



Central Lutheran Church

**Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025**

**The Rev. Veronika Czutor, Pastor
Dr. Joseph Henry, Music Director
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Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

Sung by Lwazi Dlamini

*The trumpet shall sound, And the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
And we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
And this mortal must put on immortality.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

P Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

P Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

P Baptized into you, O Living One,
C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.
C And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

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- 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!

SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by the choir

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world; Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ And He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

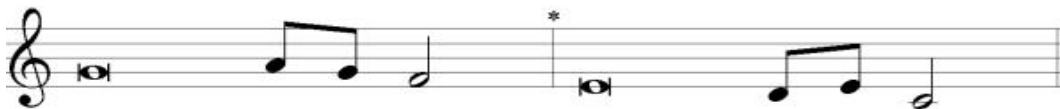
³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how 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. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not 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. ⁴² He 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Sung responsively.



¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

² **Let Israel | now declare,**
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the
righteous:**
"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the Lord.**
- ¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open 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 righ- | teous may enter."
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**
- ²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the Lord has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the | Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

²⁰ 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.

L Word of God, Word of Life **C Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

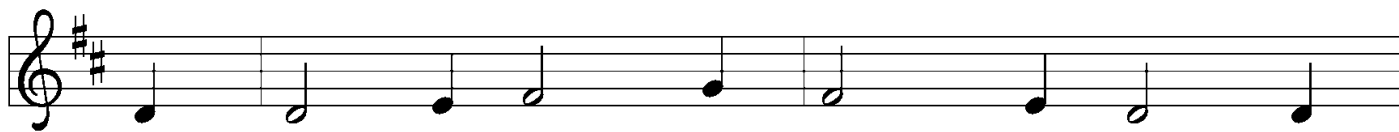
Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

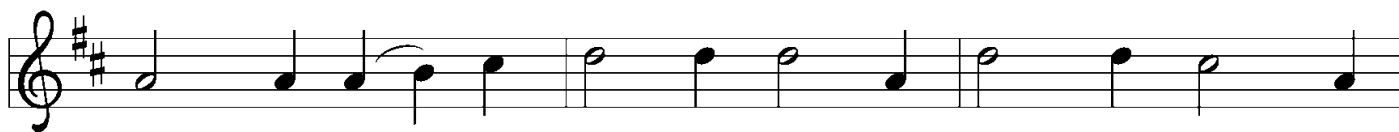
HYMN OF THE DAY

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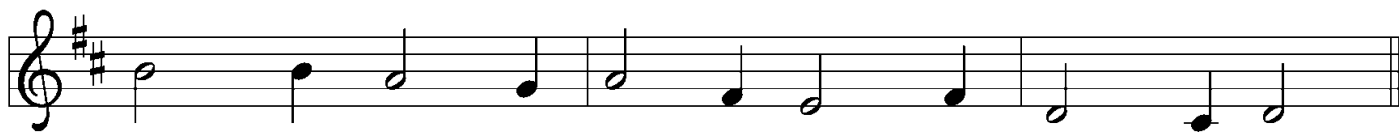
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Those being welcomed come to the front and face the assembly.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

NICENE CREED

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

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.

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

The response to each spoken petition is:

P God, in your mercy, **C Receive our prayer.**

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Norma** Ruth Myrick, **Brenda** Burden, **Charlene** Zimmermann, **Wayne** Nelson, **Susie**, and **Paul** Chambers.

The prayers conclude:

P ... 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.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain*

Sung by the choir

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, And unto the Lamb For ever and ever, Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **C Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE 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

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.
C Thanks be to God.

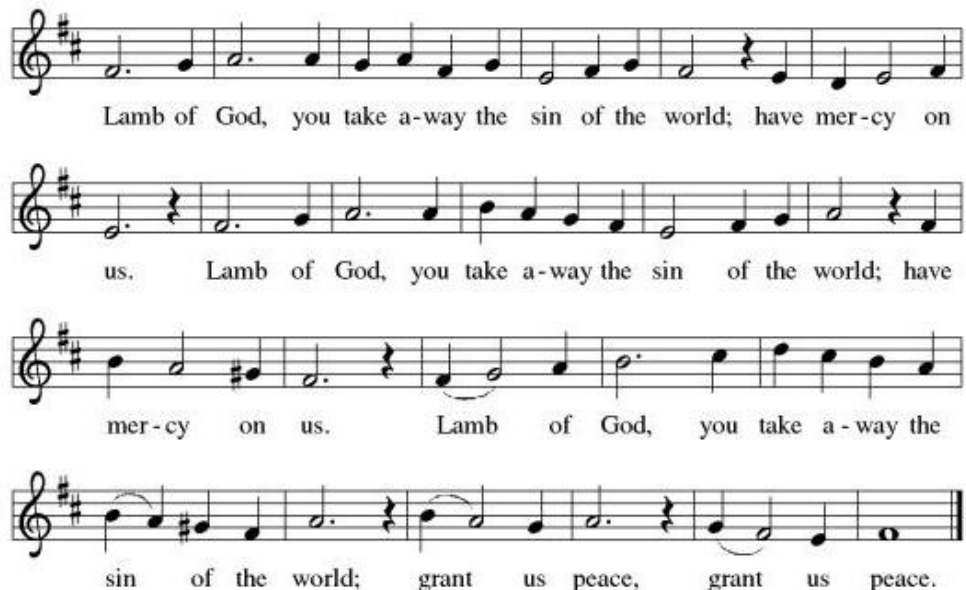
COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, where you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be placed in your hand, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please inform the ministers if needed. The Communion cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer to receive only the bread, let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *How Beautiful are the Feet of Them*

Sung by Akosua Adwini-Poku

*How beautiful are the feet of them,
That preach the gospel of peace,
And bring glad tidings of good things.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One,

C 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.

BLESSING

P 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. **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!
- 4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Toccata from Symphony no. 5*

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Prelude: *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

Text & Music: Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Gathering Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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

Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Waslsh, Lyra Davidica (1708)

Hymn of the Day: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Text: Latin hymn (5th cent.); tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Musical Offering: *Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain*

Text & Music: Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Musical Meditation: *How Beautiful are the Feet of Them*

Text & Music: Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Sung by Akosua Adwini-Poku

Sending Hymn: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Koln (1695); tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); arr. William H. onk (1823-1889)

Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony no. 5*

Music: Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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This year's Easter lilies are given by the following

Jack & Julie Atkins	In memory of Rosemarie Atkins and Keith Smades In honor of Linda Gourley In honor of their children- Mick and Shanely In honor of their grandchildren- Jaxon and Owen In honor of their parents
Lisa Barse	In memory of Geneva & Bob Barse In honor of Marian Morgan
Carole Ann Bawcum	In memory of her parents- Pete & Minnie James In honor of her children- Henry Bawcum & Carrie Enocksen
Mark Buie	In memory of Patricia Buie
Mary Ann Childs	In memory of Anna Mae and Arthur Mattox
Charlotte Danielson	In memory of Erwin & George Danielson
Carrie Enocksen	In memory of Eric Enocksen
Mary Glenn	In memory of her sister- Selena
Harold & Cathy Jones	In memory of Peggy Hanson and Ed Carlson In honor of Julian & Penn Jones
Judy Koble	In memory of Katherine Emmert
Thomas & Meredith Lopez	In memory of Robert Ward and Teresa Wilson
Anne Monson	In memory of Gene & Dorothy Monson
Mark & Jan Moody	In memory of their parents In honor of their children and grandchildren
Mary Ridgway	In memory of Bill Paschetag In honor of Carol Paschetag
Myke Riley	In memory of her husband, parents, and brother and sister-in-law
Ted & Patti Steinke	In memory of Mac & Joann McRae, Ted & Helen Steinke, and Aunt Jane Gibbon
Ed & Ylva Wolfgang	In memory of their parents In honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm*
The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21st.

You may make an appointment with Pastor Veronika by calling the church office.

Serving in Worship today: Usher: Anne Monson, Mary Glenn, and Alesia Pearson;
Lector: Carrie Enocksen; Assistant Minister: Jeff Lowry

Lenten Collections: Thank you to everyone who donated hygiene items for our Lenten collection. Because of your generosity we collected 280 items for White Rock Center of Hope.

Goal Questions: Throughout Lent, we posted questions each week that brought us closer to understanding ourselves and achieving our goals. We will post a final question board on Sunday, April 27th. Then, on **May 18th after worship** we will come together as a congregation to take another step in this process. Lunch will be served! Come prepared to have fun, learn and move around as we organize our thoughts and ideas!

Celebration at Emanuel: Emanuel Lutheran is marking 50 incredible years of Spanish-language ministry this May, and we're thrilled to be part of the celebration!
On Sunday, May 4th at 10:30 AM, we'll come together for a special joint worship service at Emanuel Lutheran.

Please note: There will be no worship at Central that day—we'll all be gathering at Emanuel to celebrate this joyful milestone and strengthen the bond between our two congregations. This is a wonderful chance to come together in faith, friendship, and community spirit!

Need a ride or want to carpool? Let Rachel in the church office know—she'll help coordinate.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for VBS is open now! VBS will take place from **Monday, June 23 through Friday, April 27 from 9:00 am to noon.** More information can be found on our website: centrallutheran.org.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
Linda Gourley
Robin Friedrich
Norma Ruth Myrick
Elizabeth Brownsted
Elizabeth Cardenas
Brenda Burden
Susie
Wayne Nelson
Charlene Zimmermann

Relationship

Friends of Janis Farrow
Sister of Julie Atkins
Friend of Mary Glenn
Mother of Alesia Pearson
Friend of Janis Farrow
Daughter of Irene Hallmon
Friend of Jean Staffeld
Friend of Laura Haynie
Friend of Sarah Blaser
Aunt of Jan Moody

Church Members

Lydia Landfair
Don Smith
Mario Montejo
Nancy Nulisch
Carol Paschetag
Paul Chambers

Kris McDowell
Yuvonne Muirhead
Mary Swenson
Judy Christiansen
Suzanne Schwenn