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PALMS PASTOR PULPIT EXCHANGE



November 10, 2024 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

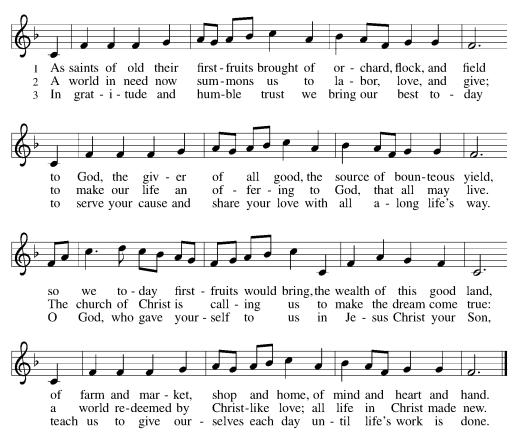
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.
- P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.
- C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 695

As Saints of Old



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- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

L: A reading from the seventeenth chapter of 1 Kings

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

- L: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C: ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- L: ³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C: ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

- L: ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- C: ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- L: ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
- C: ⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- L: ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C: ¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last

day.

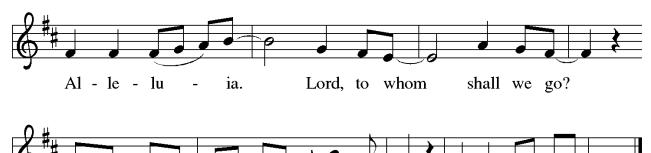
L: A reading from the 9th chapter of Hebrews.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

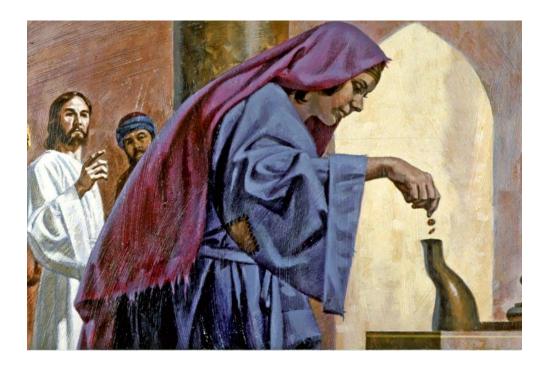


The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

- P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- P: ³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."
- ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."
- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Day by Day



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Apostle's 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 INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders in all PALM Congregations. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts (*current places of war and conflict may be named*) and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill (*especially*). Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

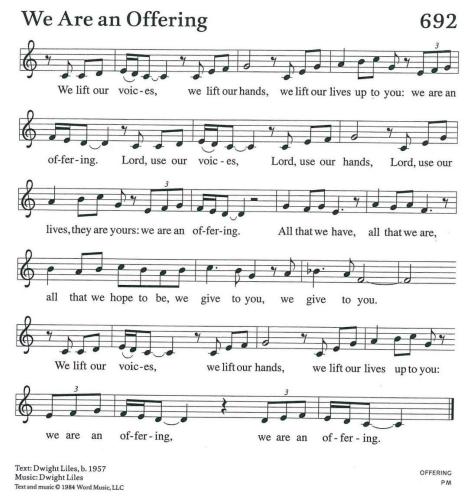
- P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: "Heal This Land"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Offering Prayer

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

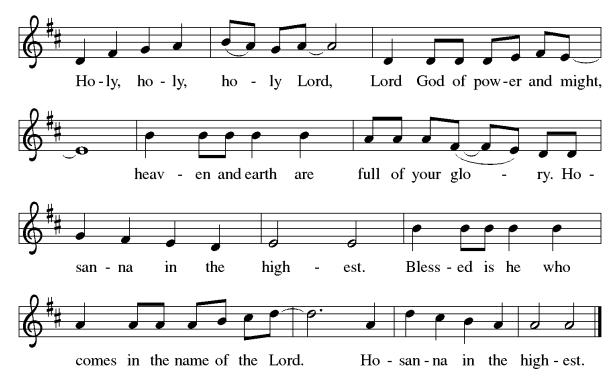
P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

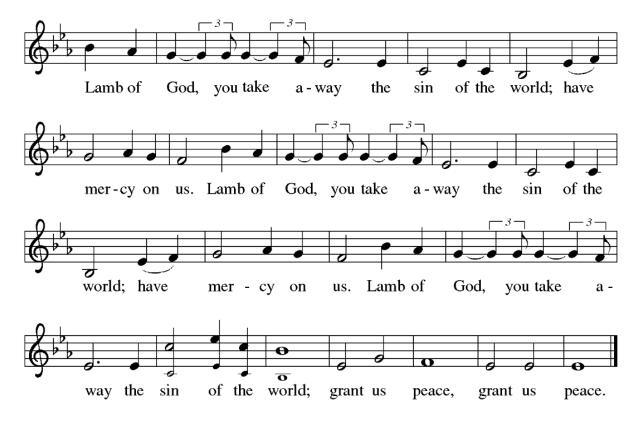
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C: 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.

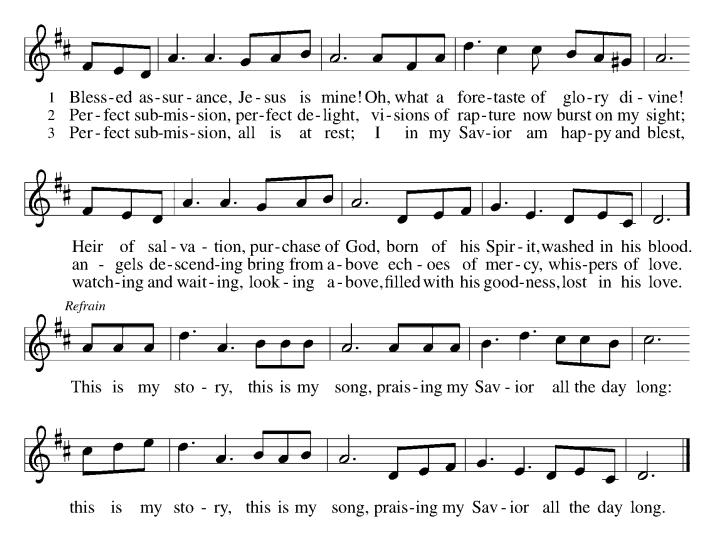
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

Blessed Assurance



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Prayer after Communion

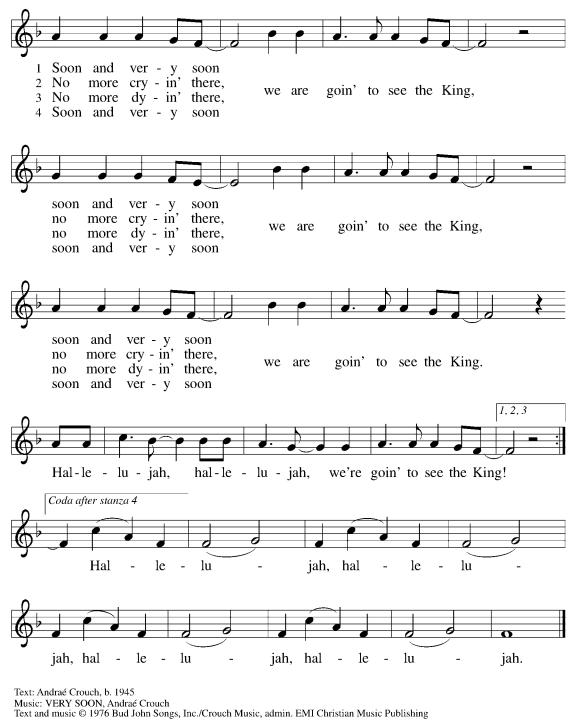
- P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

C: Amen

Soon and Very Soon



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DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for November will be given to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected by the recent devastating storms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS						
November	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS	
10	Martin Luther, Nicholas Phillips					
12	Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller, Cathy Mueller					
		THIS WE	EK'S ACT	IVITIES		
Sunday, November 10 25 th Sunday after Pentecost		9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00PM-7:00 PM		Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship Confirmation Class @ Trinity Pleasant Valley		
Monday, November 11 Tuesday, November 12		1:00 PM- 3:00 PM 1:00 PM 7:00PM		Admin Office Hours Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office Monthly Council Meeting		
Wednesday, November 13 Thursday, November 14		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours Office Hours		
		12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Friday, November 15 Saturday, November 16		9:30 - 10:30 AM 5:00 PM-7:00 PM		Guardians for God Messy Church @ Durham		
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Sunday, November 17 26 th Sunday after Pentecost Monday, November 18		9:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM		Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship Admin Office Hours December Newsletter Submissions Due!		
Wednesday, November 20 Thursday, November 21		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Office Hours Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Friday, November 22 Sunday, November 24 Christ the King		9:30 - 10:30 AM 9:15 AM 10:00 AM After worship 5:00 - 7:30 PM		Guardians for God (Last one this year!) Adult Sunday School in Library Communion Worship Faith Conversation Opportunity Confirmation Class @ Durham		
Wednesday, November 27 Thursday, November 28 THANKSGIVING		10:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours No Office hours		



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Mary Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella

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For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Norma Fox and Kenneth Hager

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmanmana@icloud.com

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Greeter(s)	Lilly O'Brien and Family			
Acolyte	Tucker Wagner			
Lector	Val McGinn			
Head / Communion Usher	Ben and Josephine Williams			
Council Communion / Counting Team	Karen Beerer & Cathy Meuller			
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson			
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner			
Custodian	Dianna Streletz			

Worship Assistants



Veterans - Celebration and Remembrance

James H. Altemose - US Army Reserves - 1958-1964 Austin Apgar - Newly Enlisted in the US Army Edward J. Ballek - US Army, Battery C, 75th Gun Battalion - 1948-1954 Edward Crouse - (Deceased) Private, US Army - 1948-1954 Leo P. Fox - (Deceased) US Navy, Ship's Cook Class 3 - 1944-1946 **Robert Fox - US Army** Scott Gaun - Senior Airman, US Air Force - 1984-1988 Gene Gribbin - (Deceased) Sergeant, US Army - 1950-1952 Michael Hesser - Sergeant, US Marine Corps - 2010-2014 David H. Holland - (Deceased) US Marine Corps - Killed in action 1967 Myron Kressman - (Deceased) US Army - 1969-1971 W. Robert Litzenberger - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army - 1950-1952 John Luther - (Deceased) Private, US Army 351st Infantry, 88th Division, KIA Italy 1944 Paul McGinn - Specialist 4, US Army - 1970's Wayne Mesko - Staff Sergeant, US Air Force, 99th Bomb Wing - 1966-1970 James Miller - US Navy - 1965-1968 Robert J Newcomb - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, Medical Technician - 1951-1953 Harold E. Nicholas - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, 2nd Armored Division - 1951-1953 David Pyne - Petty Officer 2nd Class E-4, US Navy, USS Gettysburg - 1994-1998 Elizabeth Roberts - US Air Force Christopher Roberts - US Army Blake Rodd - US Army - 2010-2014 Silas Rodenbach - US Army - 1952-1954 Christopher S Seifert - (Deceased) Captain, US Army, 101st Airborne, KIA 2003 Hal Taylor - (Deceased) Lieutenant, US Navy, Field Intelligence - 1966-1969 Edward H Xander - Corporal, US Marine Corps - 1955-1959

