

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

INTRODUCTION

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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WELCOME/ANNOUCEMENTS

The flowers today are from:

Linda Bayer, in honor of our father, Bill Bayer.

Steve & Joni Benz, in celebration of Joni's birthday today. Happy Birthday, Joni!

The April Noisy Offering collection will go to the Olathe Animal Shelter, chosen by our 5th—8th grade class.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Our baptismal candidate is Jameson Young, Son of Derek Young & Michelle Stephens, Great-grandson of Anne Harman. Jameson's sponsor is Kristy Young.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

(To Derek, Michelle & Kristy) Who presents this child to be baptized?

Parents and sponsors: We do.

(To Derek & Michelle) As you present Jameson for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Do you promise to help Jameson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response We do.

(Kristy) Do you promise to nurture Jameson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response I do.

People of St. Mark's, do you promise to support Jameson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

*Response** We do.

(Water is poured into the font)

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, parents and sponsor, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: In faith I turn to Christ.

With the whole church, let us all confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, * who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon *all* who *are* washed in it, that *they* may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

WASHING

Jameson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And let the people say ... **Amen.**

INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jameson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

(Making a cross on the forehead with oil.)

Jameson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

(Parents and sponsors also receive the sign of the cross with oil.)

PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

(Presenting a lighted candle.)
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Welcome, Jameson!



PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR "Risen Indeed!" By Allen Pote

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preach-

ing peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

 The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

- ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord. Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the

tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be



handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Kris Dietzen

Children's sermon grandparents: Janet Anderson, Linda Bayer, Trish Klima and Linda Oyer.

SERMON Pastor Kris Dietzen **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 382

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more; death and hell before him bending

- see him rise, the victor now, angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*
- 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.

 See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground; Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. Refrain
- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall. We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. Refrain

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us. The peace of the Lord be with you always,

And also with you

Let us share God's peace with one another.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast—
 Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia! 7
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy! From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

ELW 491

Come, Let Us Eat

[The words in parentheses may be sung by a leader or by all.]

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 (Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.(In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
 (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Text sts. 1-3 © Lutheran World Federation. Text st. 4 © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 619

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!





Easter Lilies

John & Marge Bott,
"In memory of Vernon, Merelene & Dale
Haselhorst, Ed & Arleen Bott."

Ruth Ann Hackler
"In memory of Eugene T. Hackler."

Pastor Kris Dietzen,
"In memory of my mother, Marcheta Dietzen,
and in memory of Pastor Fred Schmidt."

Christie & Jason Mensch,
"In memory of Christie's grandmother, Helen
Kirschbaum, and in honor of Jason's mom,
Maureen Sheleg."

Linda Bayer & Trish Klima, "In memory of Charlotte & Bill Bayer."

Cassandra & Dean Moore

Mary Cobb & Robbie Robertson,
"In memory of John Robertson & Sherri
Cobb."

Dave & Mary Mindrup, "in memory of Alfred & Dorothy Mindrup, John Tietjen & Ernestine Tietjen."

Donna Fluck "in memory of Barry."

Mike & Jane Scherrer,
"In thanksgiving for our family:
grandparents, children & grandchildren"

Jason & Jayme Gray, "In honor of our parents."

Sibson family,
"In memory of grandparents, and in honor of family."

Amy Hackler & Joseph Hornick,
"In memory of Fran Jean & David Hornick,
And in memory of those serving in military &
veterans."

Joe & Debbie VanKempen "In memory of Douglas Van Kempen."

PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

St. Mark's members:

Donna Nichols,
Pete Cagle,
Linda Cagle,
Janet Nichols,
Chuck Vandenberg,
Susan & Bill Roberts,
George McElroy,
Janet Schmidt,

Family & friends:

Lilian, great granddaughter of Jenny Wheeler's sister.

Susan Galyen, friend of Joyce Johnson, Art Remmereid, uncle of Joyce Johnson, Kathryn Young, cousin of Mark Schmideskamp, Steve, cousin of Tom Bryer, Cori & family, extended family of Amy Hackler, Liz Sutlick, friend of Amy Hackler,

Julia Wise, sister-in-law of Amy Hackler, Family of Marj Weeg, sister-in-law of Mary & Jim Weeg.

Nancy Harris, daughter-in-law of Nancy & Ron Brown,

Father in law of Pam Thomas,
Karis , granddaughter of Jim & Mary Weeg,
Marilou Osborne, cousin of Joni Benz,
Jim Severson, friend of Joe VanKempen,
Carol, stepmom of Tom Bryer,
Liz Zybko, friend of Pam Wilson,
Tony Berg, son of Arlyn & Jan Berg,
Marlin Weidler, friend of St. Mark's,
Donna Trester, Mother of Linda Cagle,
Kerry O'Rourke, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,
Fran Besser, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp

Fran Besser, friend of Joni & Steve Benz, Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp, Everett, friend of sister-in-law of Janet Anderson,

Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewki, Tammy Strampe, Daughter-in-law of Barbara

Strampe,

Bob Bergene, friend of Clarence Linsey, Doug & Kathy Thee, cousins of Barbara Strampe,

Sheryl Thompson, friend of Pete Cagle, Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer, Harry Cagle, brother of Pete Cagle, Janice, sister of Jenny Wheeler, Dr. Owens, friend of Kathy Hinkle, Mike and Susan Becker, friends of St. Mark's, Elizabeth Applebaum, friend of Kathy Hinkle Stan, friend of Pete Cagle, Chris, brother of Pete Cagle, Joetta Eagle & family, friends of Linda Bayer, Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle, Candy, sister of Tom Bryer, Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck, Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe, Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe, Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols, Jackie Warriner. Sister-in-law of Linda Good-

Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun, Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart.

Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister, Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother, Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts, Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin, All People affected by natural disasters **Those in the Military:**

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson,