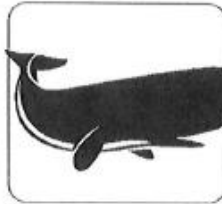


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A Children's Christmas Service

Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" st. 1,2 (CW 327)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

2 O come, O Root of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and bring them vict'ry o'er the
grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and
actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus
Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given
his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a
called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Psalm 85

Refrain (Sung by Sunday School Children)

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

Choir: You showed favor to your land, O Lord:
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people
And covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,
And grant us your salvation.

Refrain (Sunday School)

Choir: I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
He promises peace to his people, his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him.
That his glory may dwell in our land.,

Love and faithfulness meet together;
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain (All)

INTRODUCTION

Narration:

Have you ever heard the phrase “A picture paints a thousand words”? Sometimes things that are difficult to explain verbally can be better understood when depicted visually. Jesus often spoke using parables. These stories share spiritual truths using pictures of familiar things in our world: a mustard seed, a rebellious child, a wedding banquet, a lost coin. In the same way, God gives illustrations throughout Scripture that point to this central message of his Holy Word: He promised and sent us a Savior, who is Christ the LORD. Let’s gaze with wonder at some of those illustrations and renew our hearts and joy through our Savior Jesus.

Part 1. FROM PROBLEM TO PROMISE

Narration:

In the first book of the Bible—Genesis, chapter 3—we’re told that God created two perfect humans called Adam and Eve. Not long after they were created, they disobeyed God’s command and brought the corruption of sin into the world. When God gave the first promise of the Savior, he spoke to Satan the tempter, who was in the form of a serpent.

Recitation - All Grades:

“I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

Narration:

The promised Savior would be born from mankind. God paints a picture of this offspring of Eve crushing Satan and all his power underfoot. But the serpent is not only a picture of the problem of sin. Later in the Old Testament there was a time when the Israelites were plagued by poisonous snakes and dying from their bites because of their rebellious sin. God commanded Moses to make a snake of bronze and hang it on a pole before the people. God promised that all who looked at the bronze snake would be spared from death. Jesus recalls this event in the book of John chapter 3. He shows how it points to the time when he himself would be hung on a cross to save all people.

Recitation (Grades 6-8):

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:14-17).

Hymn (Congregation): “The Tree of Life” (CW 574)

1 The tree of life with ev’ry good in Eden’s holy orchard stood,
and of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew;
its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had
warned.

2 The stillness of that sacred grove was broken as the serpent strove
with tempting voice Eve to beguile and Adam to by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and
death, its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.

3 What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by his grace,
in sending One from woman’s seed, the One to fill our greatest need —
for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die, would drink
the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent’s head!

4 Now from that tree of Jesus’ shame flows life eternal in his name;
for all who trust and will believe, salvation’s living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat,
to find within this cross of wood the tree of life with ev’ry good.

Part 2. FROM SACRIFICE TO SUBSTITUTE

Narration:

After the fall, Adam and Eve’s family grew and began to fill the earth. Many years later God appeared to their descendent Abraham and promised him that his descendants would number as many as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. God also promised that the Savior would be born from his family. But then a little while later God asked Abraham to do the unthinkable, something that seemed to contradict God’s earlier promise to Abraham. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac.

Recitation (Grades 2-5):

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My Father?” He said, “I am here, my son.” He said “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son” (Genesis 22:6-8).

Narration:

Isaac did not die that day. As Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, God stopped him and provided a ram to substitute for Isaac. Each one of us could never make sufficient sacrifice for the sins we commit. Staring eternal death in the face, we see in 1 Peter that God himself provides his Son to pay the necessary sacrifice for our salvation. Jesus’ perfect life provides the perfection we are unable to achieve on our own. Jesus’ suffering on the cross at Calvary pays the price for our every sin. As God the Father rightfully raises his hand to kill each of us for our sins, he stops himself and provides his own Son as our substitute to die in our place. Listen as the apostle Peter explains:

Recitation (Grades 6-8):

“[Jesus] did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:22-24).

Hymn (Congregation): “O Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly” (CW 366)

1 O rejoice, all Christians, loudly, for our joy has now begun;
wondrous things our God has done. Tell abroad his goodness proudly,
who our race has honored thus, that he has befriended us.

Refrain:

Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness! Christ has done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining, for the Sun of grace is shining!

2 See, my soul, your Savior chooses poverty and weakness, too;
in such love he comes to you. Neither crib nor cross refuses,
all he suffers for your good to redeem you by his blood. (*Refrain*)

3 Lord, how shall I thank you rightly? I am saved eternally
by your life and death for me. Let me not forget it lightly,
but with all my heart believe that from you I shall receive. (*Refrain*)

4 Jesus, guard and guide your members, fill them with your boundless grace,
hear their prayers in ev'ry place. Fan to life faith's glowing embers;
grant all Christians far and near holy peace, a glad new year. (*Refrain*)

Part 3. FROM LAMB TO LOVING SACRIFICE

Narration:

The grandson of Abraham was Jacob, whom God gave the name Israel. His descendants became the nation of Israel, and they were enslaved in Egypt for hundreds of years. God used the nation's exodus from Egypt as yet another illustration that points to our Savior, the Lamb of God. On the night before the Israelites were freed from slavery, God gave the following instructions to Moses:

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt . . . "Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. . . .

You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. . . .

For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt." (Exodus 12:1,3,6,7,12,13).

The blood of the slaughtered lamb protected the Israelites from the righteous wrath of God. Centuries later John the Baptist, who was Jesus' cousin, pointed to Jesus as the perfect sacrifice whose blood would cleanse the world from their sins. Recalling the final plague in Egypt and the blood of the lamb by which God's people were saved from death, John points to Jesus with these words:

Recitation (PreK-1):

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Hymn (Congregation): "Joy Has Dawned" st. 1,3,4 (CW 352)

1 Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love- Jesus born of Mary.

3 Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story:
gold- a king is born today; incense God is with us;
myrrh- his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.

4 Son of Adam Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our might-y champion!
What a Savior! What a friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

Part 4. FROM BRANCH TO BETHLEHEM

Narration:

After delivering his people from slavery in Egypt, God led the nation of Israel to the land of Canaan, which had been promised to Abraham. Here, Israel would become a great nation. They would be ruled one day by King David. The prophet Isaiah tells us that King David's father, Jesse, would be the stump from which the branch of the promised Savior would come forth.

Recitation (Grades 2-5):

A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and the fear of the LORD. He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-3).

Hymn: "Behold, a Branch Is Growing" st. 1,2,4 (CW 360)

1 (Children) Behold, a branch is growing of loveliest form and grace!
As prophets sang, foreknowing, it springs from Jesse's race
and now begins to flow'r in midst of coldest winter, at deepest
midnight hour.

2 (Children) Isaiah had foretold it in words of promise sure,
and Mary's arms enfold it, a virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
this child to her is given at midnight calm and still.

4 (**Congregation**) O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory, who conquered all our foes,
bring us at last, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

Narration (responsive):

The prophet Micah points to the Messiah who would be born in Bethlehem, the town of King David. Please join in reading this prophecy from Micah chapter 5 verses 2 through 4 responsively:

Women: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah,

Men: from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel. His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity."

Women: Therefore the LORD will give them up, until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child.

Men: Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel.

All: He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth.

Recitation (Grades 6-8):

Luke Chapter 2, verses 1-5 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This

was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (Congregation) st. 1,3,4 (CW 358)

1 Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

3 This is he whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

4 Let the heights of heav’n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,
pow’rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev’ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

Part 5. FROM MAJESTY TO MANGER

Narration:

Finally, the time came for the Savior to come to earth, for the Messiah to be made man, for the promised and prophesied one to be born and placed in a manger. Isaiah clearly shows us this is no ordinary baby. He came from the majesty of heaven and became like us—human, born of a virgin. He is God with us: Immanuel.

Recitation (All Grades):

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Recitation (PreK-1):

Luke Chapter 2, verses 6 & 7: While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Narration:

Angels proclaimed the arrival of the long-awaited Savior of the world to shepherds watching their sheep just outside of Bethlehem. The message and the messengers were a spectacular sight and sound, but the Messiah would be found seemingly helpless and in a lowly place.

Recitation (Grades 2-5):

Luke Chapter 2, verses 8-14: There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the LORD. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Narration:

The shepherds were filled with joy and responded immediately.

Recitation (Grades 6-8):

Luke Chapter 2, verses 15-20: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and

pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Hymn: (Children) “Away in a Manger” (CW 341)

“Away in a Manger” (CW 341)

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Part 6. FROM JONAH TO ETERNAL JOY

Narration:

The birth of the Savior would be meaningless had he not completed the work he came into the world to accomplish. Jesus himself pointed to his own death and resurrection when he talked with the Pharisees and the teachers of the law about the sign of Jonah.

Recitation (PreK-1):

For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40).

Narration:

The final illustration of Immanuel points to his death and victory over the grave. Jesus completed the work of salvation when he rose from the dead. He crushed the power of Satan under foot and proclaimed victory over death—not just for himself but for all who

place their trust in him. Paul writes to the believers in Corinth to assure them that through the resurrection of Christ Jesus, they too will live eternally with him in heaven.

Recitation by Congregation (1 Corinthians 15:20-22):

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive.

Narration:

From beginning to end and everywhere in between, God illustrates pictures for us that point us to his Son, Jesus—the King of kings who came down from heaven and was born in a lowly manger. He became one of us. He lived perfectly in our place. He suffered the consequence of our sin. He completed the work of our salvation in his resurrection. Because of all this, we are guaranteed victory over sin and death and promised eternal joy in heaven, where we will join to sing the praises of the King of kings forever.

Song by all children: “Immanuel” by Kathleen Schroeder

1 O can you see the pictures God paints throughout his Word?
We see them in the Scriptures; their echoes can be heard:
the shadows of the future, our God’s eternal plan
for bringing us salvation—we sing his praise a-gain.

Refrain:

The Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Holy One of whom we sing,
the Word made flesh, a helpless child, the Son of God, so meek and
mild—Immanuel.

2 Then climbing up a mountain a wooden cross he bears;
fulfills his Father’s bidding, a sacrifice pre-pared—
not year-old lamb or firstfruit on altar made of stone,
his body and his lifeblood for all would now atone. (*Refrain*)

3 Then in that very moment all prophecy fulfilled,
our Savior crushed the serpent and all creation stilled.
They laid him in a tomb there, the lifeless Son of Man.
But death could never hold him—the Son would rise again! (*Refrain*)

4 Redeemed, our hearts now worship this infant Savior-King.
We kneel beside his cradle and hear the angels sing.
With thankfulness we serve him in ev'rything we do.
We lift our songs to heaven with joyful praises to . . . (*Refrain*)

Pastor's message: Sermonette

Offering: Senior Choir

Prayer for Christmas

Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (CW 363)

Children

1 Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
he from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;
not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Congregation

2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
thro' thy grace and merit, blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!

3 Now through his Son doth shine the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity
till he opened for us a bright eternity.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground,
where the angels singing with all his saints unite,
sweetest praises bringing in heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Members, Visitors & Guests – Welcome to St. Matthew’s!

Let us rejoice today that we are not angels, and we know this for sure because Christ came as our brother to suffer for us so that through him we will conquer sin and death.

If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week – 328 (155, 105, 68) Bible Classes – 45

Offering Last Week – \$16,676.75 Sunday School – 16

(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” Isaiah 52:7.

Announcements:

1. **Thank You Volunteers!!** A most gracious appreciation goes out to the MANY volunteers that helped with another very successful Christmas for Kids Program last Saturday. We had a total of 63 that had registered and 56 children were able to attend our program. We may not know the spiritual effect on a young heart but are assured that God blessed our efforts with this program. Thank you once again for your food donations, time and faithful support of this outreach effort. *The Outreach/Fellowship Committee*
2. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today between services in the Fellowship area. We will continue studying the book of Zechariah.
3. **The Women’s Bible Study** The Women’s Bible Study will meet in the library Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. All women are welcome!
4. **Sunday School** Sunday School will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
5. **Annual Report** Councilmen, organizations and anyone else wanting to be included in the 2024 Annual Report should have your information to Lori Sage by **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**. Reports can be emailed to lsage@stmatthewsjanesville.org.
6. **Forward in Christ 2025** If you’d like to receive a copy of Forward in Christ each month, please fill out the envelope located on the

bulletin board in the lower hallway and return with payment to the church office. A check can be made out to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The cost of the magazine is \$12.00 for the year. **Checks are due by Sunday, January 12, 2025.**

7. **2024 Flower Chart** If you would like to supply altar flowers for a Sunday in 2025, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Thank you!
8. **The Ladies Guild** would like to send a gift card to support all St. Matthew's members who are away at college or in the military. Please email their address to Theresa Biele at tbiele28@yahoo.com or call her at 608-751-1050. You could also contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Jerry Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain,
Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

CODS:

Sunday December 22, 8:00 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. – George Ehlers

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. – Karl Kroening

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade

Next Week CODS:

Sunday December 29, 8:00 a.m. – Marc Augsburg

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Greeters

Sunday, December 22, 8:00 a.m. – Dale & Lynn Beutin

Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. – Ann Janke

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, December 29, 8:00 a.m. – Bob & Linda Williams

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. – Mary Kowal

Church Cleaning:

December 28, 2024 – Phil Fry & Craig Groninger families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Service 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Christmas Day Service 9:00 a.m.

Sunday

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

No Sunday School or Bible Class

Upcoming Worship Services

St. Matthew's Christmas Services

Sunday, December 22, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

(Sunday School Christmas Service 10:30 a.m. – Sr. Choir Sings)

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

(Candlelight Service – Sr. Choir Sings)

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 a.m.

(Christmas Day Service with Orchestra)

Sunday, December 29, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

(No Sunday School or Bible Class)



*We thank all who beautified our
worship this Christmas
with poinsettias!*



*Dale & Lynn Beutin in memory of grandparents, parents, brother,
sister-in-law, nephew*

David & Laurie Benson in memory of Marvin & Marion Schumacher

Charlotte Bothum in memory of Chuck & Irene Lauer & John Schroeder

Nick & Nicole Caminata in memory of Dad

Jim & Shirley Daley in memory of their parents

*Don & Bridget Dickinson in memory of Norm & Grace Dickinson &
Barb & Ludwig Kavetschanky*

Bill and Lois Forbes in memory of their parents

Scott & Hany Fugate

Beverly Gasner in memory of her husband Jerry Gasner

Tom & Cheryl Heth in memory of their parents

Pastor James & Ann Janke in memory of our faithful Christian fathers

Susan Kutz in memory of her father, Jay Rhodes

John & Karen Leeder in memory of their sons John & A.J.

Dennis & Shirley Leffel in memory of Delmar Leffel, Dennis's dad

*McIlvain family in memory of Wayne & Joyce Rohloff, Shirley Jacob &
Alberta Morehead*

Jean Muche in memory of her husband Vern Muche

Sheila Neuzil Butzow

*Penny Pucher in memory of Elma & Malin Pucher,
Mattila & Pucher families*

*Steve & Lori Sage in memory of Ray & Evelyn Wendt, Fred Sage,
& Georgia Wendt*



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*Jack & Diane Schroeder in memory of their son John T. Schroeder &
parents, Wilbert & Lita Schroeder*

*St. Matthew's Evening Guild in memory of Charlane Gibney,
Emmarie Reed, & Betty Carl*

Jerry & Sally Wellnitz in memory of their parents & grandparents

Tom & Resa Truppe in memory of their parents

Bob & Linda Williams in memory of loved ones