

## *The Liturgy of Resurrection for Blanche Elaine Hager Campbell*

Born into eternity 23 July 2021

In the Name of Jesus Christ, and in loving memory of Blanche Elaine Campbell, we welcome you to Christ Lutheran Church. Even as we mourn, we proclaim the faith and hope of the church: Christ is risen! In Christ's resurrection is the promise of new and eternal life for Elaine and all who trust in God. Today, sharing this hope we are a family of faith.

The service is printed in this booklet. In the service. The congregational responses are in **bold face type**. Please join us as fully as you are able in the hymns and responses of the worship service.

Rest rooms are located at the foot of the stairs accessed from the back, organ side of the church, in the office hall just off the entrance (third door on the left) and at the back of the fellowship hall. The hall is down the stairs by the parking lot door, and down the hallway to your right at the foot of the stairs.



### *Gathering*

#### **PRELUDE**

*Please stand at pastor's invitation.*

#### **OPENING**

Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our sister in Christ, Elaine, to give thanks for her life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

When we are baptized into Christ Jesus, we are baptized into his death. That Baptism joins us to his death and resurrection, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. Since we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like his.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN: #779, ELW *AMAZING GRACE***

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. + *Silence for reflection* + O God of grace and eternity, we remember Elaine before you today, and we give you thanks for all that she was as a beloved mother, sister, Aunt, friend and sister in Christ. In your boundless compassion, console all who mourn with us this day. Give us your peace, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life. Strengthen us as we walk day by day in faith, until by your promise, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*A Time of Remembrance*

## *Word*

*Silence for reflection follows each reading*

### THE FIRST READING:

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!** (Wisdom 5:1-9)

Psalms 25 is read responsively by verse. The congregation reads the verses in **bold type**.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.  
**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my sin, for it is great.

**Who are they who fear the LORD?**

**You will teach them the way that they should choose.**

They shall dwell in prosperity,  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

**You, LORD, are a friend to those who fear you,  
and will show them your covenant.**

My eyes are ever looking to you, O LORD,  
for you will pluck my feet out of the net.

**Turn to me and have pity on me,  
for I am left alone and in misery.**

The sorrows of my heart have increased;  
bring me out of my troubles.

**Look upon my adversity and misery  
and forgive me all my sin.**

Look upon my enemies, for they are many,  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

**Protect my life and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.**

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for my hope has been in you.

**Deliver Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.**

*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.*

## **THE SECOND READING:**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with among mortals! He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and He shall be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, no more crying or pain, for the old has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be their God, and they will be my child." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** (Revelation 21:1-7)

*Please stand.*

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

**to Christ be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

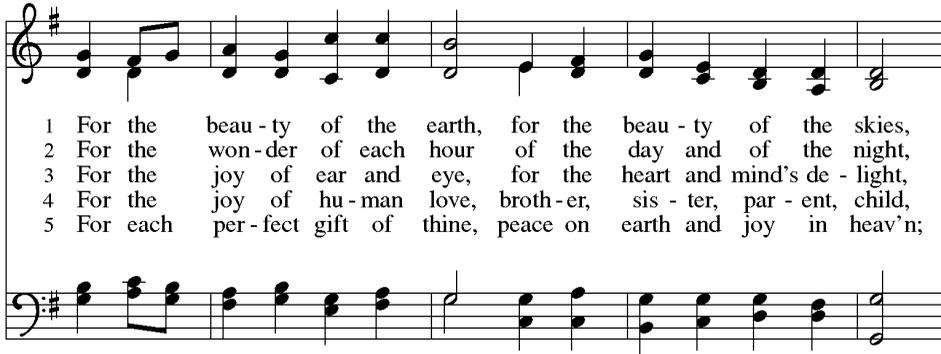
The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

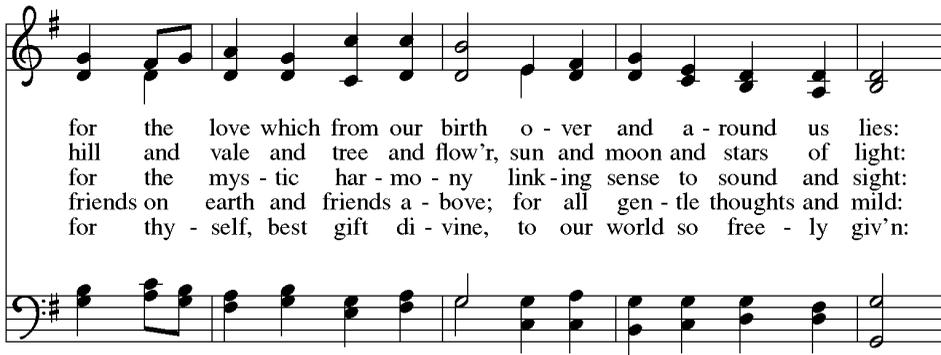
*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

HYMN: ELW#879 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

*Please stand at Pastor's invitation*

## **THE PRAYERS**

For comfort in our need, and for all who mourn, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, I am Resurrection, and I am the Life."

*A brief silence*

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Elaine, and dry the tears of those who weep. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Elaine was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; She was nourished with your Body and Blood at your Table. Welcome her to Your Table in the heavenly kingdom and give her fellowship with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those dear to us who rest in you. . . .

*(a brief silence to remember )*

Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in ou and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever, as we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## *Commendation and Sending*

Into your hands, holy God, we commend our sister in Christ, Elaine. In this life, through the waters of baptism, you embraced her with your tender love; receive her into eternal rest. Welcome her into your paradise, where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping or pain, but where she will enjoy the fullness of peace and joy in your presence forever.

**Amen**

## HYMN: ELW #856, HOW GREAT THOU ART



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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## DISMISSAL

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine on her**

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

## POSTLUDE

*Those who are not accompanying the family to the cemetery are welcome to go to the fellowship hall for refreshments and conversation until they return, after which lunch will be served. The hall is down the stairs by the parking lot door, then down the hallway to your right at the foot of the stairs.*



*The family wishes to thank everyone for your care and support during this time of loss. It is deeply appreciated.*

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