Jerusalem
evangelical lutheran church

November 22, 2026
Christ the King
10:30 AM Worship Service



Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

Nursery Care is available for younger children downstairs in the room across from the Coffee Corner.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, November 22	***Christ the King Sunday***	
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
Monday, November 23	5:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, November 25	***Thanksgiving Eve***	
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
	7:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve service at Heidelberg UCC
Thursday, November 26	***Happy Thanksgiving***	
	Church Office Closed	
Saturday, November 28	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, November 29	***1st Sunday of Advent***	
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



Harvest Home Sunday: Sunday, November 15th & 22nd
We will once again be collecting non perishable food items. This year we will donate items to homeless shelters. We will have baskets in the Coffee Corner for donation items to be placed. We will take some items to the altar for a special blessing before distributing the donations. Please see list of needed donation items available in the Coffee Corner.
Donations can be dropped off no later than November 22nd



Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
Monday evenings starting
5:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
Pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve during the 4 PM service.
Children from Nursery School through Confirmation
are invited to participate.



Thanksgiving Eve Service
As done traditionally every year, Thanksgiving Eve Services will be hosted by Heidelberg UCC.
The services will be on November 25th at 7:30 PM.
We look forward to celebrating the season with everyone once again.



November - NO LUNCHEON due to Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, December 3rd - due to Christmas Holiday
Naceville Hotel
Ridge Road, Naceville PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer ***before November 27th*** to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed. Start the season with a great Christmas Lunch along side great friends!

Blessing Bags



This year, we would like to support and bless a local shelter with families in need with ***Blessing Bags.*** Essentially we will fill Christmas bags with gifts and small necessities for children in local shelter. We have selected to partner with *Laurel House* and be a blessing to the families they provide services in their shelters. We will hand out reusable Christmas bags along with a supply list for families who wish to fill a bag at home as a family project and return to the church which will then deliver to local shelter. Bags and supply list will be available to take home starting the week of November 22nd.

Filled bags can be turned in no later than **Sunday, December 13th.**

ASP Christmas Cards Fundraising

ASP is currently selling Christmas cards as part of their fundraising efforts for their upcoming mission trip in July of 2027. Christmas cards are available in the Coffee corner. They are $10 for a pack of 10. Cash payments can be placed in the envelope provided by the cards. Payments made by checks can be placed in the offering plate.
Please mark: ***"ASP Christmas Cards"*** in the memo line.



JLNSDC Christmas Baskets

We are preparing for our upcoming Daycare and Nursery School Christmas Raffle Basket Fundraiser! Would you like to supply a themed basket or donate a gift card? If so please contact Beth Algeo @ 267 733 2135 or ejalgeo@gmail.com. Donations are due by Wednesday, November 25. Thanks for any support you can provide!

Adult Bible Study

CONFIRMATION, AGAIN
What We Missed (and What Matters Now)

For our next "Confirmation, Again" class we will be reflecting on the question "What Is a Lutheran?" And so we will be discussing Lutheran history, theology, what Lutherans believe and why it makes a difference. There are two meeting times for this class:

Thursday, December 10th, at 7:00pm at St. James
Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm at Jerusalem

Help Needed: Chrismon Tree set-up

It's the season!! We are getting ready to put up our traditional Chrismon Tree. We need helping hands to help put the tree up in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 11th.

We will then need help **decorating the tree on Saturday, December 12th** starting at 10AM. The more helping hands the merrier!



Christmas Eve Services

4:00 PM: Children's Annual Christmas Pageant with Communion
7:30 PM: Festive Candlelight Communion Service

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

Please prepare your hearts for worship as we meditate during the Prelude sitting in silence or softly whispering upon entering the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* Bennett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*
REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN.

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN.

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"He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and
I will praise His name!
Jesus is Lord.

Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high!

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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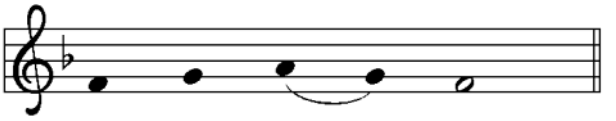
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
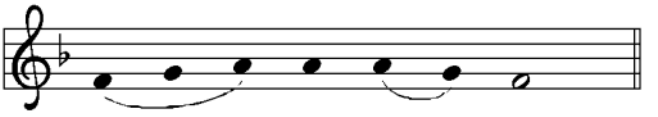
***GREETING**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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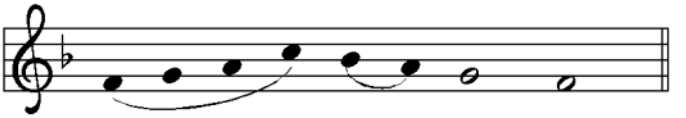
CANTOR:
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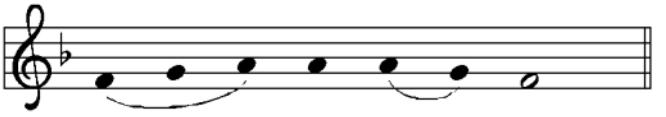


For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
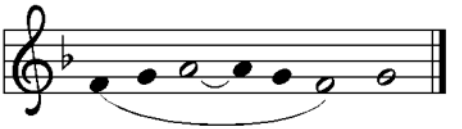


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.





Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

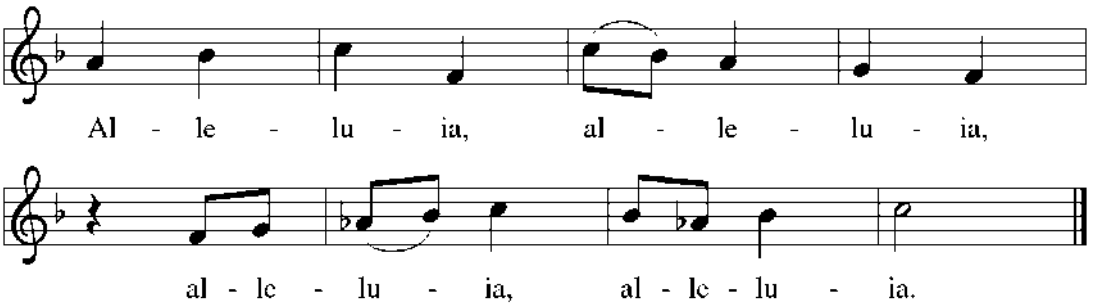
SPECIAL MUSIC *"Arky, Arky"* Traditional **Sunday School Choir**

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of
wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to
come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



CANTOR: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.
ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the

goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON **Pastor Chris McKinstry**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* **(#855:1, 3, 4, 5)**

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem
drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless
King, through all eternity.

3. Crown Him the Lord of love--
behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning
eyes at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not
fail throughout eternity.

***APOSTLES' 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 THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends: A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERING MUSIC *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* Darwall **Asaph Choir**

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***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

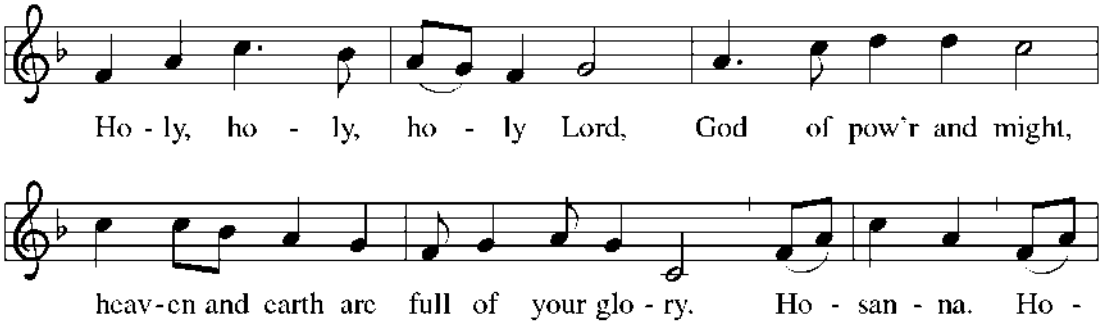
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)**

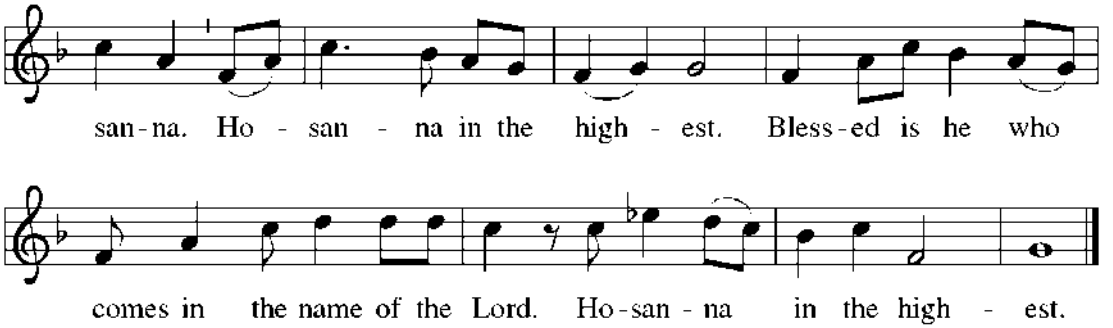
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

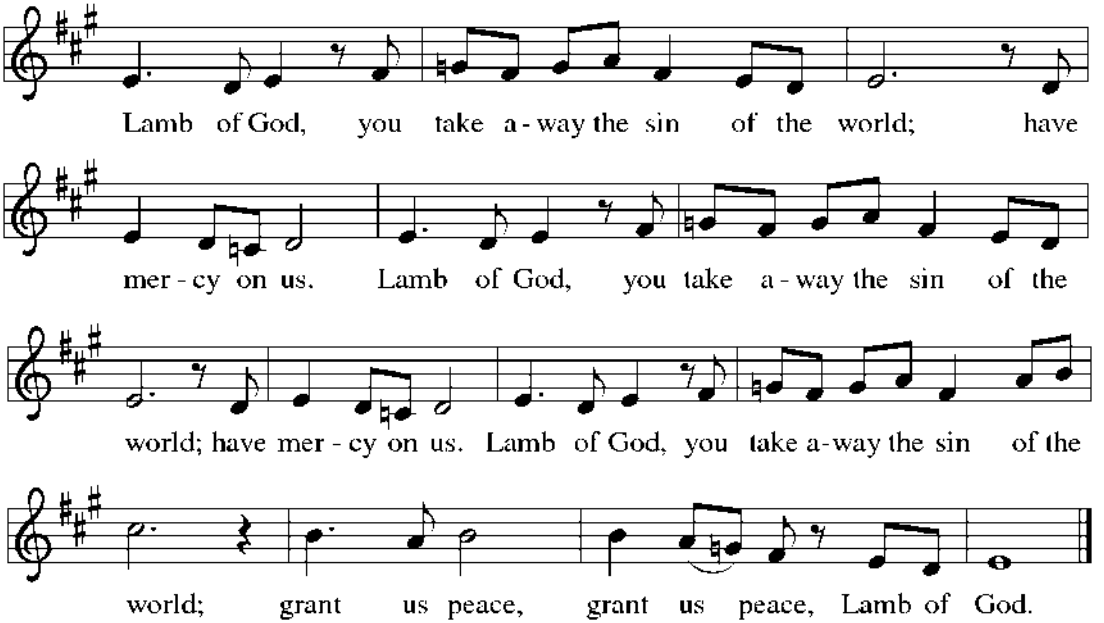
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION - CONTINUOUS LINE DOWN THE AISLE
Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, receive communion bread from the Pastor, and then receive wine from the Communion Assistant. Gluten-free wafers are available in the container on the small table. You may take the wafer for yourself. Grape juice is available from the ushers for those who do not take wine.

COMMUNION HYMNS #689, #681

***COMMUNION BLESSING**
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**
O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *"Beautiful Savior"* **(#838)**

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Hobby

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM
Ushers: Janet Luyben & Joan Connolly
Acolytes: Eli Johnni & Ryan Weygand

Cantor: Norma Grosick
Worship Assistant: Gina Weygand
Nursery Assistant: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Tim & Nancy Arnold
Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Dalilah Freer
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Barbara Blanchard, Jack Bowman, Martin Conte, Ryan Dankanich, Debbie Feichthaler, Anne Fisher, Pat Giarrocco, Greg Kealey, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Lorie Sarnocinski, Joseph Schmitt, Frankie Stankus, Victor Vazquez, Rita Weiss, Gail Wetzel, Bobbie Willis & Carol Withers.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Damian Aguilera, Coral Aubert, Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Audrey Englehart, Margaret Fisher, Madison Hills, Effa Hunt, Jay Kapila, Derek Kirby, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben, Bill Luyben, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey, Joseph Russella, Robin Schlichter, Robert Schirk, Mary Ann Schofield, Shawn Schlichter, Jennifer Sone, & Carol Sprainer.

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