

May your
unfailing love
be with us, Lord, even as
we put our hope in you.

PSALM 33:22 (NIV)



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF ELAINE ANNA BISHOP

October 29, 1932 — April 20, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Robert E. Smith

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WORDS OF COMFORT AND THANKSGIVING

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.

In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15)

HYMN – “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

#744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

PSALM 23

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 forever.

THE PRAYER

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6

1“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4And you know the way to where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESURRECTION MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

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HYMN – “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

PRAYER

Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in 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 Your peace.

Hear us, O Lord.

Allow that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

Hear us, O Lord.

Provide to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Hear us, O Lord.

Give to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

Hear us, O Lord.

Sustain in all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

Hear us, O Lord.

Instill courage and faith in the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

Hear us, O Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

#461:1, 2, 7, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

You are invited to gather for a luncheon and time of sharing memories in the Fellowship Center following the service.

Elaine Anna Bishop
October 29, 1932 — April 20, 2024



Elaine grew up in South Dakota and graduated from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion with a Home Economics degree. She eventually earned her Master's Degree in English and was a long-term teacher at Coachella Valley High School. She retired from education in 2008 and especially enjoyed spending much of her time with her grandchildren. Elaine was also a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Indio. She loved singing in the choir, involvement in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and helping with the children's educational programs such as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Elaine moved from South Dakota to Washington State with her husband Vaughn E. Bishop. They had two daughters, Patty and Carol before moving to Indio in 1965. The couple subsequently had three sons: Richard, Robert and Ronald while living in California.

Elaine is survived by her children, Patty (John), Richard, Robert (Monique) and Ronald as well as her grandchildren Michael (Eyvette), Roberta and Rebecca.

Elaine will be missed very much by her family, friends and church family.

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’” (Revelation 14:13)