

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. – John 5:24

Funeral Service for Lorene Finstad *September 2, 2022*

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Prelude

Ring of the Bell and Welcome

Opening Hymn – 710, *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh

Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853

Text and tune: Public domain

Stand – Service begins in the back of the sanctuary

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 Lorene 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.

Processional hymn - Creation Groans in Waiting

Ruth Rohloff, b. 1969

Rom 8:22, Matt 18:20, Gal 6:2, Rom 8:39

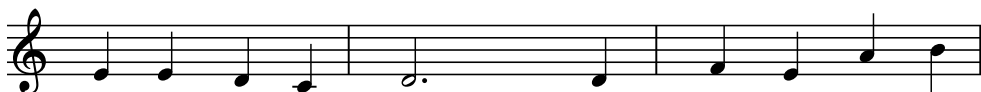
♩ = 90



1. Cre a - tion groans in wai - ting for our dear Lord's re -
2. Di - sease may kill the bo - dy but can-not touch the
3. We flee to Him for re - fuge un - to His house of
4. Re - deemed, re - newed, for - gi - ven by Je - sus' ho - ly



- turn. All na - ture wars a - gainst us as
soul. Through toil and tri - bu - la - tion our
prayer. Where two or three are ga - thered, He
blood, We stand pre - pared to serve Him by



ra - ging tem - pests churn. The moun - tains quake and
dear Lord makes us whole. When plague and fa - mine
says He will be there. The pa - stor speaks His
ser - ving those He loved. We bear each o - ther's



trem - ble. The o - ceans surge and foam. This
threa - ten and death is at our heels, We
ble - ssing, "Be - lov - ed in the Lord!" We
bur - dens while we car - ry our cross. When



is the way of life here un - til He takes us home.
turn to Christ, our Sa - vior, the o - nly one who heals.
are His new cre - a - tion through wa - ter and the Word.
one of us so suf - fers, we all must suf - fer loss.

5. Christ's mercy never changes. He renews it each day.
He is our Rock, our Fortress, our Light that leads the way.
Though threats of war surround us with terrors on each side,
We know for sure in glory with Him we will abide.

6. All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, our great God, three in one.
Not any tribulation, nor danger from the sword
Can ever separate us from His eternal love. Amen.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for your lovingkindness shown to Lorene, 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.

G **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

²⁵ “I, I am he

who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,

and I will not remember your sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
 O my God, in you I trust;
 let me not be put to shame;
 let not my enemies exult over me.
 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18, 26, 28-39

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,
 “For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

G to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Hymn of the Day - 748, *I'm But a Stranger Here*

1 I'm but a stran-ger here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There-fore I mur-mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des-ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil-grim-age, Heav'n is my home;
 What-e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand;
 And time's wild win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
 And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807-35
 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900
 Text and tune: Public domain

Reading of the Obituary

Sermon

Text—Philippians 4:4-9: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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 lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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 and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Recessional Hymn - 676, *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly

snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who

is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Norwegian, 17th cent.

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✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Participants

- Preacher: Pastor Philip Schielke
 Crucifer: John Schober
 Organist: Gretchen Gallo
 Pallbearers: Merk Bailey, Mike Knickerbocker, John Ostermann,
 Brad Rohloff, Scott Rohloff, CJ Teague

All in attendance are invited for fellowship and lunch following the service. Please allow at least 15 minutes for setup, and allow the family to be served lunch first. You may greet the family outside prior to lunch.

A graveside service will be held this afternoon at 2:30pm, at the cemetery of Trinity Lutheran Church Clara, 11867 FM 1813, Iowa Park, TX 76367. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be given to Victory in Christ Lutheran Church.

Obituary



Oh, what joy there is in Heaven today...and for always. Beloved mom, grandma, sister, and friend, Lorene Frances Finstad entered her eternal rest on Saturday, August 27, at her home in Rhome with members of her family by her side.

Born to Emil and Willa Belle Schroeder on June 21, 1932, at her home in Burkburnett, Texas, Lorene was the sixth of seven children. She was baptized into Christ on July 24, 1932, and was confirmed in Christ on April 14, 1946, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Iowa Park (Clara), Texas. Lorene attended St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas, where she received a degree in teaching in 1951. After graduation, she taught at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Waco, Texas, where she touched many lives as a 1st through 3rd grade teacher. She also met and married Raymond Lloyd Finstad at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Together they had six children.

Lorene was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Helen Eaton and Juanita Tonn; and brothers, Herbert Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, and Raymond Schroeder. Lorene is survived by her children Donna and husband Johnny Schober, Randy and wife Dawn, Tim, Ruth and husband Doug Rohloff, Amy and husband Mike Knickerbocker, and Paul and wife Jamie; grandchildren Nick Finstad and wife Mary, Crystal (Schober) Jones, Allison (Schober) Ostermann and husband John, Carl Finstad, Craig Finstad, Erin Finstad, Amber Finstad, John Schober and fiancée Sarah, Joshua Rohloff, Emaleigh Hathorn, Lauren Rohloff, Audrey Burchett, Olivia Burchett, Aiden Finstad, Kara Rohloff, and Natalie Finstad; 15 great-grandchildren; sister Linda Rogers; sisters-in-law Jane Schroeder and Deanna Schroeder; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Lorene loved spending time with her family and church family, quilting, and gardening. She will be remembered for her faith in Christ, her devotion to family, her joy of traveling, her kindness, and her smile. Her faith and love of life and laughter will live on in the people who were blessed enough to know her during her 90 years on earth.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57