24th Sunday after Pentecost — November 8, 2026

Prelude ***Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*** **arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach**

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Welcome & Announcements –

Veterans – Please Stand – *Veterans Remarks* by John Iannelli

Temple Talk - *The Bells of Hope*

Confession and Forgiveness **ELW 94-95**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **P: Amen**

L: 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. **P: Amen**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,
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.

L: 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. **P: Amen**

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** **ELW 244**

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Apostolic Greeting **ELW Pg. 147**

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

Gloria **ELW 148-149**

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also, with you

L: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **P: Amen**

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 70 *chanted responsively*

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those

who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

***Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation ELW Pg. 151**

Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. P: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 25th Chapter.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* ELW 436

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 People:

L: We pray especially this day for two groups - Children who have no permanent family, and those who have offered their lives to defend and protect freedom and peace.

AM: For all children awaiting adoption, that they may find loving families to encircle them with tenderness, compassion, and stability, and that what went before may not leave untreated trauma, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all veterans, especially those whose duties have left them with emotional or physical scars, that they may be honored for their sacrifices, and that they may know relief from their pain, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the church, especially our own parish, that we may be sensitive to the struggles and perils that some among us have faced, as children or adults, Lord in your mercy,
P: Hear our prayer

AM: For caregivers, social workers, counselors, and support groups, that their efforts may bring a measure of healing to all who have lived through difficult times Lord, in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: And for ourselves, that our own stresses and trials may not leave us defeated, depressed, fearful, or cold-hearted, Lord in your mercy, **P: Hear our prayer**

AM: For our nation that those elected to positions of responsibility choose policies that reflect our most noble and honorable traditions, Lord in your mercy,
P: Hear our prayer

L: For all these, and the intercessions we have not put into words, that God's life-giving love may touch us all as we have need, Lord in your mercy,
P: Hear our prayer. Amen

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(see separate page in back of the bulletin)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also, with you**

Please share a sign of God's peace. ***The offering is received***



Anthem ***I Am Your Servant, Lord***

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Music: Don Besig
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I start every day with a prayer, O Lord, drawing me closer to you. Help me to know I'm never alone; guide me in all that I do. I grow every day in your grace, O Lord, knowing I'm safe in your sight. Show me the way to follow my faith; help me to walk in your light. My heart ever grateful, my voice I will raise; my spirit rejoices in glory and praise. For I will be faithful all of my days. I am your servant, O Lord. I look all around me, what do I see; the bountiful gifts you have given to me, the kindness and friendship of people who care, and the blessing of music to share. I sing every day of your love, O Lord, sharing the joy in my song, in my song. Teach me to live, to trust and forgive; help me be steadfast and strong. My heart ever grateful, my voice I will raise; my spirit rejoices in glory and praise. For I will be faithful all of my days, I am your servant, your faithful servant, I am your servant, O Lord.

Offertory Hymn ***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*** **ELW 184**

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving –

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

The Proper Preface is spoken

L: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

***Sanctus ELW Pg. 153**

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

The Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

***Agnus Dei ELW Pg. 154**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music *When All Thy Mercies, O My God* arr. by John Leavitt

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn ***Let Streams of Living Justice*** **ELW 710**

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Dismissal

AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **P: Thanks be to God**

Postlude ***Jupiter" Theme by Gustav Holst from "The Planets"***
arr. by Eric H. Thiman
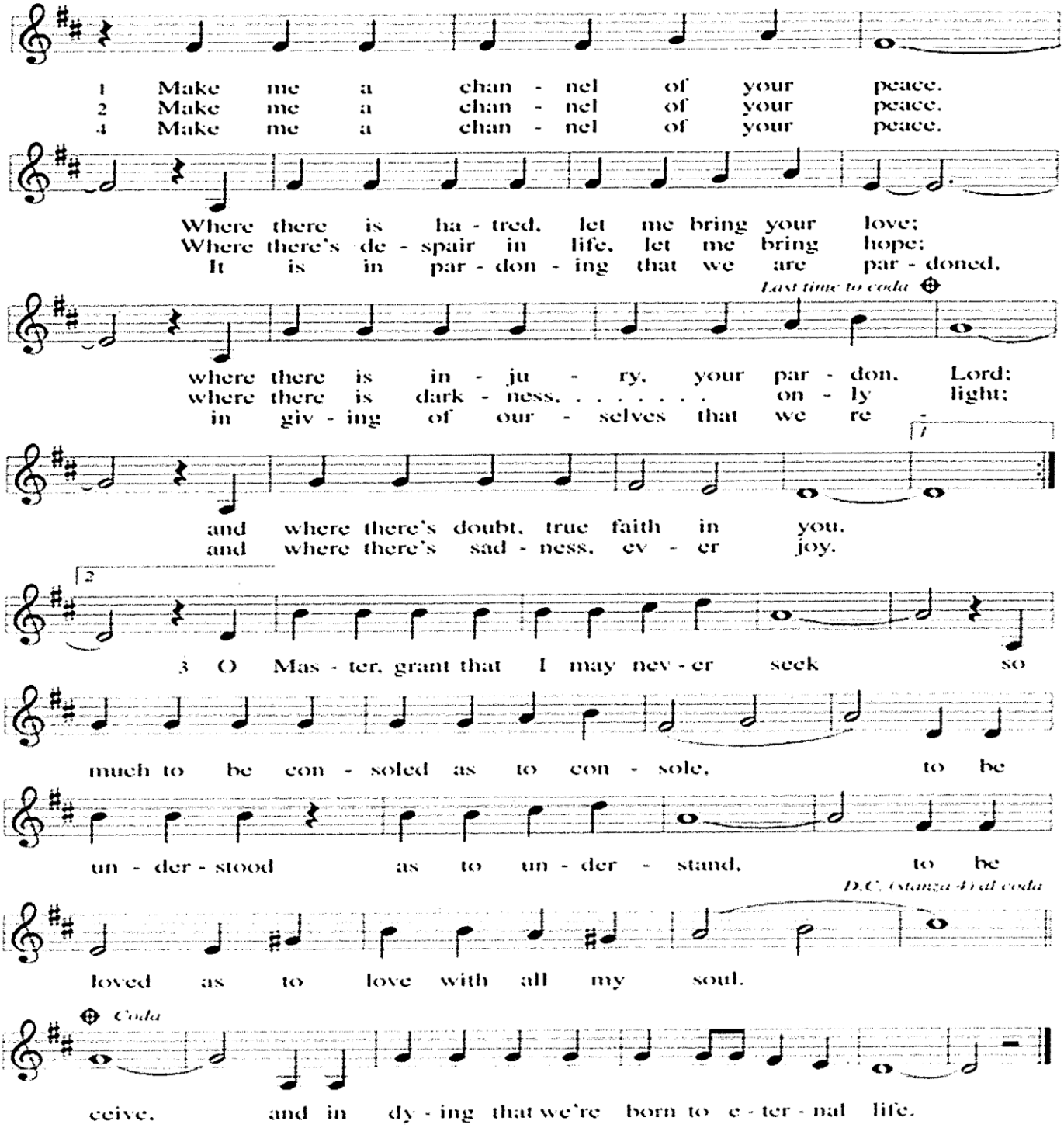
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Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



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Happenings Around the Church

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am $12
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsals – 7-8:30 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Event	Date	Time
NW Hills Exchange Meeting	Mon. 11/9	8:00 am
Church Council Meeting	Mon. 11/9	6:30 pm
Veteran's Day Program	Wed. 11/11	12:00 noon
Toastmaster's Meeting	Wed. 11/11	7:00 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive	Thurs. 11/12	12-7:00 pm
Hilltop Advisory Meeting (zoom)	Thurs. 11/12	4:45 pm
Hilltop Thanksgiving Feast	Fri. 11/13	8am-1pm
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	Fri. 11/13	7:00 pm
Worship & Music Committe (Zoom)	Thurs. 11/19	6:00 pm
IT Committee Meeting (Zoom)	Thurs. 11/19	7:00 pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Center Congregational Church-Torrington	Tues. 11/24	Need time

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	**$6,290**
Received	**$3,106**
Shortfall	**-$3,184**
YTD	**-$97,257**

- **Those interested in becoming official members of St. Paul's, please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.**
- **2027 Pledge Commitment Sheets are in the Narthex and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary – please submit if you haven't already.**





Raffle tickets for the "Comfort of Psalms" quilt created by Judy Ludwig are available in the narthex after worship every Sunday until November 29th, the winning ticket will be drawn on December 1st.

Thank you, Judy, for your beautiful creation, we hope it brings in lots of sales.

Our Winter Coat drive continues until tomorrow. If you have items to donate, please put them in the green bin outside the church doors. All items will be donated to FISH. Thank you to those that have donated already.



In honor of Veterans Day and in Partnership with the NW Hills Exchange Club, there will be a set of 26 commemorative US flags displayed around the Christmas tree in the driveway at St. Paul's. Please take the time to read the information on each flagpole.

There will be a program by the tree (weather permitting) on this Wednesday, Nov. 11th, and we welcome all veterans to join us as we honor those who have served and sacrificed, as well as those continuing to serve.

***Please see Kathy in the office if you would like more information or would like help with refreshments for the program attendees when the service concludes.**

Available for sale in the Narthex after worship



Cards for restaurants, department stores, discount stores and outlet stores, electronics, entertainment, fast food, gas and auto, grocery, home improvement, sporting goods and even universal prepaid cards! Don't see one on the list that's available – just ask.

If you are thinking "ahead of the holidays", put your list together and see the people at the gift card table. You not only save yourself time going shopping but the church also gets a % of your sales.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a list of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott
Casaundra Abeling
Roberta Alteri
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens
Michelle Ahrens

Coni Aparo
Charlie Blakeslee
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Vinni Carey

Bridget Deemer
Emma Cortina
Emily Decker
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott

Diane Engle
Jan Eucalitto
Weston Faith
Amy Falls
Bruce & Liz Falls

Rosemarie Foth
Steven Fosbrook
Bob Frantz
John Lewis
Danise Hall
Marge Kiernan

Renate Higgins
Rusty Judd
Kathleen Hilton
Helenna Hauser
Gloria Thibault

Ed & Anne Grening
Condolences to the
Winslow family

Audrey Marquard
Amber
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine

Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy

Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Karen Pagano
Maria Payne

Melissa Pilbin
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
Baerbel Roehl
Charlotte

Vincent Scarrozzo
Jean Schlapfer
Sarah Seelye
Lucille Videtto
Paul Smith
Marilyn Killingbeck

Sigrid Smitley
Patricia Switzer
Lori Sola
George Gray
Roger Jensen

Rich Zarcone
Kent Madia
Lindsey L.

Justin Wade & Family
The Videtto Family
Eveyln Walters
Sue Watkins
James Weber

Diane Wright
Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed

Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Todd
Robert K.

Hagbard
Peanut
Diane L.
Sandie Harper
Pam Ewing

Michelle
Marci
Diane Tanner
Baby Olive Pressler
Carol DeLeppo
Tom Sterling Sr.

Margaret Miller
Patrick Friday
Shay Cronin
Leigh Martin
Linda Martin

Shirley Moore
Lois Ridgway
Paul Prete

Kyle W.
Rowan
Stefan Nikola J
Janet E.
Wendy Fedor

Laurie Otis
John Fleming
Ethan Troy Danner
Fred Rakyta & family
Ryan English

Mae Johnson
Jackie Fleming
Kiley Lombardo
Christine & Fran Gaffney
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke

Shannon Hilton
Deb & Jon Sterling
David Little
Carol Vrlik
Terry

Ruth Ann Stone
Joyce Young & family
The family & friends of
Cecile Scheidel
The family of Howard
Kreidwise

Shaelynn Holmgren
Bob Hauser
The Marold family
Lori Sola
Sharon Okraska

Kenny Bentley
Paula Rosenbeck
John & Margaret Gibson



OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Francine Ahrens
Dee Gammon
Walter Joray
Mae Fay
Betty Hilton
Midge Rosenbeck



OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above All Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beuis
Dominic Boscarino
Ethan & his Marine Unit

Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson

Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit
Jasmine Schiff & her Navy unit

