Grace Lutheran Church

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

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+ Those who are able please stand.
(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

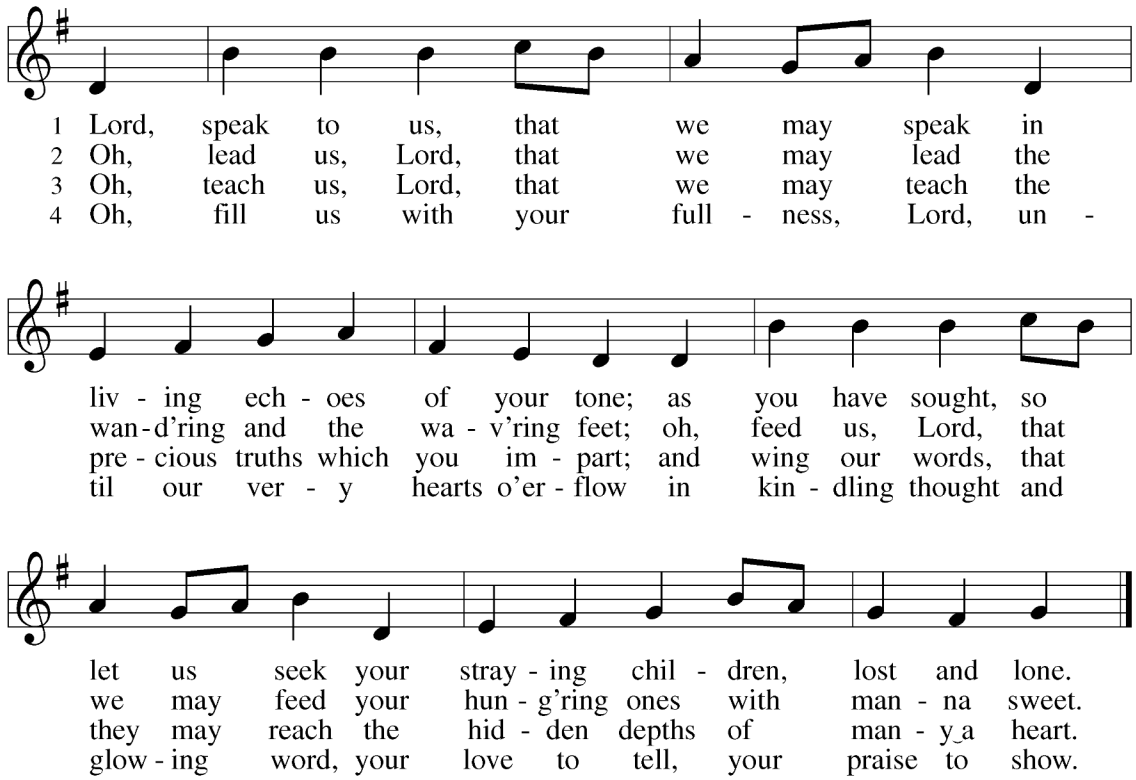
PRELUDE

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" LBW#403



+ GREETING

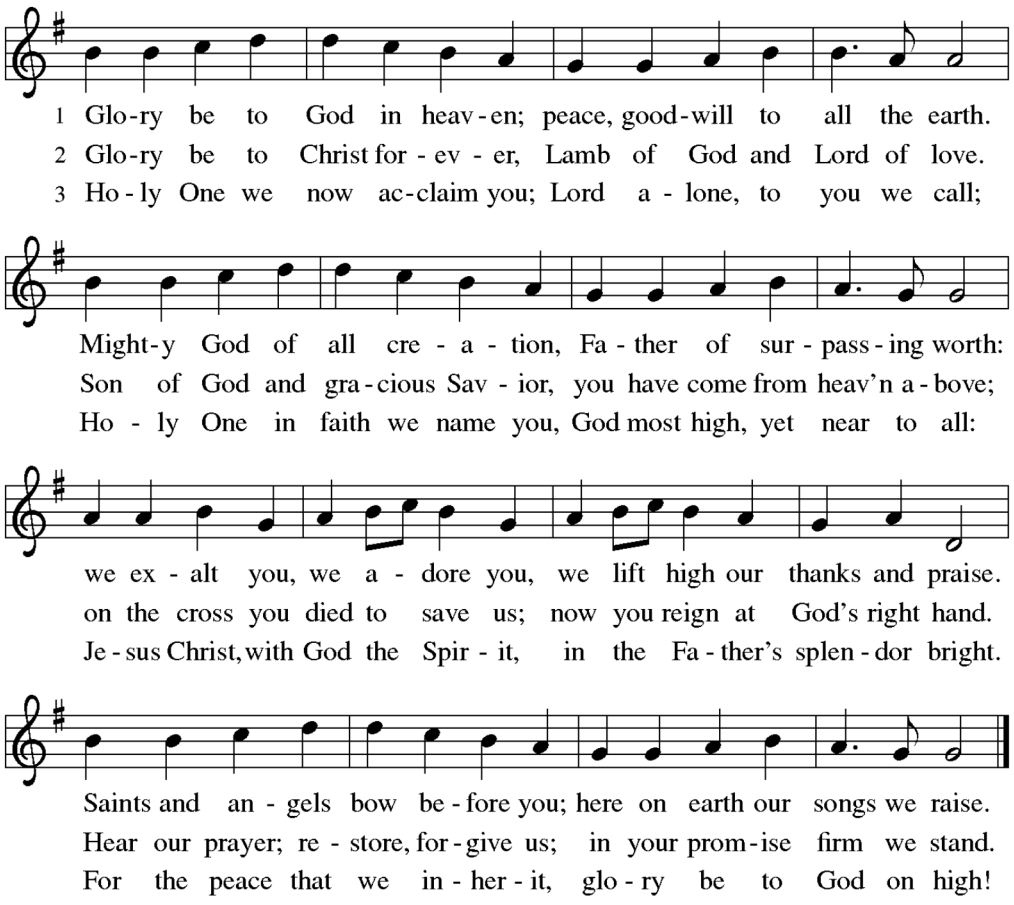
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ KYRIE



+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in
those days; visions were not widespread.
2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying
down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the
temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and
he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I
did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!"
Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not
call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the
Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got
up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord
was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall
say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel
said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

PSALM 139:1-12

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

REFLECTION

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but
test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

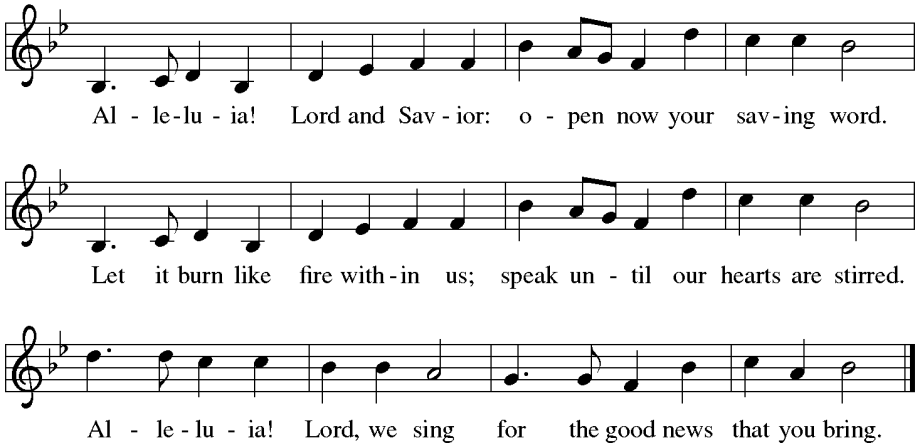
23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is
faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:5-15

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

5 "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the
synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they
have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and
pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that
they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows
what you need before you ask him.

9 "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.

10 May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

14 "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if
you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus "



+ A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces
Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,
We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.
Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served
Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.
Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.
We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.
We pray, Gracious God,
that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.
We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

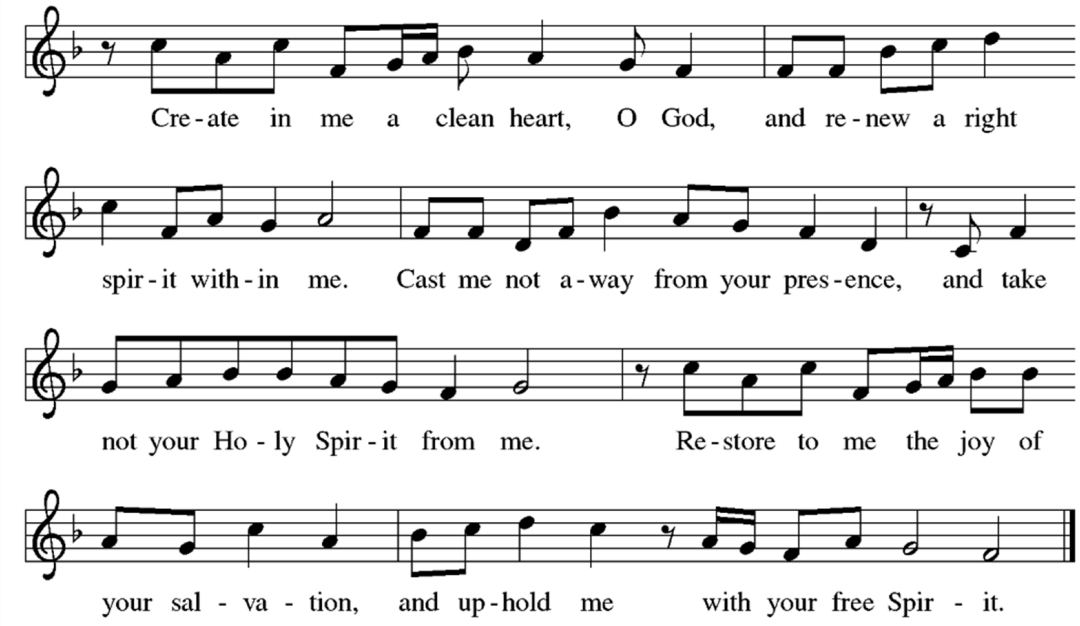
+ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM "It is Well With My Soul" Chancel Choir

+ OFFERTORY SONG



+ OFFERING PRAYER

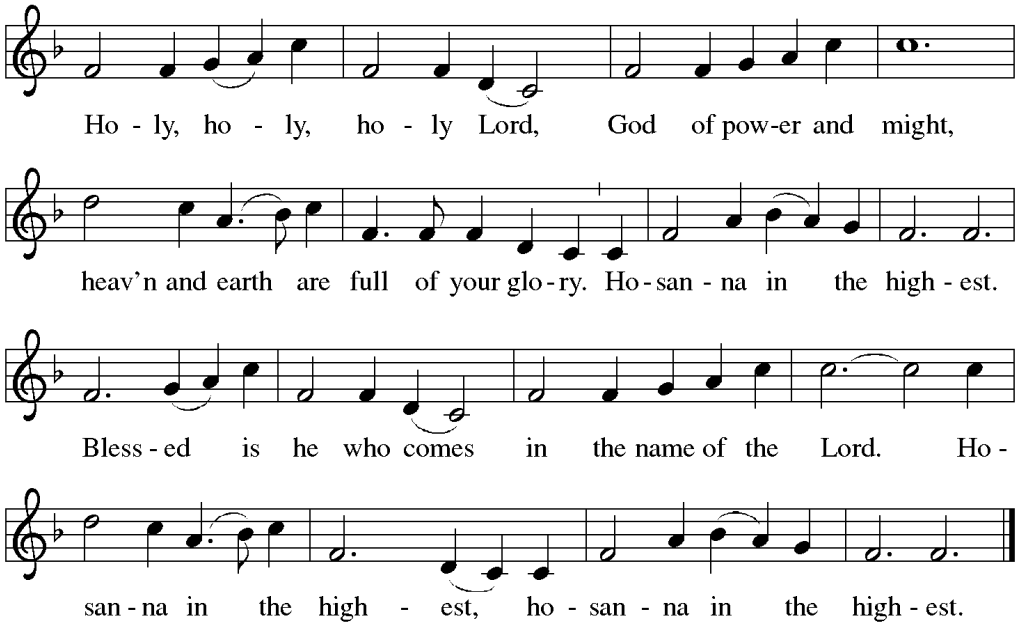
Let us pray together ...
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ 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, 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:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together….

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

May the God of love draw you into the body of Christ and grant you strength and joy in all circumstances and may God ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN **"Here I Am, Lord"** **WOV#752**



+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tony Basinger by his family.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH GROUP FOR LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP.

PRAYERS & PRAISES baskets are located in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to submit a Praise or Prayer to be read during the Prayers of the People. They will be taken to Pastor Josh at the Children's Sermon.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM goal is to help 20 Children this year from China Grove, Millbridge and Knollwood Elementary Schools. Angels are on the back wall of the Sanctuary. Please take as many as you would like to support this year All Angel gifts must be returned back to the church by Sunday, Nov 29th All gifts must be new, unwrapped and returned with Angel attached to gift We also need the Retail Price(not price paid) noted on Angel, so that when sold at the "Knollwood Christmas Store", they will have a base price to adjust from. Proceeds from the "Knollwood Christmas Store" will be used to stock the school clothing closet, and also allow parents to be more involved while shopping Christmas for their children. Any questions please ask anyone from Social Ministries. Cash Donations can also be made in brown envelope marked Christmas Angel.

SHUT IN CHRISTMAS BAGS are in the narthex. Please take a bag and fill it for one of our shut-ins. Return it to the church narthex by December 6. The Youth will distribute the bags to shut-ins when they go caroling. Or you may take the bag directly to the shut-in. Suggestions as to what to put in your bag are also in the narthex.

LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday at Noon in the Parish Hall. Bring your lunch or email Pastor Josh for the link. Readings for next week are Zephaniah 1:7.12-18; Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, and Matthew 25:14-30.

CLEAN WATER 5K will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 8:30am. Early registration will be after church today.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, November 15th for the purpose of voting on Congregation Council Members and the 2027 Proposed Spending Plan.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, November 22 at 5:00pm at Salem Lutheran Church.

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER Order a Boston Butt (8-10 lbs. + Scout-made BBQ souce) by November 18. $40 for whole or $50 for chopped. Pick up on Saturday, November 21, 1-3pm at the Shelter. Purchase a ticket from any Scout or leader or order online at www.scouts315grace.com. Contact Jamey Basinger with any questions 704-796-1445.

USHERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2027 - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve our church family as an usher! Thirty of the 48 available spots have been filled, but we still need a few more helping hands.Would you prayerfully consider serving as an usher for one month in 2027? Please scan the QR code to sign up or contact Head Usher Gary Elmore if you are interested.

Serving 11/8/2026	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Youth
Lector	Youth
Communion Assistant	Youth
Acolyte	Cruz Beers
Security Team	Randall Miller, Cody Ritchie
Sound System	Kurt Weddington
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Youth

Serving 11/15/2026	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Leslie Sechler
Lector	David Miller
Communion Assistant	Lynn Lippard, David Miller
Acolyte	Clara Linker
Security Team	Robert Hunter, Monty Brown
Sound System	Carson Hurst
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Michael & Kristi Miller, Cooper & Olivia

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Kelly Shores, Tara Mills, Robert Hunter, David Miller, Jeff Ritchie, Louise Vaughn, Arlene Wise

Community Concerns:

Lily Gariepy *(Fish Fry Recipient),* David Stirewalt *(Gene Stirewalt),* Jerry Hurlbut *(Jackie Hurlbut),* Brian Collins *(Barbara Collins),* Patsy Myers *(Patty Linker),* Georgia Flanagan *(Tara Mills),* Bobby Barringer *(Tara Mills),* Ruby Faith Tyer *(Shelly Hunter),* Frances Yost Basinger *(Cassandra Kluttz),* Danny Schenck *(Randy Basinger)*

Comfort:

Family and friends of Martha Lyerly

Family and friends of Don Hefner

Family and friends of Patsy Myers

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Joe Miller, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Mike Stout, Nancy Shue, Roy Morris, Rebekah Safriet, Kelly Shores, Mary Gentry

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; our school teachers, staff and administrators