



In  
Loving  
Memory

Gladys Valeen Selma Hengst Moerbe was born to Oscar & Alma (Niemtschk) Hengst on February 14, 1935 in Thorndale, Texas. After 88 years, she left this earth to be with Jesus, our Savior, on May 15, 2023. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm at Englands Funeral Home in Slaton, Texas. Funeral service will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2221 Avenue W, Lubbock, Texas on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with Rev. Eric Hiner officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson, Texas.

Gladys was baptized March 17, 1935 and confirmed her Christian faith April 10, 1949 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale, Texas. On July 1, 1951 she married Kenneth Moerbe at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale, Texas. They moved from their home in Thorndale to the West Texas area in 1961. Their marriage was blessed with five children: Corlis Norman of Lubbock, Texas, Donna (Jim) Shepherd of Amarillo, Texas, Warren Moerbe of Wilson, Texas, Thomas (Resa) Moerbe of Arvada, Colorado and Angela (Roger) Beikmann of Victoria, Texas. She was predeceased by her husband in 1981 and is survived by their five children, a brother, Eldee Hengst of Thorndale, Texas, ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to being a farmer's wife and raising her children, Gladys proudly worked as a nurse, graduating from Methodist School for Registered Nurses in 1985. She was active in her Christian faith as a member at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, Texas for the past 40+ years. She was an avid quilter and loved to crochet, knit and solve word puzzles. Her favorite pastime was to host family gatherings in her home. Family and friends alike loved to get together at Granny's house for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and Sunday lunches. She will truly be missed.

The family would like to express their most heartfelt appreciation to Hospice of the South Plains, especially Kelsey, Mary, David, Julie and Manuela for their expert and gentle care of our beloved mother and granny. In addition, the family would like to thank Ashley, Jan, Judy and Becky for your friendship and loving companionship during our mother's last few weeks. We thank you all for helping us fulfill our mother's last wishes to remain in her own home until her final day, surrounded by her family.

Memorials may be sent to The Lutheran Hour at [give.lhm.org](http://give.lhm.org), Hospice of the South Plains, 4413 82<sup>nd</sup> Street #135, Lubbock, TX 79424 or Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2221 Avenue W, Lubbock, TX 79411.

A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the life of  
Gladys Valeen Selma Hengst Moerbe  
February 14, 1935 - May 15, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #566 By Grace I'm Saved

Reading of the Obituary

*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.

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Gladys Valeen Selma Hengst Moerbe was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Psalmody

*Psalm 23*

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **Kyrie**

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Gladys and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Job 19:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Verse

*LSB 279*

**A** Alleluia, alle- | luia.\*

Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead;

**C** to Him be glory and power for- | ever.\*

Alle- | luia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:27–28; 11:17–27*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth and eleventh chapters.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<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>11:17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

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

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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*

**Sermon Hymn: #461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: #725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give to the family of Gladys and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive our thanks for Gladys and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**A** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

**G** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**

**A** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

### **Concluding Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those

we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction and Dismissal**

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord. Amen.

## **Closing Hymn: #709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

## **Postlude**

## ***Committal to follow at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson***

*Officiating: Pastor Eric Hiner*

*Organist: Cynthia Merrell*

*Pallbearers: Paul Schafer*

*Jeff Trumble*

*Adam Beikmann*

*Luke Beikmann*

*Braxton Jaushlin*

*Shannon Reed*

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