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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude:

Choral

Joseph Jongen

Welcome

- L:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C:** **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessing of the Paschal Candle:

L: Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

L: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The candle is lit.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting:

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Easter Litany & Prayer:

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain!

C: **He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!**

L: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

C: **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

L: God has claimed us as his own.

C: **God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Let us pray together...

C: **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem:

Come, Ye Faithful

R. S. Thatcher

+ WORD +

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

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.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Chant: George Thalben-Ball

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."

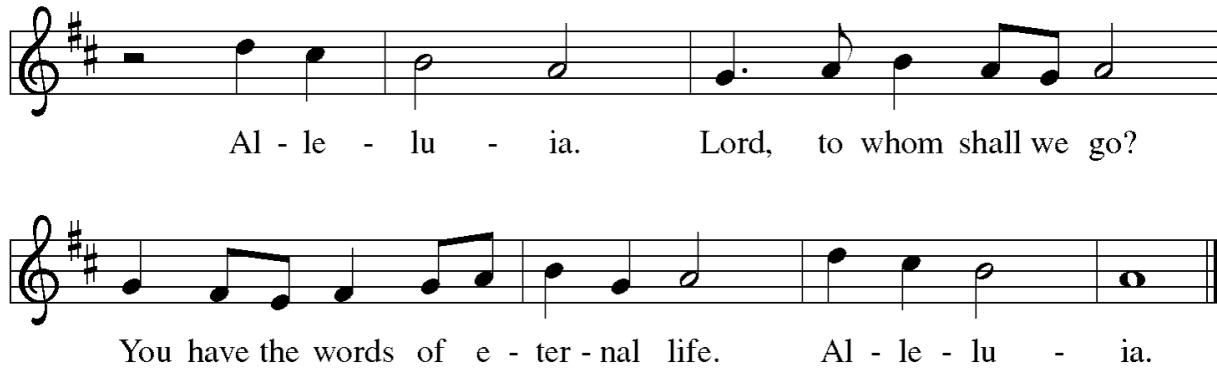
²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

L: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon & Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Hymn of the Day: The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won (ELW 366)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Nicene Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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 Easter Prayers:

- L: When the stone had been sealed, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You arose on the third day. Dear Savior, you have granted life to the world. Help us each day to glorify you and give thanks for your saving plan and for your love for humankind.
- C: **All praise to you this morning of your Resurrection!**
- L: Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength and trampled down death. Help us to rejoice in Your resurrection, this day and always.
- C: **All praise to you this morning of your Resurrection!**
- L: By Your cross, You destroyed death! To the thief You granted Paradise, and for the faithful women, you changed weeping into joy. Strengthen us to proclaim that You are risen and have granted the world great mercy.
- C: **All praise to you this morning of your Resurrection!**
- L: By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead. Like them, raise us up from death to life.
- C: **All praise to you this morning of your Resurrection!**

The Peace of Christ:

- L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

Anthem:

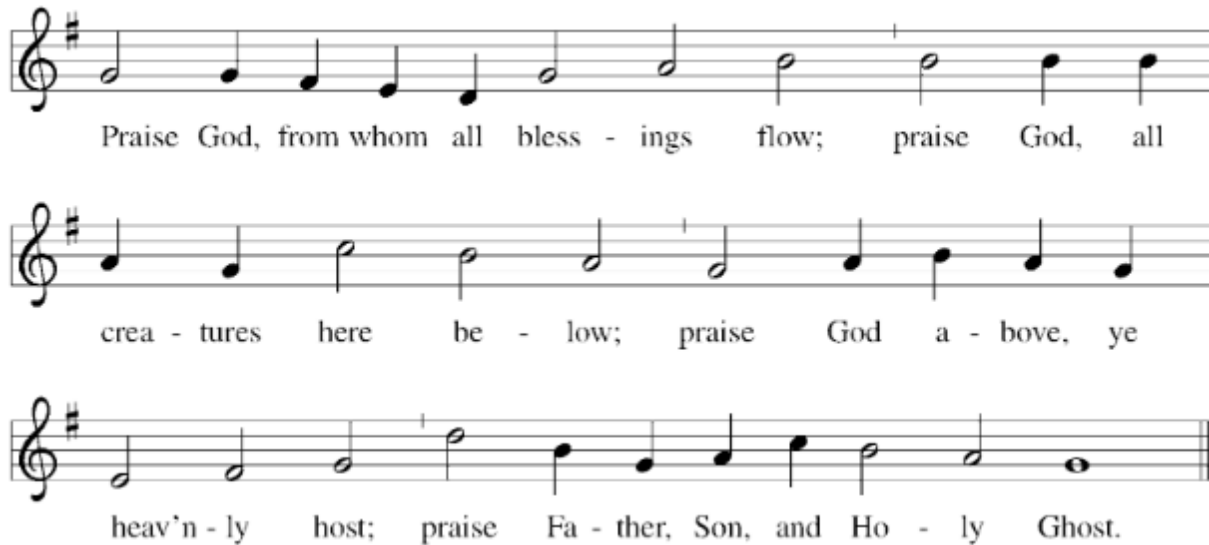
Alleluia, Praise the Risen King!

Lloyd Larson

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



- L: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C: **Amen.**

+MEAL+

The Great Thanksgiving:

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

The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, when he gave himself up for the life of the world, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

Lord's Prayer:

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:

L: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C: **Amen.**

Communion Songs:

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest

Leo Sowerby

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath Thee lie;
who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from His pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
death is con - quered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;
praise we Him whose love di - vine gives His sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal Vic - tim, Pas - chal Bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to Thee we raise;
gives His bod - y for the feast, Christ the Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
Ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to Thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Post-Communion Prayer:

- L: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

- L: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (ELW 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing; O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal:

L: Christ is risen, just as he said! Grow in faith, make a difference, be open to all. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Allegro de Concours

August de Boeck

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Guest Musicians:

Charlie Wolfe, *trumpet*

Dawn Falato, Amanda Shaffern, *sopranos*

Anne Bragg, Heather Plank, *altos*

Peter Schmitz, *baritone*

Announcements

Work Day - April 26 from 10-12

We would greatly appreciate some helping hands at our spring Work Day around the church property, on April 26 from 10:00 to noon. Join us if you can, even if it's just for a half hour!

Many hands make light work!

Giving Garden - Planting: Saturday, May 17 at 12:30 PM

This year we will be planting herbs and native flowers (a new experiment!). Your help in getting them planted for what we hope will be a successful new addition to the tables at Grace Lutheran would be greatly appreciated. We hope you are able to join us!

Holy Trinity Easter Flowers

We are grateful for these gifts, symbols of the resurrection, that enhance the beauty of our church this Easter morning. The following members of our community have given these beautiful plants to the glory of God:

The Ackerman Family in loving memory of Kate Ackerman.

Pat Brubaker in loving memory of George & Dolly Brubaker, with fond memories of Easter baskets and a lovely new spring bonnet for church.

Bob Catherman for the wellbeing of his grandson Bob Fuhrmeister.

Gloria Eichner in memory of Orion, Martin, and Oriana.

The Engelhard Family in honor of AJ, Royce and Grampa Steve.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Gramma and Grampa Brunner.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Aunt Jeanne.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Aunt Fran.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Trevor Binner.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Gerald and Nicole Pisano.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Doris Jane.

The Engelhard Family in memory of Pastor Harvey.

Mark & Dee Jaye Frye in honor of their families and friends.

Mark & Dee Jaye Frye in memory of their parents and grandparents.

Josephine Grace Sozer in memory of "GG", her great-grandmother, Doris Jane Starankovic.

Anne & Ben Hoffman in loving memory of Louise and Cindy.

Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey in honor of their grandchildren, Liam, Maya, and Luke.

Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey in loving memory of Tasha Cengel.

Karen Prince in loving memory of Marie Wilt.

Karen Prince in loving memory of Kathryn & Barbara Hnizdo.

Karen Prince in loving memory of Dorothy & Harry Schreiber.

Karen Prince in loving memory of Rita Prince.

Karen Prince in loving memory of Adrienne Saddington.

Karen Prince in honor of Erich Prince.

Karen Prince in honor of Hnizdo Family.

Karen Prince in honor of Tretina Family.

Karen Prince in honor of Bob & Paige Saddington.

Susan Snow & Barry Amole in memory of their parents Kathryn and Charles Westman and Lidalee and Clifton Amole.

Emma, William, Noel, and Emy Starankovic in memory of Doris and Bob Starankovic.

Diana Vidlak in loving memory of her mother Mae Smith.

Diana Vidlak in loving memory of her brother Ronald Vidlak.

Diana Vidlak in loving memory of her friend Rev. Mary E. Laufer.

Diana Vidlak in loving memory of many loved ones who have passed.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Sue Steiger

Joe Sargent

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

Fran Gebhart

Sharon Neall (Hall family member)

Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)

Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)

The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd

Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck

Marbury Hooey

John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)

Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)

Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Ann & Deed Dixon (friends of the Hoffmans)

Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)

Erin Borden (friend of Anne Hoffman)

Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)

Barb McCluskey (sister in law of Bruce & Dorothy
McCluskey)

Heather DePauli (cousin of the Hoffmans)

Sandy (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Katy (niece of Pat Brubaker)

Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy
McCluskey)

Ken Molchanow (brother of Stan Molchanow)

Ed Neely (neighbor of the McCluskeys)

Ellen Mitchell (sister of Mary Williamson)

Bob Fuhrmeister (grandson of Bob Catherman)

Steve Crews (Kim's father)

Kathy D (friend of Pat Brubaker)

The Lim family (friends of the Princes)