

*A Celebration of the Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ*



with thanksgiving for the life of

Emogene Louise Salvucci

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*First Lutheran Church,
Washington, Pennsylvania*



*"Here I am Lord.
Is it I Lord?"*

I have heard You

calling in the night.

I will go Lord,

if You lead me.

I will hold Your

people in my heart. "

PRELUDE MUSIC

When directed by the pastor, the congregation stands and faces the rear of the church.

Duet *The Old Rugged Cross* *Kris Briggs, B.J. Heastings*

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

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

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

The baptismal pall is placed upon the coffin. When Emogene was baptized, she was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed in glory.

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #787 *On Eagles Wings*

The members of the congregation turn to face the front of the church as the procession passes them.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P 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.***

LITANY

P Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

C ***and giving life to those in the tomb.***

P The Son of righteousness is gloriously risen,

C ***giving light to those who sat in darkness
and in the shadow of death.***

P The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace,

C ***having taken away the sin of the world.***

P Christ will open the kingdom of heaven
to all who believe in His name,

C saying, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.’

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our sister Emogene. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸He will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, so that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 23

(spoken responsively)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND LESSON *Romans 8:31-35; 37-39*

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for all of us, will He not with Him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Stand

VERSE

C *Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will die no more;
death has no more dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the
resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL *St. John 3:16*

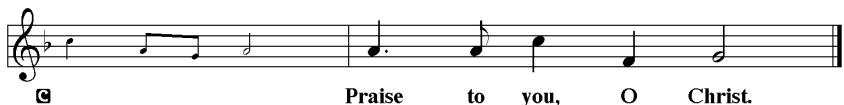
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Rev. Robert B. Grewe

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY #759 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

PRAYERS

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in 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 Your peace.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

A Grant us grace to entrust Emogene to Your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of Your mercy, and remember her according to the favor You bear for Your people.

C *Hear us, Lord.*

P God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks because by His death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection has

opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall 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**

PEACE

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

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Peace be with you. R **Peace be with you.**

Sit

The Lord's table is prepared.

Hymn #779

Amazing Grace

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with initials indicating the reader: P (Priest), C (Congregation), and R (Response).

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.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in the full assurance of our change into the likeness of His glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

P You are indeed holy, O God.

With all your saints we give You thanks and praise:
 for Your creative goodness that brings forth life;
 for Your sustaining goodness that surrounds us every day,
 and for Your redemptive goodness
 that brings forth love that never fails.

You called as Your own the descendants of Abraham,
 embracing them with your faithfulness.
 You have called us as Your own
 through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
 in the life-giving waters of Baptism.

We praise you for His life and his proclamation of the kingdom,
 and for His faithfulness
 as He stretched out His arms on the cross
 to open wide the gates of His heavenly reign.

As we gather at this table, we ask You:
 Send Your life-giving Spirit upon this bread and wine,
 that they may be for us the sustaining food of heaven,
 the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the night in which He was betrayed,
 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

P Gracious Father, we rejoice in our Lord's promise
of preparing a place for us.
We await the fulfillment of that promise:
when death shall be swallowed up in victory
and every tear shall be wiped away.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P We now rejoice as we remember before You
that wondrous cloud of witnesses and ancestors
who relied on Your faithfulness,
and who now abide in the Peace of Christ,
especially Your servant Emogene.

As You nourish us with this bread of life and this cup of salvation,
turn our mourning into dancing
and our sorrow into joy,
as we anticipate that final and great reunion
with all whom we have loved.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note on a middle C. The second staff begins with a quarter note on a G. The third staff begins with a quarter note on a C. The lyrics are written below the notes:

C Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
mighty Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

P Christ is in our midst.

By the power of the Spirit,
we pray to his Father, saying:

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*

Sit
DISTRIBUTION

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen**

*After all have returned to their places:
Stand*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C *Amen*

A Almighty God,
we thank You that in Your great love
You have given us a foretaste of Your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance
in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all Your saints;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C ***Amen***

Sit

Anthem ***"I the Lord of Sea and Sky #574*** ***Adult Choir***

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Emogene to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant,
Emogene. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own
fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive
her into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting
peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C ***Amen***

The pastor chants the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

P Now, Lord, you let Your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen Your 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 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

Stand

P Let us go forth in peace.
C ***In the name of Christ. Amen***

✖ RECESSATIONAL HYMN #632

O God, our Help in Ages Past

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Robert B. Grewe

Organist

Bobbi Heastings

Worship Assistants

Mark Black, Nathaniel Black, Wesley Black

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