

MEMORIAL FOR JACQUELINE M. KIERSCH

February 15, 2023

Born: August 9, 1933

Died: January 25, 2023

Prelude

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Samuel Liddle

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Abide with Me" LSB #878

- 1. 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, oh, abide with me.**
- 2. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
pow'r? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay
can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,
abide with me.**
- 3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But
kind and good, with healing in Thy wings; Tears
for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend
of sinners, thus abide with me.**
- 4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy**

victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

- 6. 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.**

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

Invocation Stand

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 Jacqueline M. Kiersch 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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Jacqueline 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

Eulogy

“As You Closed your eyes in Rest, All your pain and troubles were lost forever. You found Heaven's gates to eternal life.” Love you Mom, Jeannette.

Old Testament Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom 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.

Psalm

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.**

⁴Even 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for- ever.**

Epistle 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 2:25–32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to

the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ. Sit

Hymn of the Day “Jesus Loves Me” #588

**Jesus Loves me, this I know For the Bible tells me
so Little ones to Him belongs They are weak but He
is strong**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me! Loves me still, Tho’ I’m very weak
and ill; That I might from sin be free Bled and died
upon the tree. Refrain.**

**Jesus loves me, He who died Heaven's gate to
open wide He will wash away my sin Let His little
child come in. Refrain.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all
the way; Thou hast bled and died for me, I will
henceforth live for thee. Refrain.**

Sermon: In God’s Time *Luke 2:25–32*

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 *Jacqueline* 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 *Jacqueline* 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

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.”

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 Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **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

P 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

“Onward Christian Soldiers” AGPS #194

**1 Onward Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, His banners go!**

**Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching
As to war, With the cross of Jesus, Going on
before.**

**3 Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God:
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have
trod; We are not divided, All one Body we—
One in faith and Spirit, One eternally. Refrain.**

**4 Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise
and wane; But the Church of Jesus Constant
will remain. Gates of hell can never 'Gainst the**

**Church prevail; We have Christ's own promise,
Which can never fail. Refrain.**

**5 Onward, then, ye people! Join our happy
throng; Blend with ours your voices In the
triumph song. Glory, laud and honor Unto
Christ, the King; This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. Refrain.**

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Reader:	Rev. Dave Poedel

Obituary:

Jacqueline M. Kiersch, 89, peacefully joined her Lord and Savior on January 25th 2023.

Originally from Illinois, she grew up in Indiana where she married and started a family. Tired of the snow, the family moved to Tucson, AZ where her parents were and they spent over 50 years there.

She spent her time attending church, working in fabric goods, watching kids, grandkids, and great grandkids grow up. There were trips to Rocky Point, Guaymas, Lake Mead and side trips to Las Vegas. Jacqueline enjoyed sewing for herself and her family, craft sales, and making time to show off desert living to visitors.

Always strong in her faith and love of the lord, she enjoyed attending church and group bible

studies. She encouraged others to join every chance she had.

Jacqueline is preceded in death by her parents Emil and Mildred Salen, husband Joseph, son Jerome, daughter Joanne, granddaughter Crystal Stecher as well as her sisters Dolores Hill, Carolyn Kukral and Penelope Nahely. She is survived by her daughter Jeannette as well as seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jacqueline's final resting place will be in Indiana next to family members who have preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held for Jacqueline at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1337 W. 11th St. Tempe AZ 85281 on Wednesday, February 15th at 1:00pm.

In leu of flowers, donations can be made in Jacqueline's memory to Lutheran Indian Ministries at www.lutheranindianministries.com