



I will dwell in
the house of
the Lord
forever

Psalm 23:6



St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
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Celebration of the life of
Connie Wise

Born December 15, 1931

Entered into Eternal Rest, March 17, 2020

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

INTRODUCTION

P Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister, Connie, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life: We glorify you.

C **We glorify you.**

P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life: We praise you.

C **We praise you.**

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope: We worship you.

C **We worship you.**

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN *Borning Cry*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Connie. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have
waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 —Read in Unison

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REMEMBRANCE

GOSPEL READING: John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the

Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

A The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

Organ Only—No Singing

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. Refrain

- 3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED (*congregation stands*)

**C I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

A Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus, full of compassion, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Connie, and dry the tears of those who weep. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Jesus, man of sorrows, you wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend; comfort us who mourn. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Jesus, firstborn of the new creation, you raised the dead; give to our sister life eternal. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Jesus, friend of sinners, you promised paradise to the repentant thief; bring Connie to the joys of heaven.

In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Jesus, bread of life, you nourished Connie at your table on earth; welcome her at your table in the realm of heaven. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Jesus, bright morning star, comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Connie, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall 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**

COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Connie to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Connie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

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