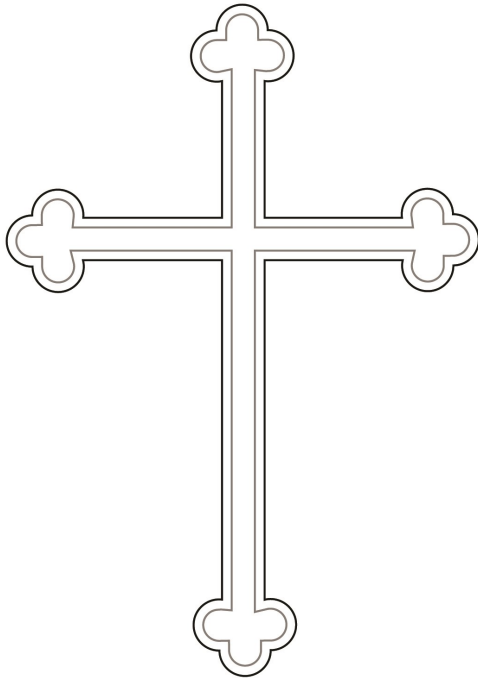


*Funeral Service of*  
**Ardis Marie Koenecke**  
1932-2023



Saturday, May 13, 2023  
12:30 p.m.

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



*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 Ardis 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.**

*Romans 6:3-5*

### 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 Ardis 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: Psalm 56:9b-13 (ESV)

This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 (KJV)

**P** The LORD *is* my shepherd;

**C** **I shall not want.**

**P** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**C** **He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**P** He restoreth my soul:

**C** **He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou *art* with me;

**C** **Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.**

**P** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**C** **Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**C** **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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.**

## EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (ESV)

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## VERSE (General)

*Revelation 1:5-6*

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 16:20b-22 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from 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: “Rock of Ages”**

**LSB 761**

**SERMON: “Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy” (John 16:20b-22)**

*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 Ardis 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 Ardis 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.**

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

- 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 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.”

## MEAL PRAYER

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

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C** in the name of the Lord. Amen.

**HYMN: "I'm But a Stranger Here"**

**LSB 748**

✠ ✠ ✠

*LUNCH downstairs immediately follows the Service.*

*The COMMITTAL follows the Lunch at Lake Belt Cemetery, Ceylon.*

✠ ✠ ✠

**Pastor:** Rev. Anthony Bertram

**Organist:** Mr. Richard Eyerly

