



# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*The Order of Matins*

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**Welcome to worship!** If you are visiting, we are especially glad to have you with us. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you put your email address on the pew card in front of you, we will send our newsletter. An Elder is posted near the door to answer questions or assist you.

All children, even noisy ones, are welcome in the sanctuary to worship with the congregation. If desired, children 4 years and under may use our Nursery during worship and Sunday School. Our Nursery Attendant is **Mrs. Susan Cranmore.**

**Prayer upon entering:**

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**This Week's Calendar**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9</b>	10:00am – Quilters .....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		6:00pm – Elders Meeting .....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10</b>	10:00am – Staff Meeting.....	<i>Pastor's Office</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11</b>	10:00am – Bible Class ( <i>Hebrews</i> ).....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		5:45pm – Study ( <i>Narnia: The Magician's Nephew, chs 1-8</i> ).....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		7:05pm – Choir Practice.....	<i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>12</b>	9:00am – Circuit Pastors Meeting.....	<i>Wartburg</i>
		1:00pm – Caregivers group .....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		7:00pm – Zoom Bible Class ( <i>Holy Land Archaeology</i> ) .....	<i>Zoom</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	9:00am – Bible Class ( <i>Epistle to the Romans</i> ).....	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
		10:30am – Divine Service.....	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**Flowers:** Today's flowers are given by Jerry Riley in honor of his and Sharon's anniversary.

# Welcome, Announcements, and Prelude

*(Please stand as you are able. It is always appropriate and reverent for those with small children or physical limitations to sit)*

## 797 Praise the Almighty



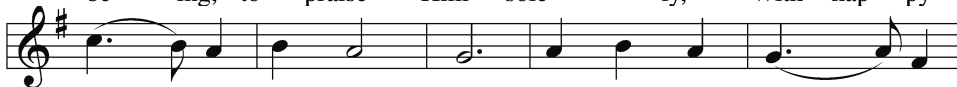
1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the has  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford; Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# Opening Versicles

- A** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- A** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

## + PSALMODY +

### Antiphon



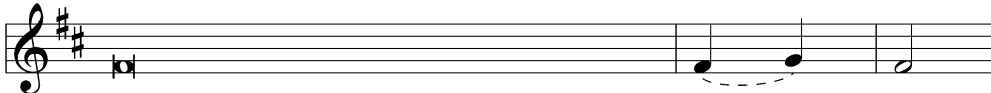
**A** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

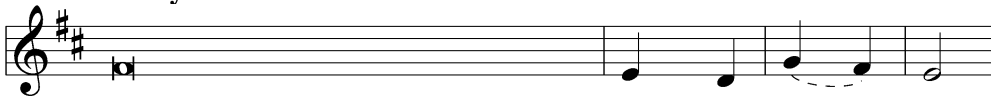
### Venite

*Psalm 95:1-7*

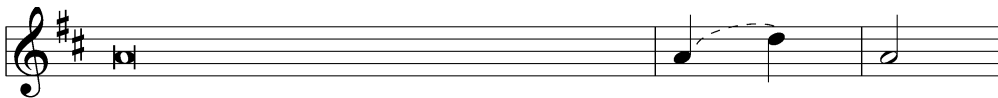


- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

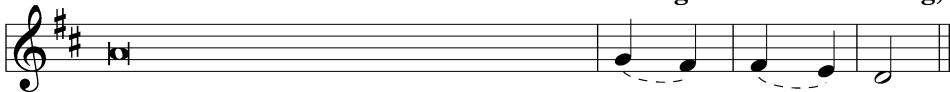
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Antiphon



**A** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**G** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Introit

*Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

- A** The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- A** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
- C** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
- A** Blessèd be the LORD!  
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- C** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**C** 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.

**A** The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

*(You may be seated)*

## 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## + READINGS +

### First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

**L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter thirty-five.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**L** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*  
The Celebration Hymnal

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

## Second Reading

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

**L** A reading from James, chapter two.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## Third Reading

*Mark 7:24-37*

**P** A reading from Mark, chapter seven.

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

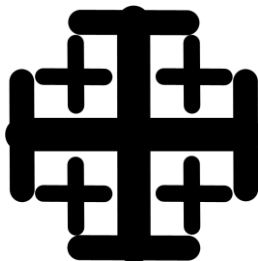
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*(You may be seated)*

## Children’s Sermon

*What is Prayer*



## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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## Sermon

*The Power of Prayer*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## + CANTICLE +

### Te Deum – 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*sts. 1-5*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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# + PRAYER +

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Prayer of the Church

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the gift of the Holy Spirit, who opens deaf ears with His Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how God's Son has done all things well, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For missionaries, that the Lord would strengthen and support them as they travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission, so that all who hear may receive the Good News of Christ; and for Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Sharp's Chapel as she also proclaims that Good News, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For Joseph and all rulers, that God — in whom alone we place all our hope — would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the sick and those in any need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

## Collect of the Day

**P** O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

**C** Amen.

## 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en — Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en —  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of  
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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# Prayer List

## September 5, 2024

### Thanksgiving

- **Pr. Jordan Peiser**, (Apple of His Eye) new partnership with campus ministries

### Grief

- Sharon Downes' friend, **Susan Reamer**, died August 1.
- Alice Scott's grandson, **Hayden Abler**, (Lisa's son) died August 13.

### Cancer

- Mairzy Truex's friend **Cullen Humphrey**, prostate cancer and chemo side effects.
- **Karen Stevenson**, has late-stage cancer.
- Emma Clark's friend, **Betty Richardson**, has recurrent colon cancer.
- The Coles' friend, **Tom Tait**, has melanoma.
- Lloyd Hinkle's friend, **Steve Brooks**, has throat cancer.
- Bill Ebert's friend **Jean Manning**, leukemia, and her husband **Peter**, caretaker
- Shane Passmore's cousin, **Kim**, needs cancer surgery.
- The Truex's friend, **Matt Strong**, has bleeding from a brain tumor.
- Kelli Evan's 1-yo niece, **Swayze**, stem cell treatments for brain cancer

### Health and other concerns

- **Mairzy Truex**, severe chronic back pain.

- **Bill Koch** has back pain and nerve damage that keeps him from walking.
- **Nicole Debner**, Linda's daughter in law, has a high-risk pregnancy due Oct-Nov.
- Lloyd Hinkle's friend, **Jake Childs**, difficult recovery from brain surgery on May 16.
- Bill Koch's great-nephew, **Atticus**, may need removal of both kidneys.
- Mollie Krehnke's friend, **Fred Thorpe**, has fluid around his heart and can't breathe well.
- **John Kuehl**, recovering from back surgery.
- Mairzy Truex's brother, **Richmond Barbour**, diagnosed with Parkinson's
- Linda Debner's daughter, **Amy**, having evaluation of a mystery illness.
- Jill Wilson's sister, **Joy**, sprained ankle and fractured leg.
- **Bill Kucenski's** mother is in hospice care.
- **Sharon Yoder**, health issues.
- **Scott Aljets**, Luke Bertels' stepfather, diagnosed with Parkinson's
- Pam Ogden's friend, **Ricky Ray**, suffered a spinal stroke.
- The Cates' friend **Bobby Mitchell**, recent heart+kidney transplants, on dialysis

### Shut-Ins

Marti Aperans	Joyce Gaylor	Shirley Lee
Virginia Miller	Marvin Owens	Karen Stevenson
Bob and Natalie Paret		Bill Koch