

THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL
OF DELORES K. SPLIETH

JANUARY 17, 2021

Greeting and Prayer

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn at Dee's death, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought her to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all believers in glory everlasting.

All: Amen.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David. ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even 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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Resurrection Comfort

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

All: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

All: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

Pastor: We will be before the throne of God

All: And serve him day and night in his temple.

Pastor: Never again will we hunger;

All: Never again will we thirst.

Pastor: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

All: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Pastor: Let us pray. God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise 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.

All: Amen.



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Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.
 Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.



Scripture Readings

Psalm 4:7–8

⁷ You have placed joy in my heart greater than the joy when grain and new wine are plentiful. ⁸ In complete peace I will lie down, and I will sleep, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 63:3–8

³ Because your mercy is better than life, my lips will worship you. ⁴ Yes, I will bless you as long as I live. In your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied with rich food. My mouth will praise you with lips filled with songs. ⁶ Whenever I remember you on my bed, throughout the watches of the night I meditate on you. ⁷ Because you are a help for me, I sing for joy under the shade of your wings. ⁸ My soul clings to you. Your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 46:10

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth.”

John 10:14–15, 27–28

¹⁴ “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵ (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

Psalm 16:7–11

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ **You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Sermon



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there 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.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of believers who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Dee, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

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There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



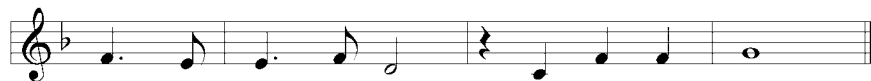
world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous



an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies



their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,

strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who

 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

The vivid imagery of our Lord's revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.

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Delores K. Splieth

August 5, 1930—

January 11, 2021

Delores K. Splieth, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed peacefully to her heavenly home on Monday, January 11th, 2021.

Daughter of Adam, Sr. and Nancy Cecchini and born August 5th, 1930 in Kenosha, WI, Delores was the eldest of five children: Thomas, Richard, Adam Jr., Dennis and Valmina. Delores met the love of her life working at Simmons Company where her father also worked. Robert

C. and Delores Splieth became one on June 30th, 1951.

Robert and Delores raised five children while managing relocations to multiple cities including Janesville and Waukesha for Robert's career at Wisconsin Bell (now AT&T), and finally landing in Appleton, WI in 1976. Throughout those years, Delores was devoted in supporting every aspect of raising her family including a few secretarial positions, 4H leader, Mt Olive Lutheran lunch helper, and so many other things her children remember that she did in loving dedication to them and to Robert. Robert and Delores enjoyed each other's company on the golf course, walking and bike riding and supporting their church.

Delores and Robert also pursued their passion for travel, particularly in their retirement years when they traveled the world to see places like Greece, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Panama Canal, Alaska as well as many trips to see their children who were spread across the U.S. They also couldn't wait to spend time with their grandchildren and Delores was sitter for their first grandchild while living in Appleton. Delores always stayed in touch with her family no matter where they were, and once the ability to text message was widely available, Delores used it expertly!

For sixty years, Delores and Robert were together until Robert's passing in June of 2012. A few years later, Delores moved to her new home in Stillwater, MN near her daughter Diane, son-in-law George and their family. Delores loved spending time with her daughter's family rooting on the Packers, seeing movies, enjoying the theater, game nights, and her favorite past time - shopping trips. She enjoyed meeting and spending time with neighbor friends at the Oak Park

Heights apartments where she lived. And she still made time to travel to see her kids in Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin and Missouri.

Delores is survived by her brother Adam Cecchini, Jr (Sandy) in Ormond Beach, FL, sister Val Wilda (John) in Racine, WI, brother Dennis Cecchini (Celeste) in Salt Lake City, UT. Delores is also survived by her eldest son: Glenn Splieth and his partner Travis Rigby in Ft. Lauderdale, FL; daughters: Kristine Splieth in Atlanta, GA; Lynn (Michael) Wirl and their son Jon in Sun Prairie, WI; Diane (George) Light in Stillwater, MN and their children Jacob, Andrea (Ben) and Carolyn (Tom); Roberta (Steve) Neels in Ironton, MO and their stepdaughter Kalin. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Dorothy Merten of Kenosha, WI and sister-in-law, Doris Cecchini of Racine, WI.

Delores is predeceased by her brothers Thomas Cecchini and Richard Cecchini.

Delores was also beloved “forever” grandma to Lucca, Ellie, Mazzy, Howie and Egg.

To help ensure everyone’s safety, closed family services are being held and the service in Stillwater can be viewed online Sunday, January 17th, 2021 at 2:30pm at the following link www.salemlutheran.org/splieth

Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park in Appleton. A memorial gathering for extended family and friends will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations in memory of Delores Splieth may be made to the following organizations:

Second Harvest Heartland www.2harvest.org

Salem Lutheran Church and School www.salemlutheran.org/give

St. Jude Children's Hospital www.stjude.org

And I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “because they will rest from their labors, for their works follow them.”

Revelation 14:13



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