

"I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
WELCOME

David Garcia, organ
Pastor Stephen Heimer

HYMN OF RESURRECTION PEACE

"Amazing Grace" LSB 744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

- P** As a father shows compassion to his children
G so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
P For he knows how we are made; he remembers that we are dust.
G As for us, our days are like grass; we flourish like a flower
P the wind passes over us, we are gone, our place is known no more
G But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness upon their children's children, to those who keep faith with His promises. (Psalm 103)

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

- P** In Holy Baptism Barbara was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3)
G "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." (Romans 6:4-5)

HYMN OF RESURRECTION WONDER

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain
- ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

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PSALM OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

(God creates and renews)

Isaiah 40:28–31

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

HYMN OF RESURRECTION HOPE

"Beautiful Savior" v.1-2,4 LSB 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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SECOND READING

(A glimpse of heaven)

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵"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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

HOLY GOSPEL

(Eternal life in Jesus)

John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

MEDITATION

"God's Own Child Forever"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

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.

PASTORAL PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

- P** Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)
- C** **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.**
- P** "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 PRAYER

- P** 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 Barbara and all whom 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.

BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN OF RESURRECTION JOY

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

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POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

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Barbara Ann Laux



Barbara Ann Laux was born March 1, 1952, to Raymond and Marcella Laux in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She graduated from community college and went to work for RBC Investments, where she stayed for 44 years, retiring in 2014. After retiring, Barb moved to Santa Teresa, New Mexico to be closer to family. Barb was a member of the Red Hat Society. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church where she volunteered with the Day School Children, and joined the Altar Guild, and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Barb was also an active member of the Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Barb loved to travel, especially taking cruises with family

and friends, and joining in family gatherings. She went to be with her Lord on June 3, 2021, after a long battle with diabetes-related illnesses. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, David, Gloria, and Raymond, Jr. Barb is survived by numerous cousins and friends in Minnesota, New Mexico and Texas.

*Abide with me,
fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.*



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