


Shepherd of the Hills
LUTHERAN CHURCH

13600 Caspian Lane
Clermont, FL 34711
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024
9:30am

Rev. Dennis Schmidt, Pastor
Rev. Julie Frank, guest Pastor
Joe Foryan, Worship Coordinator
Paul Motto, Organist/Pianist

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Mission Statement: "Make Known God's Grace"
Motto: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

WELCOME! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We pray that you will find our worshipping community to be welcoming and a place where you will hear and feel God's grace. If you are new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area where you can get additional information. We trust God's Spirit has led you here and that God will speak to you today.

NEW MEMBERS

***If you would like to inquire about membership here at SOTH,
please notify the church office for more information.***

Hearing Amplification Devices Available

Please see an usher if you would like to use a device to assist in hearing.

In Need of a Bible? A member of our church has graciously donated a supply of Bibles to be given to anyone in need of one. Pick one up from the Welcome Center Table in the back of the church.

*Restrooms are located in both the Education and Administrative wings.
Baby Changing Station is located in the Restroom in the Education wing.*

Holy Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you at your seat.

Communion wafers & wine are offered. **Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we do not use Intinction at this time.**

Grape juice (instead of wine) and gluten free wafers (non-wheat) are available by request when you come forward to receive communion.

*Reference to hymnals are as follows: **LBW:** Lutheran Book of Worship hymnal (green); **WOV:** With One Voice (blue); **ELW:** Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal*

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Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

A TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you!



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God our shepherd,

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

L: ⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*read in unison*)

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for
Your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

L: ¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(spoken together)*

Alleluia.

**Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me.**

Alleluia.



***GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, beginning in the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] 11"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Blessed Assurance"

WOV 699 v1-3



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

***THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Sung before and after the prayers.*)**

“Surely the Presence Of The Lord”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

(Response after each petition:)

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

C: And also, with you.

P: We share God’s peace with one another.



MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

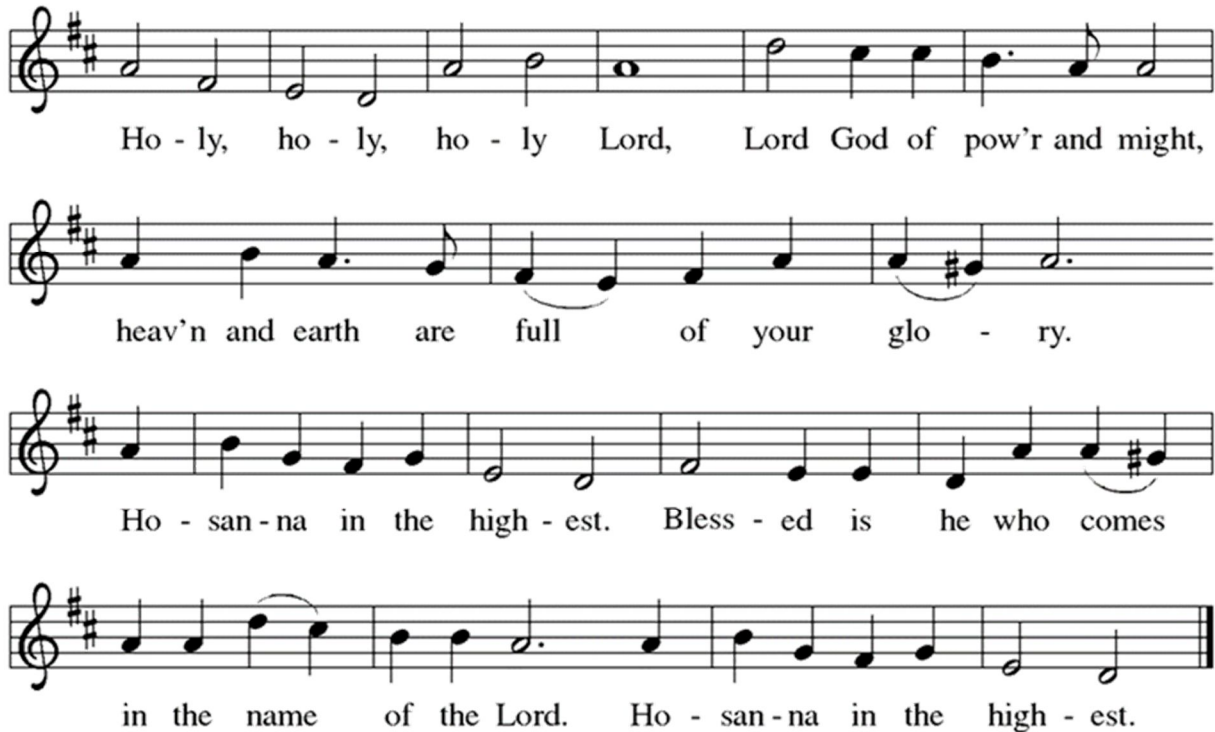
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: 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,. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

***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, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

***THE 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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

"Beautiful Savior"

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

Tune: *Amazing Grace*

ELW 838 v1-4

WOV 781 v1-4

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✝
strengthen and preserve you and keep you in His grace.*

C: Amen.

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***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Awesome God”

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow’r, and love—
our God is an awesome God! (repeat)**

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

COMMUNITY SHARING

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.*


C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**


"This Is The Day"

W&P 141


Refrain




This is the day that the Lord has made! Re - joice! Re -




joice, and be ex-ceed-ing glad! This is the day that the



Lord has made! Re - joice! Re-joice! Hal-le - lu - jah!



1 Christ has con- quered death at last, left the tomb that held him fast!
2 Je - sus lives who once was dead, crown of glo - ry on his head.



Refrain

Gone the sor - row, gone the night. Dawns the morn - ing clear and bright!
Ris - en now our Lord and King; songs of glad - ness let us sing.

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



SERVING IN WORSHIP	
<i>TODAY 4/21/2024</i>	
LAY MINISTER	Noah Gooding
LECTOR	Stella Halbert
COMM. ASSISTANT	Jeannie Gennrich
POWERPOINT	??
USHERS	??

SERVING IN WORSHIP	
<i>NEXT SUNDAY 4/28/2024</i>	
LAY MINISTER	Noah Gooding
LECTOR	Sylvia Quayle
COMM. ASSISTANT	Barbara Lentz & Jayla Gooding
POWERPOINT	??
USHERS	??

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Announcements



This Week at Our Church

Sunday	4/21	9:30am	Sunday Worship/Sunday School Cruisers Return
Tuesday	4/23	8:00am 10:00am	Pastor's Prayer Breakfast Women's Circle
Wednesday	4/24	6:00pm	Choir
Thursday	4/25	2:30	Chimes



Attendance

April 14, 2024

86

Church Giving Totals *Online* 35

Weekly Giving Totals*	\$ 9,713
Budgeted Weekly Giving	\$ 3,202
Difference Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 6,511

*Figures are for April 1 - April 7



April 21 - April 27

Wayne Ahlers

Apr. 25



Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar on Sunday, April 21 are given to the Glory of God by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Women's Circle



Quilting and Sewing and Stuffing

Come and join our Women's Circle! We have projects that everyone can join in! Your help is always appreciated. We meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

We hope to see you!!

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Youth News

The youth would like to ask you to prayerfully consider making a direct contribution to them to assist in covering costs for the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip.

Also, if you could mark your calendars for Saturday May 4th. The youth will be having a Taco Night and a raffle at the church at 4:00.



Amazing gift baskets have been created to be raffled off for the youth. Each basket has its own jar for tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or \$5 for 20. Winner to be drawn at Taco night, May 4th. Please see Stella, Lindy or any of our wonderful youth to get your tickets.

THE FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD AND LUTHER SPRINGS INVITE ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP AND TO RECEIVE A BLESSING AND A SENDING FROM BISHOP SUAREZ.

BISHOP'S BLESSING

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Saturday May 11, 2024 10am

Luther Springs-Atonement Chapel

10am refreshments-11am worship-lunch following

Graduating high school seniors, their families, rostered ministers, congregational leadership, and any leaders involved in campus ministry or young adult ministry are welcome to attend this event to honor our seniors as they move on to the next chapter of their lives!

***Funding for this event provided by the Luther Springs Young Adult Ministry V2A Grant**

RSVP HERE:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BISHOPSBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/bishopsblessing)

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Behold! I stand at the door and knock.



Beginning on April 24th, we will be holding a weekly prayer group to help us through our time of transition. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Choir Room. All are welcome. Feel free to come one time or be a "regular" every Wednesday.



Pastor's Breakfast

Come and join us each Tuesday morning at 8:00am at iHop (Highway 27) for breakfast. We have some lively discussions and it is a great way to start your day!

Sign up . . .



and join our
Family!

If you would like to join our membership here, we would invite you to pick up a membership form at the Volunteer table.

If you have any questions please talk to an usher. They will be in the back of the church to help answer your questions.



In light of Pastor's and Rita's retirement, the Council has determined that it would be appropriate that we present them with a retirement honorarium. Pastor has given our church 8 wonderful and often trying years. He has weathered a hurricane blowing the roof off our building, holding service in at least 4 temporary venues and of course getting through the Covid years. He has been a rock and a guiding light for our congregation. In appreciation for all they have done, we are asking that you generously give a monetary gift which will be presented to them upon their retirement. You can give either cash or check and place it in the offering basket or drop off at the church office. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark it retirement or Pastor gift. Thank you.


If you would like to volunteer to help in worship as a lay minister, lector, communion assistant, power point operator, broadcast engineer or usher, please sign up at the volunteer table in the back of the church or on the church website: shephillsclermont.org.

SENDING HYMN

"This Is the Day"

W&P 141 sing 2x

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*
Darlene Andreachi
John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*
Marquis Beagle, *dear friend of Kathy Oberg*
Barbara Blaisdell, *mother of Tina Blaisdell*
William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*
Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*
Kelly Carpenter
Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*
Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*
Kevin Corcoran, *brother-in-law of Sue Meier*
Barbara Daniels
Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*
Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*
Duane Fry, *son of Nancy Fry*
Nancy Fry
Carroll Fulmer
Craig Gennrich, *son of Jeanie Gennrich*
Kristi Genopolos, *daughter of George Lentz*
The Habeck Family, *friends of Joe Foryan*
Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*
Sandy & Denny Horazak, *sister and brother-in-law of Pat Rach*
Daniel & Kasper, *nephews of Mindy Longenbach*
Bobby McGee, *son-in-law of Marge Zuelke*
The Melnikoff Family, *relatives of Joe Foryan*
Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*
Joe Montfort
Madelyn Nackashi, *friend of Jim & Marie Johnson*
Kathy Oberg
Rakesh Premdass, *son of Chandra Premdass*
Arie Ruvinsky, *cousin of Diane Cowitt*
Charles Sheerin
Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*
Ed Simone, *Joe Foryan's son*
Jordyn Smith, *daughter of Robert & Linda Smith*
Kathy Thorby
Linda Wasley

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

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Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*
Henry Wong
Arthur Wrobel, *brother of Marion Dielman*
Deeana, *friend of Joe Foryan*
Emma, *friend of Joe Foryan*
Melissa

OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Michael Reid, US Marines, *Darlene Andreachis nephew's son*
Capt. USAF Griffith Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son-in-law*
Capt. USAF Kat Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's daughter*
SPC Thomas and 2nd LT Justin Leugers, US Army, *Jim Kern's nephew's son*
Tech Sgt Joe and Staff Sgt Travis Leugers, USAF, *Jim Kern's nephew's son*
Capt. Neils Seim USAF, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Lt. Justin Seim US Army, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Staff Sgt. William Silva, US Army, *close friend of Tina Blaisdell*
SGT USAF Andrew Stutesman, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son*