMN**

*“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give Thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong”, let the poor say “I am rich.”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”, let the poor say “I am rich”,  
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

**\*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.

**\*THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*THE SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

### **\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

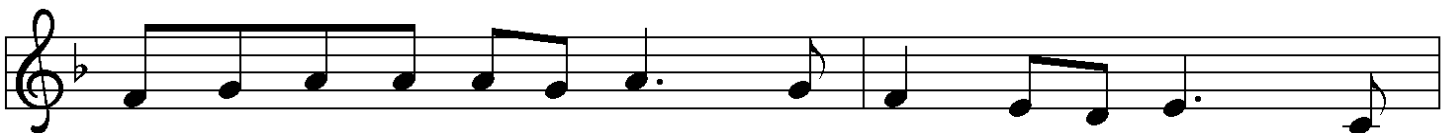
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: 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.

### **\*TRADITIONAL 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**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**



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.

**We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them. Pick Up an Empty Cup. A Grape Juice Option and Gluten Free Communion Wafers Provided. If You Cannot Come To the Chancel, Communion Will Be Taken To You. Please Notify An Usher.**

**Those in the Parking Lot Partake of Communion at this time.**

During Communion

**Hymn #679:** *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

**Hymn #689:** *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

**Hymn #694:** *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”*

**Hymn #616:** *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210:** *“Blessed Be God”*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #733 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Brittany Hartlove

Communion Assistant: Brittany Hartlove

Psalmist: Erin Biles

Videographer: Troy Adair

Soundboard: Joe Brubaker

Ushers: Linda Weaver, Dave Weidman, Lowell Yost and Troy Adair

Weekly Receipts Report as of 09/26/24	
Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot)	60/5
Online Attendance	103
General Receipts	\$1,677.00

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# *Mums Memorial List*

## *September 2024*

*Erin, John and Simon Biles in Honor of our family*

*Pastor Tim and Kim Craven in Memory of Tom Craven*

*Nancy Eberly in Memory of family and friends*

*Chris and Tess Freeman in Honor of family and friends*

*Mike and Pat Haller in Memory of Nathan and Nicholas Haller*

*Hartlove Family in Honor of our family*

*Nancy Heiser in Memory of Sam Heiser*

*Sam and Anita Soto in Honor of our grandchildren*

*Kristin Stroup family in Honor of Bob, Barb and Heidi Getz*

*Linda and Jay Weaver in Memory of our parents*

*Dave and Mary Weidman in Memory of loved ones*

*Lowell and Jerry Yost in Memory of our parents*

