

st. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

All Saints' Sunday | November 3, 2024

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.



Assisting In Worship

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> Ushers Sue Barry & Jan Kruse

Greeter Hank Roberts Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who attend in-person and the technology that allows us to share the bulletin and the worship service on the website.

St. Paul has a Community Prayer Cross located outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box when you enter, and it will be placed on the cross.

Important community ministries of St. Paul include the Tuesday Community Meal, Saturday Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Your financial gift makes a difference for Christ and His kingdom and enables St. Paul to be *the community church that cares*. It can be made by online giving, on Sunday morning, mailed to the church, or dropped off during normal office hours - Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

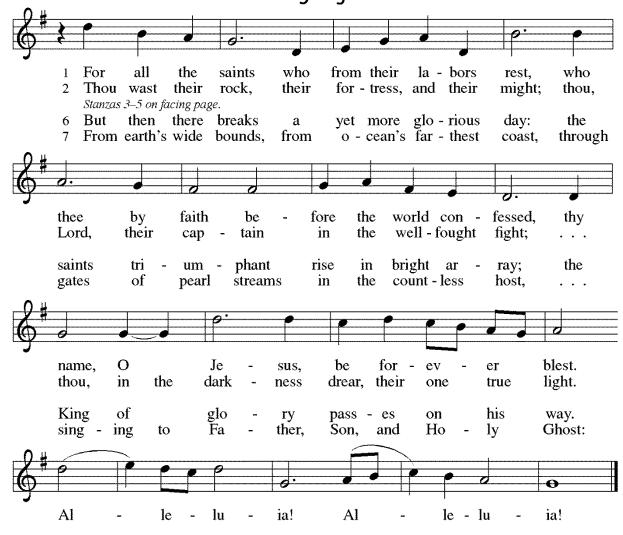
May God bless you and give you peace!

welcome and Announcements

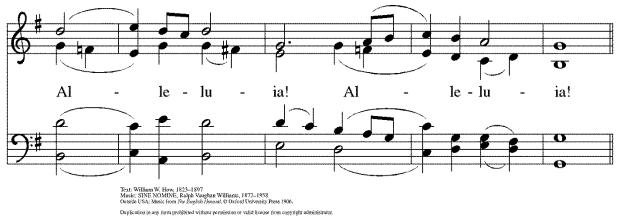
Prelude

"Cantique" - Faure - Fonda Davies

Processional Gathering Hymn ~ For All the Saints





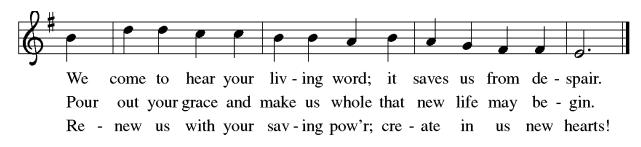


confession

Pastor: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace. (time for silence and reflection). Beloved God,

Response: who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. Amen.



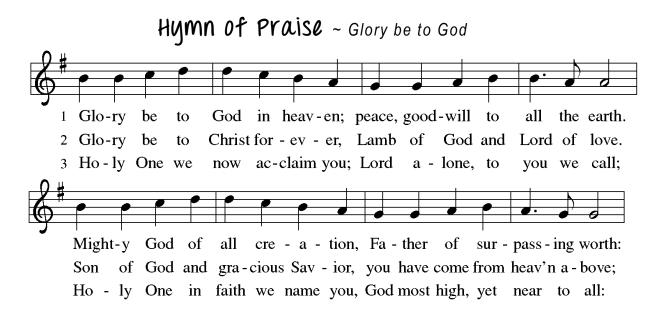


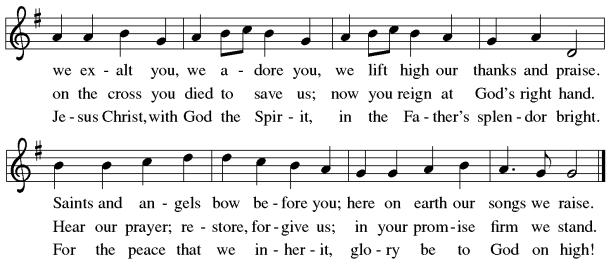
Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, love, and forgiveness, given to you.

Response: Amen!

~adapted from Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico.





Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

Response: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ministry in Music

"Shall We Gather at the River" - Lowry - St. Paul Singers

Children's Message

Scripture ~ Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he

will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life. Response: Thanks be to God.

Scripture ~ Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

² For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

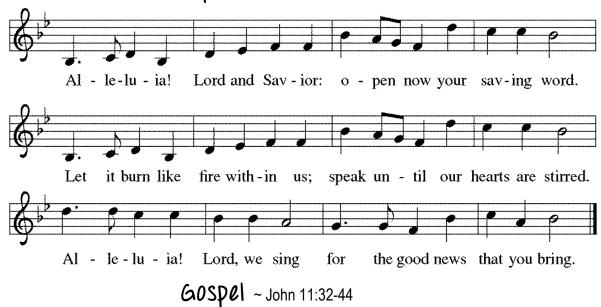
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Scripture ~ Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard

a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." Word of God. Word of Life. *Response: Thanks be to God.*



Gospel Acclamation

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

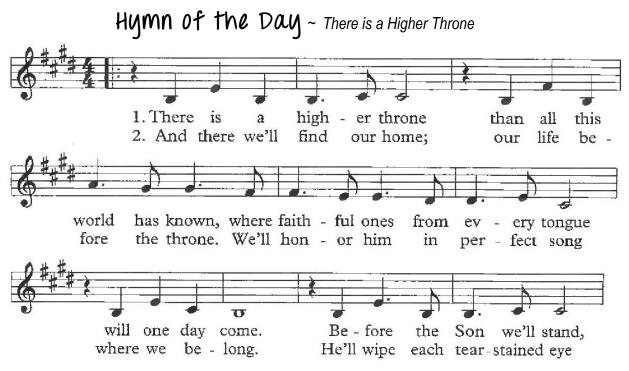
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. *Response:* Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls





Nicene Creed

Assisting Minister: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

Response: 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Church

Assisting Minister: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *(pause for silence)*

Assisting Minister: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. *Response:* Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas.

Response: Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples.

Response: Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals.

Response: Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts. (pause) Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food.

Response: Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God, who redeems, you seal us with the promise of your Holy Spirit. *Response:* Guide the newly baptized as they embrace their new identity as holy children of God.

Pastor: We pray especially for those baptized in this place this past year, Julian Alegria (bell ring), Palmer Salvatore (bell ring), Kevin Salvatore (bell ring), Farrah Lemay (bell ring), and Isabel Waterman (bell ring ring)

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you.

Response: With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Pastor: We remember your saints of St. Paul who gathered in your eternal presence this past year, Joan Caddell (bell toll), Pete Gulliksen (bell toll), Lenore Horner (bell toll), Myrtle

Krause (bell toll), Jean Panthana (bell toll), John Puckhaber (bell toll), Dale Vaessen (bell toll); for pastors who served or attended St. Paul especially (wind chime), Luther Shaeffer, Leroy Trexler, Ernest French, Howard Miller, and Loren Hoch (wind chime); and for our loved ones (wind chime), Joyce Benton, Mary Emma and Bob Coyle, Bobby Coyle, Bertha and Robert Engsberg, Philip and Marguerite Felicetti, Louise and Hugh Kreps, Hazel McCurdy, Benjamin Nicolls, Paul Nicolls, Janet and Lars Paulsson, Betty Paxton, Helen Powell, Esther and Ansel Ryan, Nina and Lawrence Schmidt, and Richard Shelp (wind chime).

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, *Response:* hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Response:* Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. *Response:* And also with you.

offering

(The collection plates will be brought forward at this time. Offering plates can still be found at the back of the sanctuary if you did not place your offering in the plates when you entered. Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org is also available.)

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. *Response:* Amen.

spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Communion

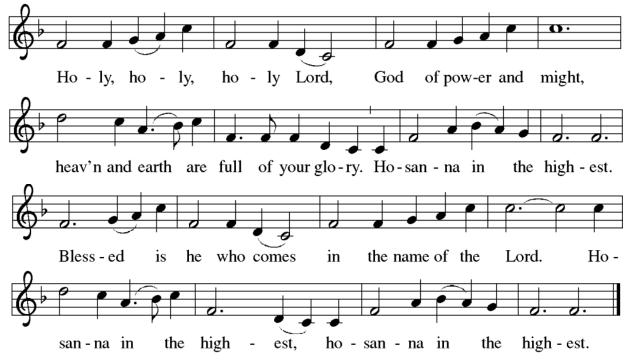
Pastor: The Lord be with you. Response: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Pastor: Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory. For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen. By faith, Noah and his family built the ark and were saved from the flood to bring forth a new generation. By faith, Enoch of old was

taken straight into heaven. By faith, Abraham and Sarah obeyed your calling and went forth from their home to a place promised but not seen, to a family promised, but only later fulfilled. By faith, Moses brought forth your chosen people, the Israelites, from slavery into freedom and led them to your holy mountain to worship and to receive your law. By faith, the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah held fast to your promise of a Messiah who would come to save your people from their sin. By faith, Mary and Joseph awaited the day of your promise, until you brought forth that savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son. In him is the fulfillment of the faith and hope of all the saints. In him is our salvation won and your love revealed.

(Those who want to partake of Christ's body and blood through the bread and wine/grape juice in their seats may lift up their elements at this time).

Pastor: 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. In heaven and on earth, O God, the saints and angels unite around your holy altar to proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pastor: We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love. But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom. Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also that we might know his presence in these gifts, and through them, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us. With this feast, join us in one holy communion of saints, one

great cloud of witnesses, with St. Peter and St. Paul, with St. John and St. Mary Magdalene, and with all the blessed dead whose lives of faith in unseen things continue to inspire us, as together we lift our voices to you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in eternal glory, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer (sung)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

Response: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Amen.

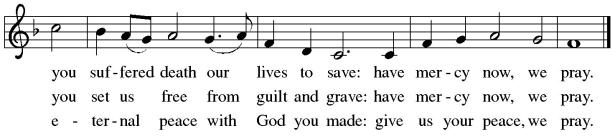
Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Those who wish to remain at their seats to partake of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine/grape juice may do so now. The body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. Take and eat. Take and drink. If you wish to come to the altar, you may do so at the ushers' direction.





Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. *Response*: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

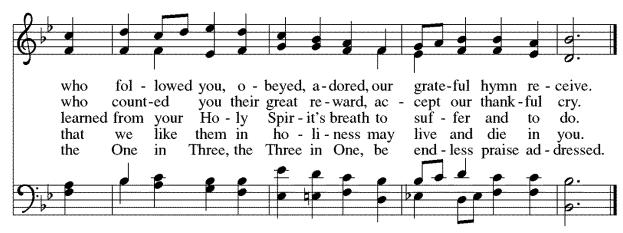
Assisting Minister: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Response: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever. **Response: Amen**



Sending Hymn ~ For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. *Response:* Thanks be to God. Children: And all God's children say, *Response:* Amen.

Postlude

"When the Saints Go Marching In" – Spiritual – Fonda Davies Congregation is invited to sing along.

Coffee 4 Social Hour is held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Flowers are given by: Don and Marty Hillerich, in thanksgiving to God for his many blessings including family and friends.

Eternal Candle is given this month by: John and Helen Miller, in thanksgiving for all God's blessings.

Attendance for last Sunday: 57 in-person; 328 plays (10/28/24)

st. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assisting Ministers to the Bishop Pastors Carlos, Derek, Nicole, and Rob, Specialists Kim, Bill, & Brittney, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, & Ileana. The Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church. SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests. Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. The Arlington Park Neighborhood. Hope Lutheran Church, Gulf Cove (Port Charlotte) St. Paul members, especially, Evelyn Gulliksen, Barbara Hahne, Ethel Hamilton, Dcn. Kim Heindl, and Conrad Hellwege.

St. Paul Early Childhood Learning Center teachers and students, especially, Zeven and Landon, Ms. Tiffany and Ms. Christie		
Members	Lori Boller – daughter-in-law of Dorothy	Kevin McKenny – friend of Susan
Beetle/O'Hara Family	Boller	Burmaster
Dorothy Boller	Sheryl Brandes – sister-in-law of Sue	Marsha McKinney- former member
Susan Burmaster	Scherr	Becky Nobles – friend of Lindy
Sue Fisher	Buete and Pearson family- family of	Lindemann
James Paulsson	Brian McCulley	Linda and Jim Norris – family of
Homebound Members	Caroline Burmaster – sister-in-law of	Doris Schlotterback
Theresa Alger	Susan Burmaster	Karen Paulsson – sister of J. Paulsson
Sharyn Brodnax	Todd Couch – son of Sandy Choquette	Manny Ribas – friend of Cindy
Donna Casala	Mike Cunningham- friend of H. Roberts	Schlotterback
Evelyn Gulliksen	Bill Davies – regular attender	Clint Shantz – former member
Lindy Lindemann	Cody Eddleman – husband of John	Brian, Kenny, & Tommy
June Manselle	Beyer	Schlotterback—sons of Doris
Anna Mathisen	John and Joy Emanuelli – friends of	Schlotterback
Virginia McQuaig	Roberts	Haley Schlotterback – granddaughter-
John Miller	Gladys Faraone – friend of H. Roberts	in-law of Doris Schlotterback.
Michael Reiter	John Foor – friends of Ryans	Bethany Smith – daughter of B&B
Carole Wilson	Susan Gallagher – daughter of Dorothy	Smith
Friends and Family	Boller	Muriel Stevenson – sister of JoAnn
Alice – friend of JoAnn Jordan	Gallagher Family – <i>in-laws of Dorothy</i>	Jordan
Bill – friend of Jan Kruse	Boller	Noel Scott Studenwalt – nephew of
Brad – brother of Cindy Paxton	Vickie Hall – sister of Fonda Davies	B&B Smith
Cassandra – friend of Irene Felicetti	Lois Heisler – family of Irene Felicetti	Jolea Swann – cousin of Earleen
David – neighbor of JoAnn Jordan	Niklaus Heisler – great-grandson of	Ashbrook
Debbie – friend of Scherrs	Irene Felicetti	Bill Sweeney – grandson of Marilyn and
Ed – friend of Sandy Choquette	Katy Hernandev – niece of M. Acevedo	George Hutfilz
Gina – friend of Jan Kruse	Nicole Ketler – friend of Susan Burmaster	Bill & Jean Thompson – sister and
Greg – friend of Jan Kruse		brother-in-law of Dorothy Boller
Marilyn – aunt of S. Weckwerth	Philip Koepke – friend of Irene Felicetti Kate Kretschmann- family of Lindy	Dan Torrence – friend of K. Snyder David Van Ness – brother of Missy
Mark – friend of M & D Hillerich	Lindemann	Craig
Patty – sister of C. Paxton Susan – friend of C. Paxton	Karen Kugler – friend of Marty Hillerich	Elaine & Mark Vanderweight- friends of
Tunde – friend of Irene Felicetti	Kenny Manselle—son of June	Jim Paulsson
Sandi Acevedo – sister-in-law of	Manselle	Curtis Weckwerth – cousin of Rich
Acevedo	David McCall – brother of J. Roberts	Weckwerth
Clinton Allen – friend of Jim Paulsson		John and Janet Welther – family of
Laura Anderson – niece of Roberts		Ethel Hamilton
Doug Benoit – St. Paul volunteer		

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