



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, A+D 2022**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “they will never perish” (John 10:28), for “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28), “testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:10).

*Ringling of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

### 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b***P** I am the good shepherd.**C** **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.****P** He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;**C** **from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.****P** With upright heart he shepherded them**C** **and guided them with his skillful hand.****P** But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;**C** **from generation to generation we will recount your praise.****C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.****P** I am the good shepherd.**C** **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

## Kyrie

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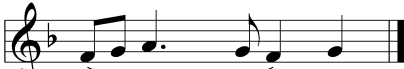
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.**C** Lord, have mer - cy.**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.**C** Lord, have mer - cy.**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 20:17–35*

**A** The First Reading for The Fourth Sunday of Easter is from the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility

and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Revelation 7:9–17*

**A** The Second Reading is from the seventh chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his  
presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

#### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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## Holy Gospel

*John 10:22–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 479 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living

*sts. 1–3*

**Sermon Text: John 10:22–30**

**Sermon Title: Many Have Tried and Many Have Failed, To Discredit the Bible**

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

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**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

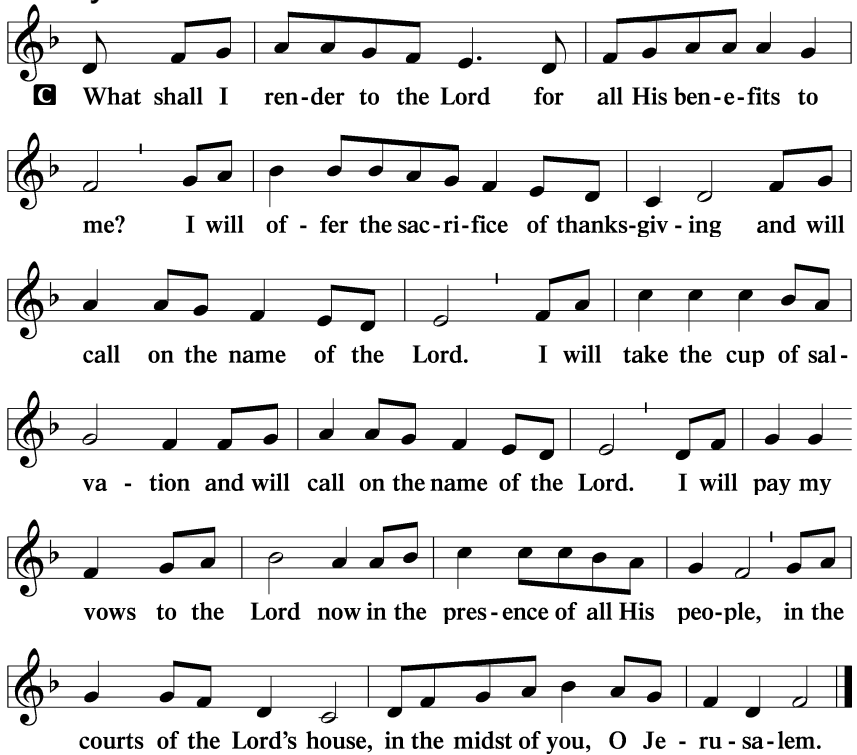
## Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Prayer of the Church

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**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

### Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

*Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and*

blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

## 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

*Stand*

### The Communion Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



## 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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May 8, 2022

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Abigal Rundenberg, Family Nolan, Nathan, Annelise  
Janet Sanders  
Jennifer Saraivanov  
Nicole Sawilchik  
Erik Schassburger, Family Alec, Aaron, Ethan, Tara

### BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Bodza, 5/8  
Emma Conway, 5/8  
Janet Sanders, 5/11

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Middleton, 5/10  
Emily Hudson, 5/12  
Emily Hoeksema, 5/14

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Micci & Brian Orth, 5/13

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Barb Leone, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen and Gene Wiltjer.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

## NEWS UPDATE

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*The Saints of Swallow Hill* by Donna Eberhardt is the book we will be reviewing on May 11 at 10:00 am.. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members.

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**Christ For You this week on KFUE.org:** Study Acts 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into 1 John 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Free Will in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/14 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

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"Remember, it is your **INDISPENSABLE** hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!" Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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You shall sanctify the holy day.

. . . and most especially, on this day of rest (since we can get no other chance), we have the freedom and time to attend divine service. We come together to hear and use God's Word, and then to praise God, to sing and to pray [Colossians 3:16].

—Large Catechism I 78-84

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# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

May 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance 21

Basket	\$5.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	1,370.00	Church Maint	10.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>1,375.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,640.00		
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-265.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, May 8, 8:45 AM	Sun, May 15, 8:45 AM
Pastor	Pastor Fluechtling	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher	Bill Sommer	Dave Bloom
	Norma Allen	
Lay Reader	Dana Krieger	Dave Bloom

# A Mother

*Holds her child's hand For a little while,*

*but holds their* **Heart**

*Forever.....*



## **In Honor of Mother**

Norma Allen, Debi Brandy, Sondra Budde, Diana Carr,  
Mary Fleechtling, Nicole Golembeck, Tracy Gribbin,  
Dana Krieger, Marge Loitz, Tracy Middleton, Tina Morse,  
Micci Orth, Sandy Ovalle, Janet Sanders,  
Terri Schassburger, Laura Schassburger, Mary Sella,  
Dorothy Van Mynen, Chris Van Mynen, Shirley Wahl,  
Jean Wiltjer, Madeline Zander

## **In Memory of Mother**

Debbie Bloom, Irene Gall, Maureen Gierucki,  
Helen Hoeksema, Alice JaBaay, Peggy Kelly, Jeri Lybe,  
Pam Michaels, Ruth Nelson, Ruth Roberts, Ermida Sella,  
Martha Zander,