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## PRELUDE

### GATHERING SONG *vs. 1-4* *My Song Is Love Unknown*

ELW 343



1. My song is love un - known, My  
2. He came from his blest throne, Sal -  
3. Some - times they strew his way And  
4. Why, what has my Lord done? What  
5. They rise and needs will have My  
6. In life, no house, no home My  
7. Here might I stay and sing, No

Sav - ior's love for me, Love to the love - less  
va - tion to be - stow, But all made strange, and  
his sweet prais - es sing, Re - sound - ing all the  
makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to  
dear Lord made a - way; A mur - der - er they  
Lord on earth might have; In death, no friend - ly  
sto - ry so di - vine; Nev - er was love, dear

shown That they might love - ly be. O  
none The longed - for Christ would know. But  
day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
save: The prince of life they slay. Yet  
tomb But what a stran - ger gave. What  
King, Nev - er was grief like thine. This

who am I That for my sake My  
O my friend, My friend in - deed, Who  
"Cru - ci - fy!" Is all they breathe, And  
in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them -  
cheer - ful he To suf - f'ring goes, That  
may I say? Heav'n was his home; But  
is my friend, In whose sweet praise I

Lord shall take Frail flesh, and die?  
at my need His life did spend.  
for his death They thirst and cry.  
selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.  
he his foes, From thence might free.  
mine the tomb Where - in he lay.  
all my days Could glad - ly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1683  
Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879-1962, © John Ireland Trust

## GREETING

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

And also with you.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
 my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
 My beloved had a vineyard  
 on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
 and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

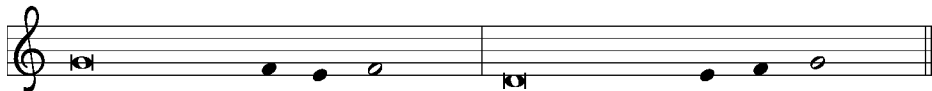
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

**PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15**



<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**

and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. **R**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O | God of hosts,  
look | down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes?”


<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.


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

**SERMON**


Pastor JMe Lowden



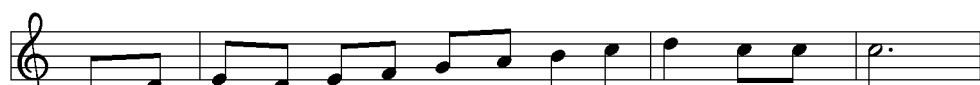
1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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## CREED

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Earl, Jay, Nancy, Pam, Denny, Stephen and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## OFFERING

*Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.*

*Refrain*

Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lu-iah! Ev-'ry-bod-y, praise the Lord.

4 Praise God on top of the moun-tains;

praise God both day and night;

praise God down in the low val-leys;

*Refrain*

praise God be-cause it's all right.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.



## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

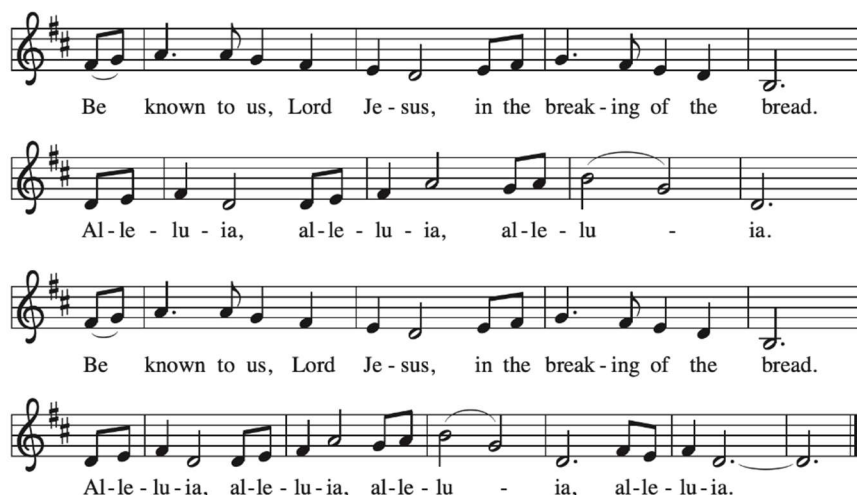
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.*

## COMMUNION SONG



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

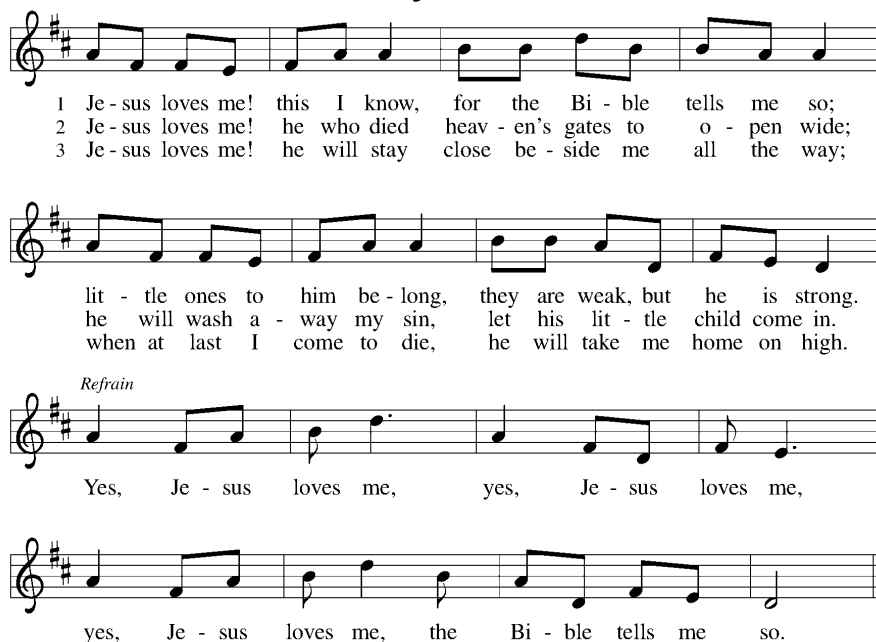
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

### *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

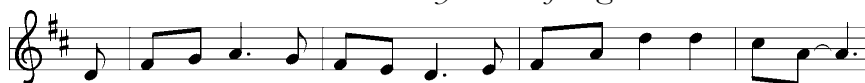
## BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ☩ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *My Lord of Light*

ELW 832



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing;
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed;
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.  
 for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.  
 your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.  
 all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

# TRENDING @ TRINITY

Pastor JMe is offering a three-week class for those who have recently begun attending Trinity, attendance is not mandatory though can prove helpful, entitled “For Inquiring Minds” about Lutheranism. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Sessions will take place at 1PM on Sundays October 8, 15 and 22.

Thank you to all those who helped in anyway with yesterday’s breakfast. Without congregation participation, this would not have been possible.

Planning ahead: Sunday October 29th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. In addition to a special worship, there will be a German potluck meal following the service. You do not have to bring a German dish for your potluck, but for those that do, if you need a little help finding a recipe or two we have provided some in a brochure rack in the narthex on the name tag table. Help yourself.

This week: Greeter: Deb Wickboldt, Tom and Nan Righter, Comm. Asst.: Mary Anderson  
Next week: Greeters: Tom and Nan Righter; Communion Asst.: Barry Hockenberry;

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**Tues. Nov. 28: Noon - 6:00PM**

**Bring family and friends, you do not have to appear in the  
directory to sit for a portrait.**

Church Pictorial Directory! Members can sign up now to have their picture taken on 11/27 or 11/28. They can sign up themselves at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) or they can see Mistie McPadalin or Sue Scheulen before or after services to sign up.

Every member who has their picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free directory. Everyone will receive their images right away and will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits for themselves or for gifts.

Plus, you may invite family and friends to participate by signing up to have their portraits taken. This is a great way to reach out to the community. They can have their photo taken and can purchase photos. Family and friends that are not members just will not be in the directory.

This is also a great opportunity for portraits including extended families, recent graduates, those serving in the military, or those who recently had a baby! People can bring their cat or dog to be in the photo too! Want to have your photo taken in different outfits...you can do that too...just sign up for multiple spots and let them know which one you want in the directory. Lots of fun to be had for everyone!

If you have six or more people in your photo, please sign up for two spots!

If you prefer to use a digital photo you already have, you can send that to Mistie at [msmcpadalin@gmail.com](mailto:msmcpadalin@gmail.com) and she will be sure to include this in the directory. Please note, there will be a \$15 cost for the use of the digital photo. Individuals using their own digital photo will receive a directory.

We need volunteers for this project, too! Please, volunteer to help with the photo sign up before and after church services and with the photo shoot in November by talking to Mistie or Sue.

If you have any questions, please contact Mistie or Sue.