

Central Lutheran Church

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025**

**The Rev. Veronika Czutor, Pastor
Dr. Joseph Henry, Music Director
Rachel Brown, Administrative Assistant**

Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

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

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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: *Christ is Arisen* (J.S. Bach)

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.

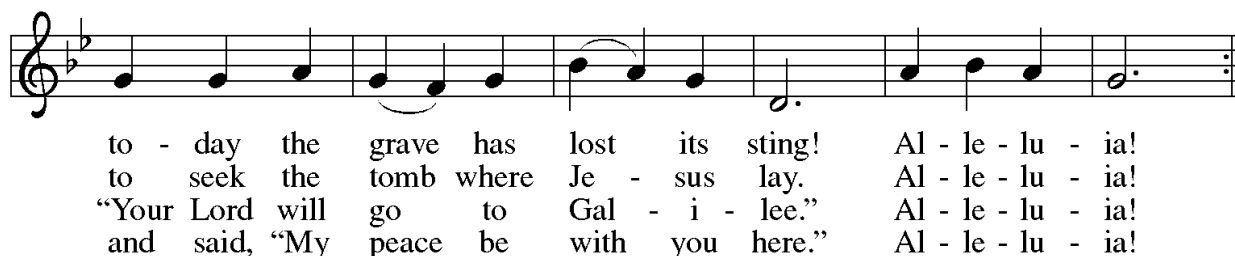
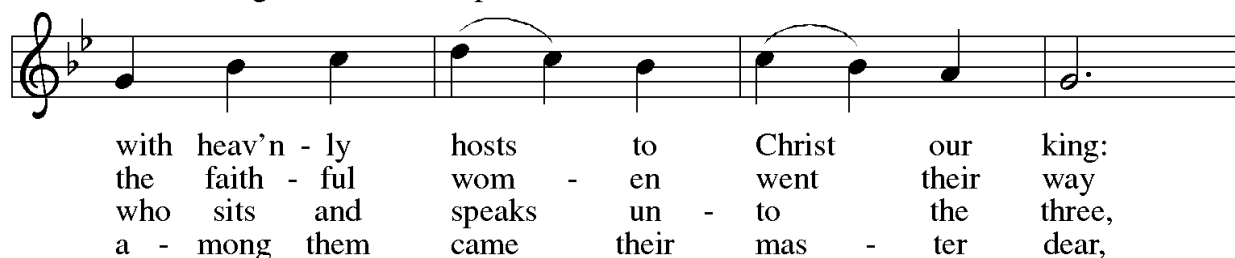
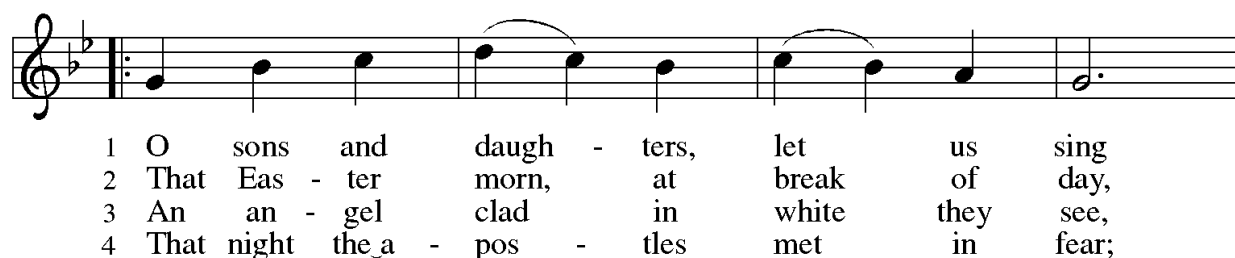
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 386

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



After the final stanza



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.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW page 149-150

Sung by the congregation

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Worth is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, Alleluia, Alleluia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Act 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 150

Sung responsively.



- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the | mighty firmament.
- ² **Praise God for | mighty acts;
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.**
- ³ Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.
- ⁴ **Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
praise God with | strings and pipe.**
- ⁵ Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.
- ⁶ **Let everything | that has breath
praise the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to

believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

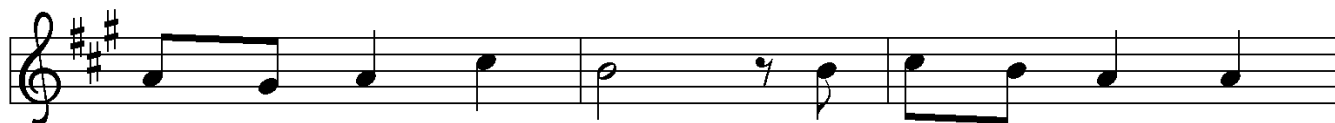
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 635

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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, **Andrew** Hallmon, 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: Psalm 19 (Benedetto Marcello)

Sung by the choir

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.

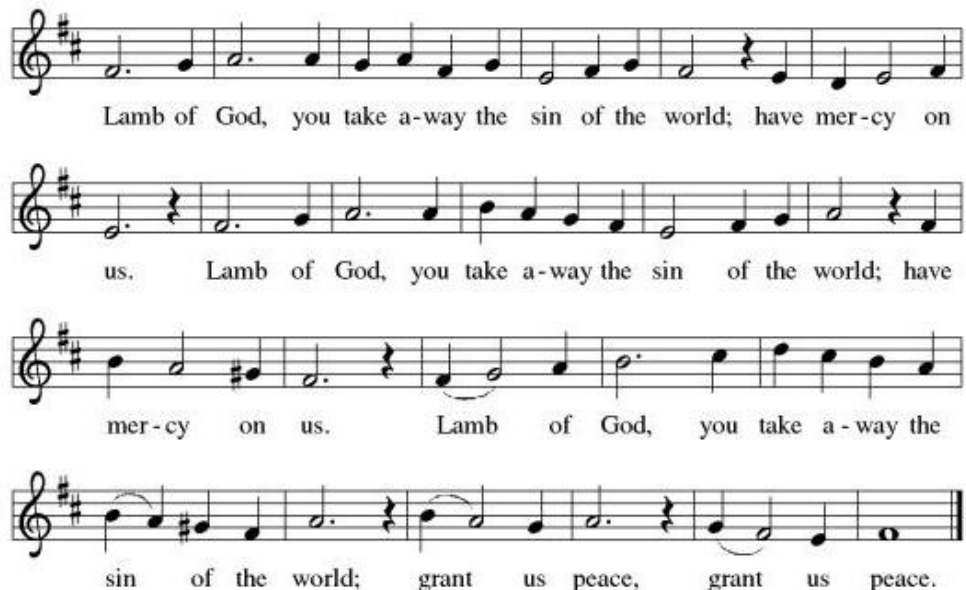
COMMUNION

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: *Canon in D Major* (Johann Pachelbel)

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

ELW 361

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

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: *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (J.S. Bach)

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Prelude: *Christ is Arisen*

Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gathering Hymn: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand (d. 1494); tr. John Mason Neale 1818-1866), alt.

Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune (15th cent.)

Hymn of the Day: *We Walk by Faith*

Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

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Musical Offering: *Psalm 19 ("The Heavens Declare the Glory of God")*

Music: Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Musical Meditation: *Canon in D Major*

Music: Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Sending Hymn: *The Day of Resurrection!*

Text: John of Damascus (c. 696-754); tr. John Mason Neale (188-1866), alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, (18th cent); adapt, X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche (1833)

Postlude: *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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

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

Serving in Worship today: Usher: Jan Moody; Lector: Carmina Castro; Assistant Minister: Jeff Lowry

Goal Questions: Throughout Lent, we posted questions each week that brought us closer to understanding ourselves and achieving our goals. **The final question board is in the back of the sanctuary today and on May 11th.** 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-speaking 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.

Easter Lilies: You may pick up your Easter lilies after worship today.

Hooked on Love: Hooked on love will meet on Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 pm at Knit Dallas (6434 E. Mockingbird Ln Dallas, TX 75214). Hooked on Love is a fiber-arts ministry that meets every other month. Beginners to advanced crafters are welcome!

Online Spanish Liturgy Practice: The NT-NL Synod is offering an online workshop to teach Pastors and lay leaders skills for Spanish-language ministry. The target audience is adults that don't speak Spanish yet. The focus will be on: Spanish-

Language Skills, Liturgical Vocabulary, Hispanic Culture Awareness, and Religious Traditions. **The dates are all four Wednesdays in May, 6:30-8:00 pm on zoom. To register email Pastora Irma Bañales (irma@ntnl.org) by May 5th.**

Prayer List Refresh: As we enter May, we'll be refreshing our prayer list. Our hope is not only to lift up loved ones in prayer, but also to stay meaningfully connected with them during their time of need. The current prayer list will remain in place through the end of May. **Beginning in June, we'll share prayer requests from those who've reached out to us.** This helps us ensure our prayers remain intentional and connected to the needs of our community. **Moving forward, prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days, and prayers for those who have passed will be shared for 40 days.** If you'd like a person to remain on the list longer, we invite you to reach out to the church office with an update regularly. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer ministry thoughtful and current.

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.** Kids age four years-old (as of January 1st) through entering 6th graders can participate. More information can be found on our website: www.centrallutheran.org.

Church Council

The council is our group of lay leaders who represent different ministry fields. They meet on the second Sunday of every month after worship in the Parish Hall. All church members can attend any council meeting. If you would like to get in touch with the council, contact the church's administrative assistant and she will help you.

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| President- Jan Moody | Worship- Mary Glenn |
| Vice President- Ted Steinke | Education/ Youth/ Activities- Carrie Enocksen |
| Secretary- Linnea Castillo | Evangelism/ Mission & Outreach- Jeff Lowry |
| Treasurer- Janis Farrow | |
| Administration- Mark Moody | |



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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
Norma Ruth Myrick
Elizabeth Brownsted
Andrew Hallmon
Brenda Burden
Susie
Wayne Nelson
Charlene Zimmermann

Relationship

Friends of Janis Farrow
Sister of Julie Atkins
Mother of Alesia Pearson
Friend of Janis Farrow
Grandson 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

Those We Mourn

Ann M. Lindblom
Robin Friedrich, friend of Mary Glenn