

Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members and visitors in Jesus' name

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m., August 11, 2024



Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians, Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church *Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others* 7750 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL, 34238 | 941-924-4664 | www.faithlutheransrq.com

All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Joan Hirsch in loving memory of her husband, Hal.

Presiding Ministers	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. Larry Wright
Lector	Sandy Gerber
Director of Music/Organist	David V. Patrick
Greeters & Ushers	Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz, Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice, Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach
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Congregation Council	Scott Rice, president; Lauren Wardach, vice president; Mark Nelson, secretary; Anita Wooton, treasurer; Jane Sanks, assistant treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang; Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles
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Pastor Assistant to the Pastor Retired Pastors in Residence	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen Rev. Larry Wright Rev. John Hilficker Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. John Spittal
Lead Cantor/Music Librarian	Tom Tryon
Interim Operations Administrator	Kelly Ashlock
Communications Administrator	Linda Fewell

- Noted throughout the service P: Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (*brief silence*)

Holy God, C: 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.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen.**



Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

L: A Reading from 1 Kings.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 34:1-8

L: We read verses from Psalm 34 responsively.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **C: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

- L: ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. ²I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
 - ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
 - ⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

C: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- L: ⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
 - ⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
 - ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
 - ⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 - happy are they who take refuge in God!

C: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

L: A Reading from Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

WE STAND



GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

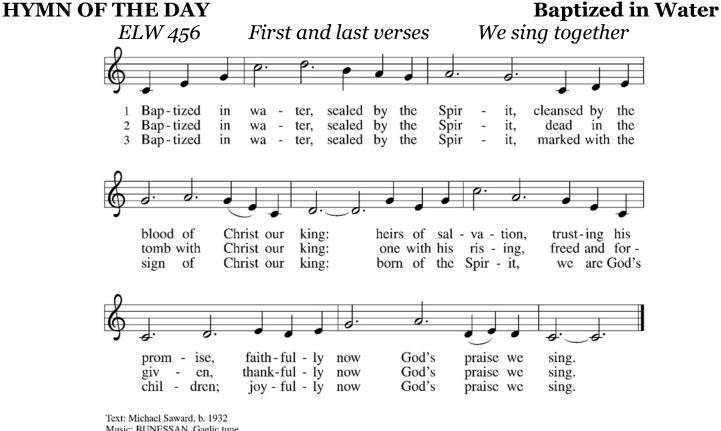
The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Larry Wright

WE STAND



Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*
- On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each prayer petition, we respond: L: ... Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

P: ... We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

WE STAND

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you. Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.

WE SIT

OFFERTORY



The offering is collected at this time. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrg.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

WE STAND



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: 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!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ...

... 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.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

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

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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,

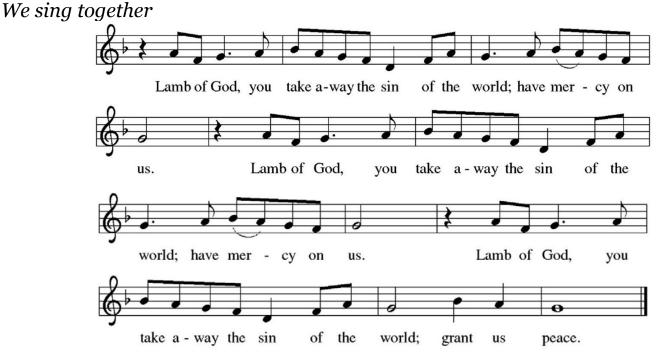
and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! All are welcome!

COMMUNION SONG



WE SIT Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you.

WE STAND

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

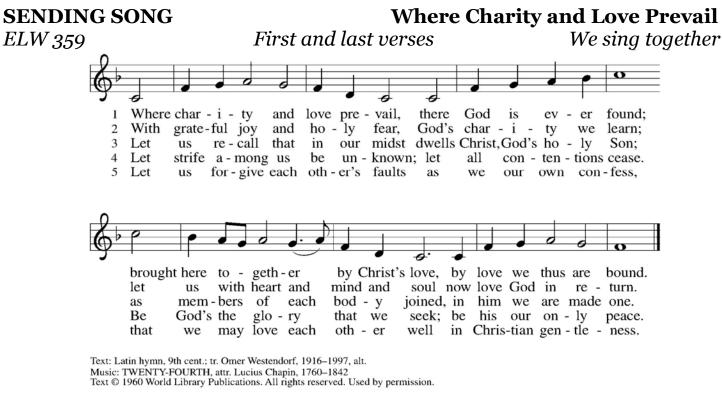
P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now receive a blessing: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen!



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DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Cornet Processional

David Dahl

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Welcome, Visitors!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Experience the Support of Prayer

The Prayer Support Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.

Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God's Blessings: How the Steward is Supported

Scripture: "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3). God, the Father, the Giver of "every good and perfect gift..." (James 1:17) has provided for us everything we need to carry out his commission to "make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). This he does by his Word and Sacrament through which we receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal. His Word shows us his love expressed through his Son's sacrifice on the cross, his power which has conquered sin and death, and his grace freely given to undeserving sinners. We are God's instruments through which he works. "Therefore, my dear friends ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). Tapping into his strength, we can fulfill his purposes for our lives. As we receive our Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion, we are assured of our forgiveness and empowered to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord..." (Colossians 1:10). Prayer: Dear Lord, you have indeed provided everything I need to support my body and life. Help me to stand on your Word and partake of your Sacrament with gratitude for all your blessings to me. Amen.

You Can Help Needy through Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. **The need currently is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.** You can give through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!

Coffee hour is an important fellowship ministry at Faith that needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks If you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. **Please sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.**

Faith Food Pantry Needs You and Your Donations

The Faith Food Pantry currently feeds about 250 people each week! Please help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the white food pantry barrel. And please consider volunteering at the pantry as friends help friends with both food and attention. Thank you!

Mary Circle Gears Up for Fun, Fellowship, Service

Mary Circle activities for the upcoming season blend fun and service, and the people of Faith can participate in a number of ways.

- Ladies of Faith are invited to gather for lunch at noon, Aug. 13, at Connor's Restaurant, 3501 S. Tamiami. The restaurant reservation requires an accurate number of attendees, so please sign up on the narthex table or email Janet Petersen, luvstitches55@gmail.com. If you haven't attended a Mary Circle gathering before, this event will be a great intro to the group's warm fellowship.
- Mary Circle once again will assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and the group needs 70-sheet spiral notebooks to complete the kits – all other supplies already are on hand. School supplies are tax free through today, so today is a great time to shop. But if you don't have time to shop, you can make a donation to Faith earmarked for LWR school kits, and Mary Circle will take it from there.
- Do you know the significance of the number 17 among the Florida-Bahamas Synod's Women of the ELCA? It's the number of fabric kits created for LWR. The kits provide fabric and thread for programs that teach sewing and help newly trained tailors launch sewing businesses. Mary Circle already has created more than 30 fabric kits, single-handedly breaking the record! **But the circle needs our help with one item – thread. Please bring in new, unused spools of thread. You also are welcome to donate cotton fabric that is free of patriotic symbols -- 3 yards of 44-inch fabric or 2 1/4 yards of 54-inch fabric. Monetary contributions also are welcome, directed to Faith and earmarked for LWR Fabric Kits.** Thank you for all your help!

You Can Support Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

A satellite of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., teaches, forms and nurtures candidates for public ministry in a context that is Christ-centered, faithfully Lutheran and ecumenically committed. You are invited to support the seminary's crucial work by making a contribution via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or by designating a cash or check offering.

Wally Pina Remembered During Aug. 16 Celebration of Life

You are invited to attend a Service of Resurrection and Life for beloved Faith member Wally Pina at **10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 16, in the sanctuary**. Interment in Sarasota National Cemetery will follow the service. Please keep Wally's family and friends in your prayers.

Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, Sept. 1.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, faithlutheransrq.com.

If you have questions or specific requests about who or what organization should receive flowers that you purchased and choose to donate, contact Joan Hirsch, 941-726-7885.

Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. in person. Live streamed and recorded at www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Online views	239
8 a.m. in person	23
10:15 a.m. in person	46

Next Sunday, Aug. 18 First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6 Invited to dine at wisdom's feast.

Psalmody

Psalm 34:9-14 Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20 Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God.

Gospel

John 6:51-58 Christ, the true food and drink.

This Week at Faith Monday, Aug. 12

Tuesday, Aug. 13

12 p.m. Mary Circle Luncheon, Connor's Restaurant, 3501 S. Tamiami

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Thursday, Aug. 15		
1 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel	
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel	

Indi Sudy, Aug. 15	
8 a.m.	Election Equipment Delivered, gym
	and classroom
9 a.m.	Receive and Prep Food Delivery,
	food pantry
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Open

Friday, Aug. 16

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise, gym
10 a.m.	Wally Pina Funeral, sanctuary

Saturday, Aug. 17

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise, gym
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room

Sunday, Aug. 18

- **Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com** if you or someone you know would appreciate a **communion**, **hospital or home visit**, **to be contacted or to receive a card in the mail**.
- **Contact communications@faithlutheransrq.com** if you have an **addition to or would like to remove a name from the Prayer List.**

Prayer List

Alan Alex Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips Chuck & Tani Banta Family & Friends of Kathryn Bolon Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Michael Burgess, friend of Janice Lorenz's son Dee Burlingame Judy Carlsen **Evelyn** Conlon Jim Curtis, friend of Cliff Hornsby Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of Karen and John White **Eloise Dettmer** Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia Andrea Gamboa Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen Family & Friends of Al Hirsch Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita and Jon Wooton Cliff and Snookie Hornsby Family & Friends of Marty Iverson Jesus & Rita Jimenez Alf Kirkeeng Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk Lillian Lapenckas Kevin Lasko

Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Family & Friends of Janice Lorenz Paul and Debbie Maresch, brother and sister-in-law of Patty McKee Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling Kim McDonald Judi Melander Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa and Pastor Eric Olsen Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan Family & Friends of Wally Pina Cindy Press, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of Gail Radcliffe Brown Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder and sister of Gail Murphy Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins Kathy Schilio Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush Joan Searles Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller Rev. John Spittal Mark Stengel David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White Brittany Wanko and her premature newborn infants, Olivia Mae and Emmet Walter Jon Wooton