

October 8, 2024



HE ALONE IS MY  
**ROCK** AND MY  
SALVATION....

PSALM 62:6, NIV

Funeral of Carol Lange

*The Christian Funeral*  
*of*  
*Carol Louise Lange*

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm  
Salem Lutheran Church ~ Stillwater, Minnesota

*We Welcome You In Jesus' Name*

**Preservice music for meditation & prayer**

**Remembrance of Baptism**

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, Carol was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul affirms, *"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

The apostle also writes, *"All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."*

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

**Psalm 23**

M: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

C: **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.**

## God's Comfort

M: 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 from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

**C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

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

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

**C: then we also will appear with him in glory.**

M: 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 the loss of Carol, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Carol to faith and giving her the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CW 835

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
and the day is almost gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;  
<sup>4</sup>indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup>the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.

## Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

## Hymn: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CW 814



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight-ings and fears with - in, with-  
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **Sermon Reading**

*John 14:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.  
<sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.”  
<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”  
<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

***“Carol is in the perfect home”***

## **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.**

## Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## Prayer of Comfort

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**M:** What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

M: Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

M: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Recessional**

#### **Service Participants**

*Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe*

*Piano: Madison Boerner*

#### **Committal & Fellowship**

Carol's ashes will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery at a future date. After the service today, family and friends are invited to enjoy refreshments in the church fellowship hall downstairs.

#### **Our Prayer for Each of You**

It is our prayer that the Word of God which brought so much comfort to Carol also brought you comfort today. The message of our Savior who lived, died and rose again leads us believers to mourn not like the rest of the world, but as people who have the sure hope of a reunion because of Christ. If we can comfort or guide you in the future with this same life-saving message, please do not hesitate to contact us. God be with you.

## *Carol Louise Lange*

1948 – 2024

A native of Stillwater, MN, Carol was the daughter of Marietta and Harold Lange and the youngest of six children. A lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church, she was baptized November 28, 1948 and confirmed in faith May 26, 1963. She attended school in Stillwater and graduated in 1967.



Carol loved her family more than anything. She especially enjoyed the extended family gatherings held throughout the year. She always looked forward to the sharing of meals, visiting, storytelling, and participating in games and other fun-filled activities during these gatherings.

Crafting was one of Carol's hobbies. Christmas crafts were her favorite with the collecting of ideas and materials starting long before the holiday. Her craft table was covered with many ornaments made for and shared with family and friends. Preparation for the gift-giving season always began early at Carol's house.

Carol had a soft spot in her heart for dogs in need of a loving home. Tippy, Candy, Trixie, Snooks, and Etta were never lacking in love and care.

God called Carol to her heavenly home Monday, September 30th.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, her father, her two sisters, Barbara Jean and Darlene; and her nephew, Douglas. She is survived by siblings, Robert (Pat) Lange, Joan (Carl) Hohnstadt, Luella (David) Morse; and brother-in-law, Gerald Zoldan; as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-great nieces and a great-great nephew. She will also be missed by goddaughter, Rachel; special friend, Doris; and her care-giver, Sue.

Her ashes will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery to await a glorious resurrection on the Last Day.

*“Be faithful, even to  
the point of death,  
and I will give you  
the crown of life.”  
Revelation 7:10*



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