



**Christ Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

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Our Mission

“Redeemed by faith in Christ, this family of Christians is committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus through meaningful worship, loving fellowship and community service.”

Welcome to Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Welcome to Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. We are pleased and excited that you have joined us today for worship.

If you have any personal or pastoral needs, please contact Pastor John Ninke, here at Christ Our Redeemer or (256)502-9831 (home) or (706)662-1900 (cell).

HOLY COMMUNION is a central part of our worship experience at Christ Our Redeemer. We share this Sacrament believing that the true body and blood of the Risen Christ is present in the bread and wine, and that when we receive communion we receive the forgiveness and salvation that has been won for us through Jesus Christ. All Christians who accept Jesus’ sacrifice as the only way to heaven, who repent of their sins, and who seek to amend their sinful lives with God’s help, are welcome and encouraged to receive the blessings God offers in this sacrament. If you have not been instructed regarding Holy Communion or are unsure of your ability to confess the above, you should not feel obligated to come forward. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor John.

AS WE GATHER

We like to think of ourselves as worthy of honor and respect. We would like to live as deserving of first-class treatment. But in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to live humbly among people around us, and He echoes the directives in Proverbs. Not only does He instruct us to humbly find the lowest seat, but when we do the inviting, He also cautions against expecting social payback. By ourselves, we would chafe under such limits, but our faith in the grace of God, coming to us through the sacrifice of Christ's blood on our behalf, moves us to rely on His undeserved favor. That frees us to hear those directives as descriptions of the sort of living by which we may return praise and honor to our Savior—life in first class, indeed!

WELCOME

Please Stand

907 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the I -Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PROVERBS 25:2–10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION



Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1–14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

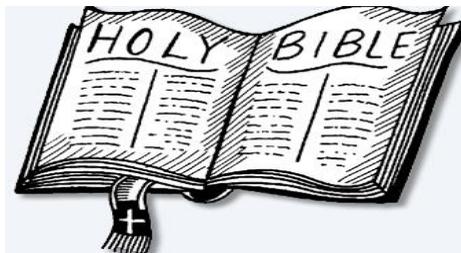
One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please sit



700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

SERMON - LUKE 14:1-14 -

842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards

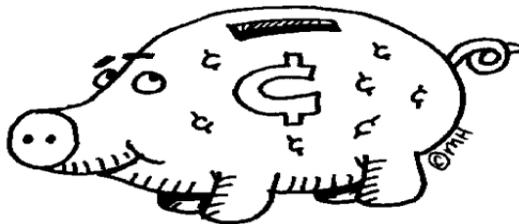


love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

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OFFERING

Please Stand



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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves and the Church around the world, for our nation and the nations around the globe, and for people, both those dear and those unknown to us, in their various needs.

Heavenly Father, instill in the leaders of this and every nation a sense of humble service to replace any desire for power and prestige. Grant them wisdom and courage so that the poor may find dignity, the imprisoned may live in safety, and those living on the fringes of society may nevertheless be provided justice. Then enable them to reach across their borders so that peace and security may be realized and war and terror become things of the past. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Church, strengthen, guide, and protect clergy and lay leaders around the world. Provide peace and security among democracies and kingdoms alike so that Your Word may be preached freely. Open hearts and minds to the Spirit's invitation to come to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Spirit, move us to connect our faith with our actions, providing hospitality to strangers, visiting those in prison, speaking up for those who are mistreated, upholding the marital estate, and rejecting immorality in its various forms. Strengthen us to be content with what we have, living each day in thanks for Your many gifts. Help us to follow the example of our Savior in His humility and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, hear our prayers for those who are ill, in financial difficulty, alone, or grieving. Surround them with caring people in whom You have placed gifts of healing and compassion. Bring about the healing, relief, companionship, and solace they so desperately need. Use us to bring Your love to them in every opportunity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, as You came into the homes of all who invited You, be with us now in this Holy Meal. Grant that we may receive Your body and blood in sure faith until we celebrate with You and the saints who have gone before us at the feast that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Having heard the Word of God and intending to receive our Lord's body and blood, let us confess our sins to God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P When Jesus entered the house of the Pharisee and saw the man with dropsy who was left there as a trap, He saw a man who needed healing.

C **We confess that in our pride we sometimes ignore the needs of others, we neglect to show hospitality to strangers, we forget those who are in prison, and we turn a blind eye to those who are mistreated.**

Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility.

- P** In Jesus' parable He chided His hearers about their seeking places of honor.
- C** We confess that in our self-centeredness, we sometimes consider ourselves worthy of honor, even while allowing personal desires to come between us and our Lord.

Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow, in true humility, the example of Your Son.

- P** Jesus warned against doing anything for others in expectation of being repaid.
- C** We confess that in our fallen human nature we sometimes forget that, because of our Savior's sacrifice for us, the resurrection awaits us. We are free to love our neighbors as ourselves, relying on God's grace for all we need.

Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow, in true humility, the example of Your Son.

- P** Jesus suffered in order to sanctify us through His own blood. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. Amen.

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Through Your prophets and apostles You have revealed Your will to us. In the fullness of time You redeemed us, fallen creatures that we are. You kept Your promises by sending Your Son, who was humble and obedient in our place, even sacrificing Himself outside the walls of Jerusalem so that we might be Your sanctified people. Trusting in Your grace for His sake, we look forward to the joys of heaven.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

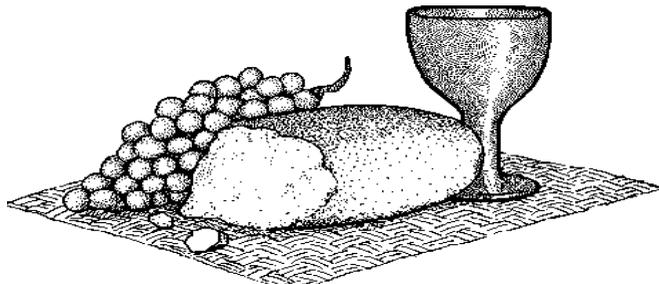
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please Sit



AGNUS DEI



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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GOD IS ON THE MOVE - 7TH TIME DOWN

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we give thanks for the assurance of sins forgiven and ask that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen us to resist the temptations of our self-centeredness that we strive each day to give You thanks and praise in thought, word, and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father,

C who called us into being in this time and place;

P the ✠ Son,

C whose sacrifice for us has sanctified us to be His own;

P and the Holy Spirit,

C whose gift of faith has freed us to walk humbly before the Lord;

P be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Upcoming events

Sep 6th – Terrell Industries Hot Dog Lunch (11:00 – 12:30)

Sep 17th – Depot Days (Contact – Velvet)

Sep 24th – Frontier Days (Eva) (Contact – Cheryl)

Oct 9th – District Mission Director, Eric Johnson visit & preaching

Oct 22nd – Fall Festival / Warm to the COR Kickoff (Oct –Feb)

Oct 30th – Reformation service / Outdoor movie – “Luther” 7:15 p.m.

Nov 5th – German Meal (Contact - Laurie)

NEWS AND NOTES

As of Date	Budget Income	Adopt-A-Bill	Joyful Noise	Total	Weekly Budget Needs
August 21 st	\$2,105	\$162.50		\$2,267.50	\$2,625.45
Month to Date Income					Monthly Budget Needs
August	\$5,615.04	\$1,030	\$65.39	\$6,710.43	\$10,501.80

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	John Ninke
Elder	Bob Hasse
Readers	Ellis Wayand
Ushers	Chonita Walker, Cheryl Taylor
Pianist	Laurie Ninke

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Leader	John Ninke
Elder	Bo Parris
Reader	Gina Decker
Ushers	Doug & Kristi Kaup
Pianist	Laurie Ninke

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER AT A GLANCE

TODAY	9:15 a.m.	Field Tests Revised Small Catechism
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion
MONDAY	Noon	<i>12 at 12! Prayer Time</i>
WEDNESDAY	6:30	<i>Bible Study</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	9:15 a.m.	Field Tests Revised Small Catechism
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER BUILDING USAGE

MONDAY	8:00 a.m.	Yoga
	9:30 a.m.	Flex and Stretch
	5:00 p.m.	Pilates Fusion
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Chic Fit Bootcamp
WEDNESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Pilates Fusion
	9:30 a.m.	Flex and Stretch
THURSDAY	11:15 a.m.	Chic Fit Bootcamp
	5:00 p.m.	Pilates Fusion

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

ELEMENTARY CLASS: For ages 3 years to 5th grade. This combined class will use a new curriculum that includes games and fun activities centered on the scriptures. Class meets in the Children's Sunday School room, led by Marilyn Ballentine.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS: For all adults, led by Pastor John. *Classes begin at 9:15. Come join us and be refreshed by God's Word!*

Christ Our Redeemer Prayer Concerns

For those with special needs: Michael Smith; Sarah Childers; Lois Peterson; Family of John Cruce; Larry Powers; Cathy Freytag; Rachel Landers; Patty & Dave Weems; Stephen Varga; Micah Arnholt; Family of Elizabeth Murphy; Shirly Teal; Caroline & Eddie Brummitte; Ida Mansanga; Paul Suggs; Darlene Randal; Caroline B.; John & Martha Nelson; Polly Swan; Lilly "Bug" Handly; Billy & Cheryl Taylor; Kathie Beach; Joyce & Harry Downer; Family of Sally Butler; Linda Bell Nelson; Martha Huffstutler; Kasey Walker; Helen Gurley; Family of Carmine Johnson; Family of Reagan Gargis; Alice Hager; Laura Ballentine & Family; Kathy Gant & Family; Roger Martinez; Summer Cook; Michael Sheffield; Brenda Gill & Family; Lisa Brooks; Charles Stokes; Ethan LyBrand; Lisa Smart; Donna Firpo and family; Kayla Phillips; KLR; Joe Dromsky; Mary Borglum; Chonita's parents; John Paul; Bill; Robbie Stephenson; Sandra Peppers, Joe Steele; Cidney Hays; Ben Smith; Terry Reid; Dee Steele; Ashley Devers; Glenn Hollingsworth; Jeff Tanner; Janice Nations; Laura Reese; Josh Carner; JoAnn Donald; Sandra Wolf; Cassandra Russell; Jake Wayand & Family; Owens Family; Grubbs family; Kim Hutcheson & Family; Kristie D.; Lou Murray; Brenda; Carrie Hill; Twilla Yandall; Kaye Hartley; Cheryl Johney; Teresa Smith; Brandy Lewter; Scott Underwood; Marv Kaup; Benny Childress; Brenda Lee; Beverly Thatcher; Jarret Wolff; Mr. McKelvey; Katey Siqueira; Brenda Folette; Porter Heatherly and family; Sandy Leftwich and family; Tony Fetner; Ernie Paul; Morgen Jensen; Guerin Scherpf; James Clark; Sophie Caudel; Beverly Davis; Hunter Lanford; Walter Childers; Suzette Wyatt; Jack Speegle & family; Sarah Leathers & Keaton; Rita Kincaid; Beverly Fortenberry; George Truitt. *Write name in the "Remove from prayer list" section of the bulletin board to remove a name from the prayer list. An asterisk * indicates new additions.*

Our church families this month: John & Laurie Ninke; Margaret & Todd Nix; Bo & Sheila Parris.

For those in Mission Work: Brian, Terri, Will, Matt, Amy and Caleb Firpo; Scott, Tara, Grayson, Ella and Will Henry Slate.

For those who serve: We especially remember members and friends of Christ Our Redeemer who serve on active duty in our nation's armed forces and as civilian contractors: Jonathan Evans; Steve Adams; Tim Beach; Dominic Chiaverotti; Zack Kube; Robert Kurz; James Lewis; Scott Martin; Zachary Roberts; David Smith; Scott Vanholveln; Corey Blankenship; and Jesse Ward.