

The Funeral & Celebration of Life
for

Ellen C. Duncan

June 20, 1944 - June 18, 2023



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Grace Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor: 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Assisting Minister: 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.

GATHERING HYMN

Borning Cry

ELW 732 (Lyrics only on bulletin insert)

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Ellen Duncan. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6a

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each part of the prayers ends with the words:

“God of mercy,”

And we respond:

“Hear our prayer.”

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

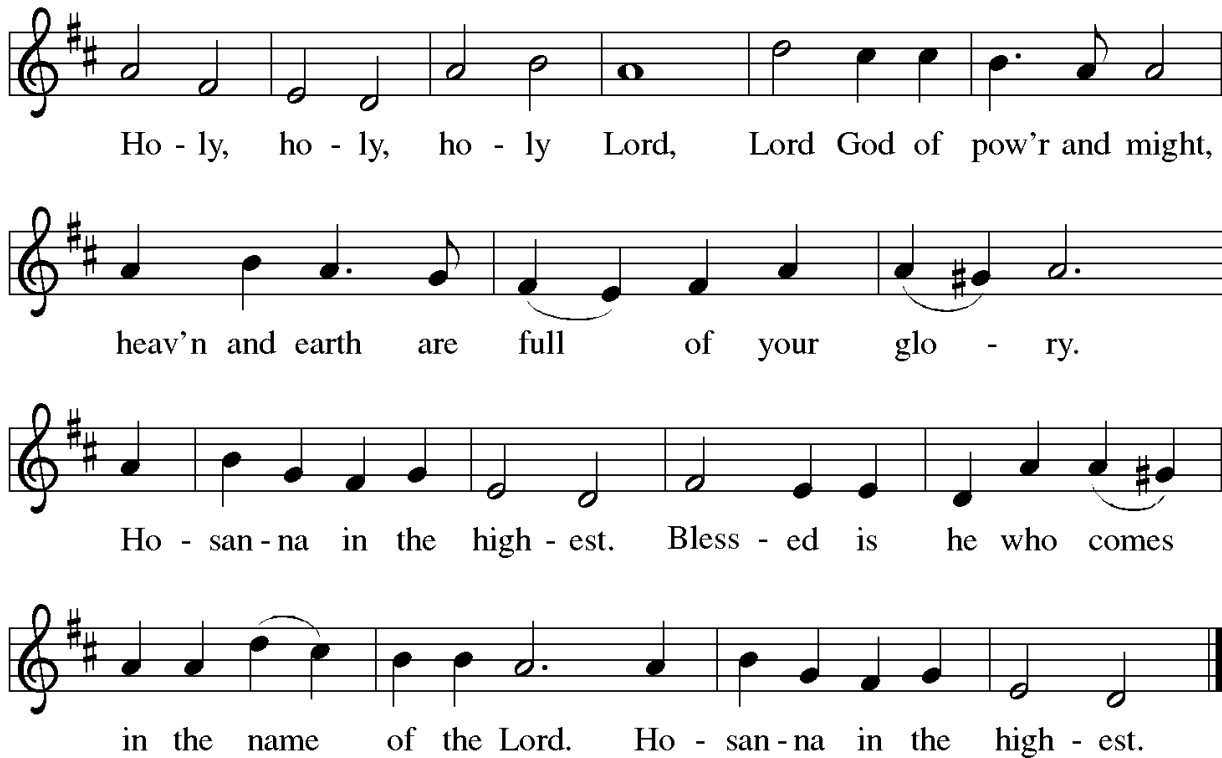
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Pastor: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray in whichever language is closest to our hearts.

Congregation: 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

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

Grace Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ellen Charlotte Lotz Duncan. 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Assisting Minister: Let us go forth in peace,

Congregation: in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 (Insert)

The service concludes with the Committal in the Memorial Garden.

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Jefferson Cox
Organist:	Wendy Roth
Hospitality Specialist:	Sunday Falco
Assisting Minister:	Deacon Frank Bencivenga