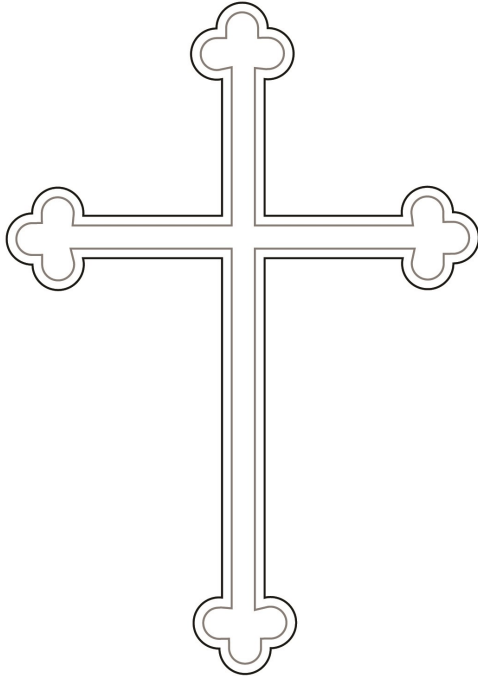


*Funeral Service of*  
**Lois Adeane Johnson**

1936 - 2023



Saturday, November 18, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

*St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church at  
Fairmont, Minnesota*

*Note: The funeral pall covering the casket (or urn) during the service is a vivid symbol of the royal robe of Christ's righteousness bestowed on the baptized. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). The cross woven into it is an emblem of the Sabbath rest of saints in the light. "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9).*



*Stand*

**INVOCATION & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** In Holy Baptism Lois Adeane 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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"**

**KYRIE, SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**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 Lois 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*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 19:23-27 (ESV)**

“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE: Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**VERSE (General)**

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

**C** to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 3:1-17 (ESV)**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**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: LSB 570 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

**SERMON: “His One and Only” (John 3:1-17)**

**HYMN: LSB 571 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”**

*Stand*

## 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 Lois 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 Lois 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.

*Sit*

### **LORD'S PRAYER SOLO**

*Stand*

### **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.**

**Glorify 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 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.

**MEAL PRAYER**

**C** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever. Amen.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: LSB 588 “Jesus Loves Me”**

**RECESSIONAL**

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*COMMITTAL is at Fairview Memorial Park.*

*LUNCH is served in the Church Basement following the Service.*

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**Pastor:** Rev. Anthony Bertram

**Organist:** Mr. Richard Eyerly

**Soloists:** Mr. Steve Pomeranke

