



# A Celebration of Jesus Christ in and for Marcia L. Solberg

May 10, 1956 – December 7, 2017

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Negaunee, Michigan

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

## WELCOME

*We gather to remember and worship. As part of God's gift of life and hope this day we celebrate the meal of Holy Communion within the funeral service. You are invited, knowing that we believe and declare the true body and blood of Jesus Christ present in/with/under the bread and wine. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus' Real Presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Christ in the Meal. Parents, children of all ages are welcome. Please assist your child if you wish them to commune. We offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers for those who need alternatives to wheat bread and wine. The servers will assist you. Distribution will take place in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall (in the event of overflow).*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTION

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 Marcia Lorraine Solberg, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

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.

**We glorify you.**

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.

**We praise you.**

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

**We worship you.**

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

**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### #703, O God, Why Are You Silent



1 O God, why are you si - lent? I can - not hear your voice;  
2 My hope lies bruised and bat - tered, my wound-ed heart is torn;  
3 Through end - less nights of weep - ing, through wea - ry days of grief,  
4 May pain draw forth com - pas - sion, let wis - dom rise from loss;



the proud and strong and vio - lent all claim you and re - joice;  
my spir - it spent and shat - tered by life's re - lent - less storm;  
my heart is in your keep - ing, my com - fort, my re - lief,  
oh, take my heart and fash - ion the im - age of your cross;



you prom - ised you would hold me with ten - der - ness and care.  
will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep with - in?  
Come, share my tears and sad - ness, come, suf - fer in my pain,  
then may I know your heal - ing through heal - ing that I share,



Draw near, O Love, en - fold me, and ease the pain I bear.  
Have you no word to cheer me when night is clos - ing in?  
oh, bring me home to glad - ness, re - store my hope a - gain.  
your grace and love re - veal - ing, your ten - der - ness and care.



## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Marcia. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

*Pastor Suma of Yombo Lutheran Church,  
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# WORD

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.

### PSALM 139:1-18 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> **Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> **Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand — when I awake, I am still with you.**

## HYMN

### #502, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross, be - fore to guide me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

<sup>6</sup> And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11, 17-21 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#258, *Unexpected and Mysterious* (Tune: #561)

1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle word of  
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the com - ing  
 grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain - ing is the  
 Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas - sion for each  
 peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter in our  
 frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us in our  
 cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is faith - ful  
 long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we watch with  
 to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.  
 joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 6:37-40 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

...The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

*Bishop Katherine Finegan*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#781, *Children of the Heavenly Father*

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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 he 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, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

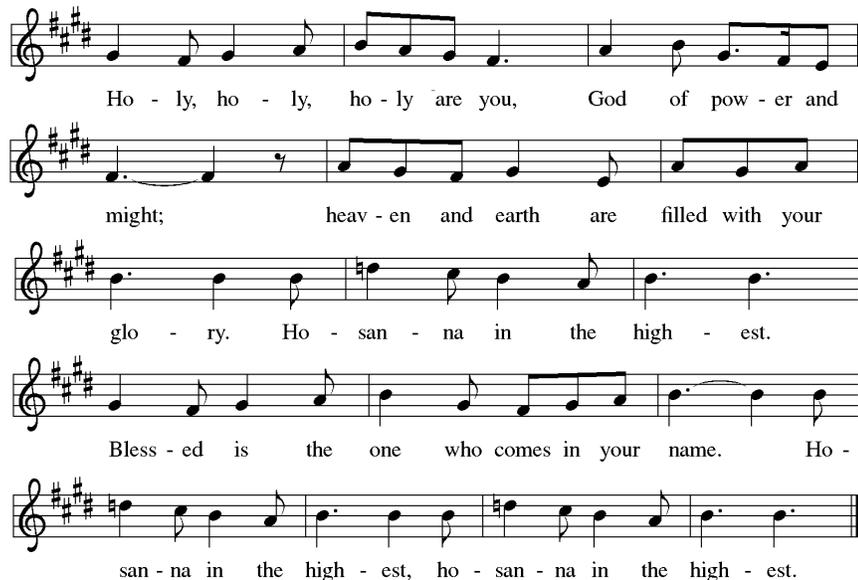
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

#### #191, Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION

### #764, *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

- 1) **Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2) **Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3) **Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**
- 4) **Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

### #732, *Borning Cry*



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

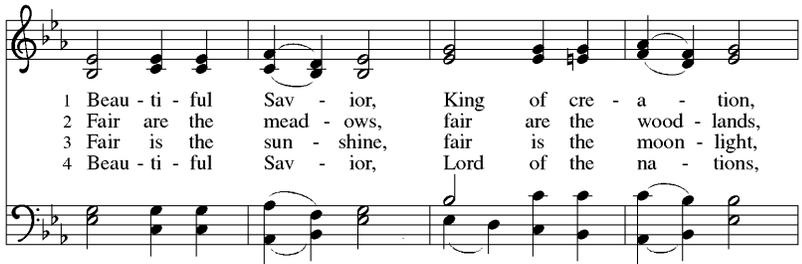


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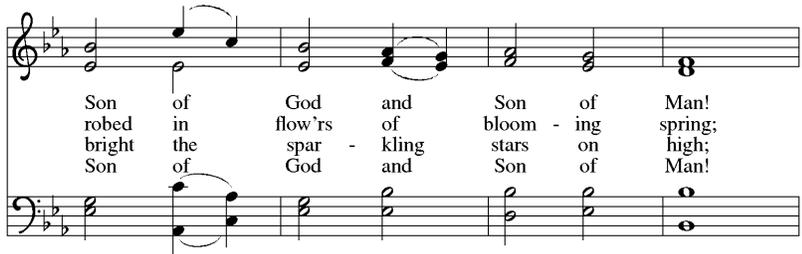


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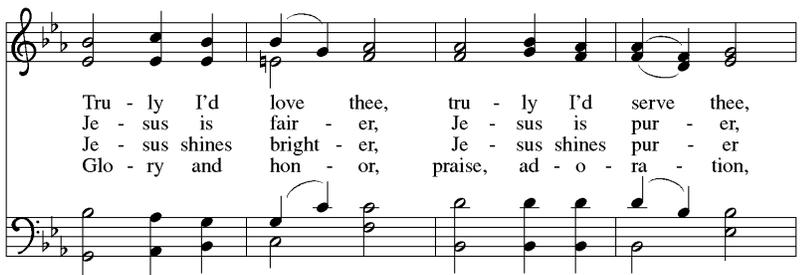
### #838, *Beautiful Savior*



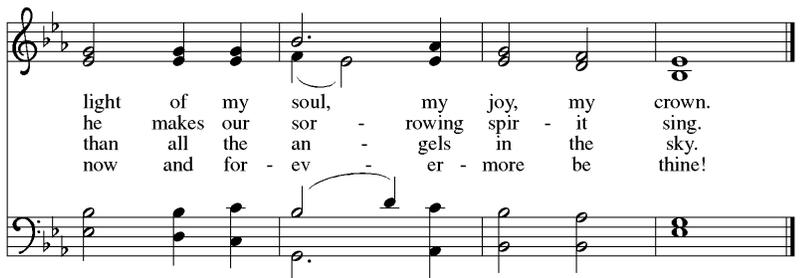
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling and 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 - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



#485, *I Am the Bread of Life*

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 I . . . am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

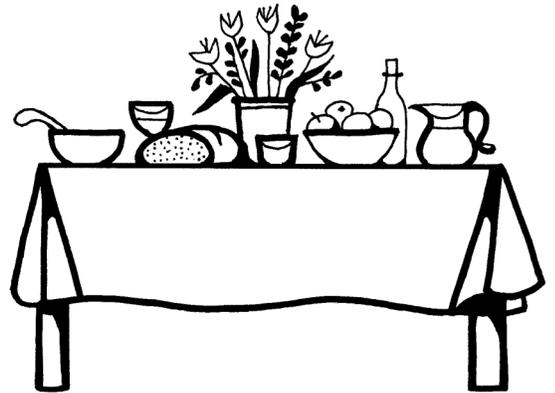
**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Blessing" by Natalie Sleeth*

**TABLE GRACE**

*Be Present (Tune: Old Hundredth)*

**Be present at our table, Lord;  
 Be here and everywhere adored;  
 These mercies bless and grant that we  
 May feast in Paradise with Thee. Amen.**



**COMMENDATION**

Let us commend Marcia Lorraine Solberg to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marcia. 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.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### #594, *Dear Christian, One and All, Rejoice*



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed fierce - ly  
 3 O God, you saw my deep dis - tress be - fore the world's foun -  
 4 You said to your be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis time to have com -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
 o'er me, sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
 da - tion, and, with your mer - cy mea - sure - less, you planned for  
 pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, pro -  
 moth - er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free  
 my sal - va - tion. You turned to me a fa - ther's heart; you  
 all sal - va - tion; from sin and sor - row set them free; slay



claim the vic - t'ry God has won, how pre - cious was our ran - som!  
 will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 did not choose the eas - y part, but gave your dear - est trea - sure.  
 bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,  
 was born of virgin mother;  
 and, your good pleasure to fulfill,  
 he came to be my brother.  
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,  
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,  
 to lead the devil captive.

6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,  
 I am your rock and castle.  
 Your ransom I myself will be;  
 for you I strive and wrestle.  
 The foe will shed my precious blood;  
 all this I suffer for your good;  
 my life o'er death will triumph.

7 "Now to my Father I depart,  
 from earth to heav'n ascending,  
 and, gracious wisdom to impart,  
 the Holy Spirit sending,  
 who will in trouble comfort you,  
 will teach you well, your faith renew,  
 and in all truth will guide you.

8 "What I on earth have done and taught  
 guide all your life and teaching;  
 so shall the glorious reign of God  
 increase, the whole world reaching.  
 Let none the gospel gift impede;  
 I make you free; be free indeed!  
 This final word I leave you."

## POSTLUDE

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And the peace of God, which surpasses  
 all understanding, will guard your  
 hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:7**

## SERVING TODAY

### OFFICIANTS

Rev. Katherine Finnegan  
 Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod  
 of The ELCA

Rev. Thomas Skrenes  
 Bishop Emeritus of the Northern Great Lakes  
 Synod of The ELCA

### MUSICIANS

Connie Scanlon, Organist

Immanuel Choir

### PALLBEARERS

Carl Baldini, Tricia Bowen, Miranda DeBretto,  
 Victoria Mattson, Natalia McNabb,  
 and Casey Torreano

### AND MANY MORE...

You who continue to share God's hope in many  
 and various ways with those who grieve.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all  
 consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so  
 that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the  
 consolation we ourselves have received from God.

### Thanks be to God!

## FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL

Please join us in the church fellowship hall — for  
 the sharing of food, story, and life! — immediately  
 following the funeral service.

Inurnment will take place on a warm summer day  
 near Aniwa, WI, in Bethany Lutheran Church  
 Cemetery. Bethany was the church where Pastor  
 Marcia was certified as an Associated in Ministry  
 and Pastor Steve was ordained a pastor...many  
 years ago near the beginning of their life's journey  
 together.

# OBITUARY

Reverend Marcia Lorraine Solberg, age 61, of Ishpeming, passed into the sleep of death at her home on Thursday, December 7, 2017, and awaits the resurrection on the last day. She was in the loving care of her family and Lake Superior Hospice.

Marcia was born May 10, 1956, to missionary parents, Rev. Alfred and Beatrice Koschade in Madang, Papua, New Guinea. She was baptized on July 15, 1956, and affirmed her faith on May 2, 1971. Her mother was a pharmacist from Detroit, MI, and her father was from Adelaide, Australia. Her paternal grandparents had also served the mission field in New Guinea, her grandmother having gone out as a nurse from Northeastern Iowa and her grandfather from Australia. Though Marcia was born in New Guinea, she had her first birthday on the ship coming to the U.S.A., and her only memories of New Guinea were what she heard from her parents' stories.

Marcia served her country through the US Army Reserves, 417th Maintenance Company in Faribault, MN, 1979 – 1985. Her educational training was at Montgomery-Lonsdale Public Schools in Montgomery, Minnesota; Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa (A.A.); Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota (B.S. in Music Education); Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN (M.A. in Pastoral Theology and Ministry); and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN (D.Min.).

Survivors include her husband, Steve, whom she joined in marriage on June 8, 1986, in Minneapolis, MN; their daughters, Anna Marie Solberg (24) and Sara Elizabeth Solberg (23), both of Ishpeming; a sister, Miriam D. LeMaitre of Ann Arbor, MI; a brother, Mark D. Koschade of Longmont, CO; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by a child, David, in miscarriage; her parents; sister, Esther I. Koschade; and brother, Ernest A. Koschade.

Certified an Associate in Ministry in 1989, Marcia and Steve served Bethesda Lutheran Church in Moorhead, IA, and St.

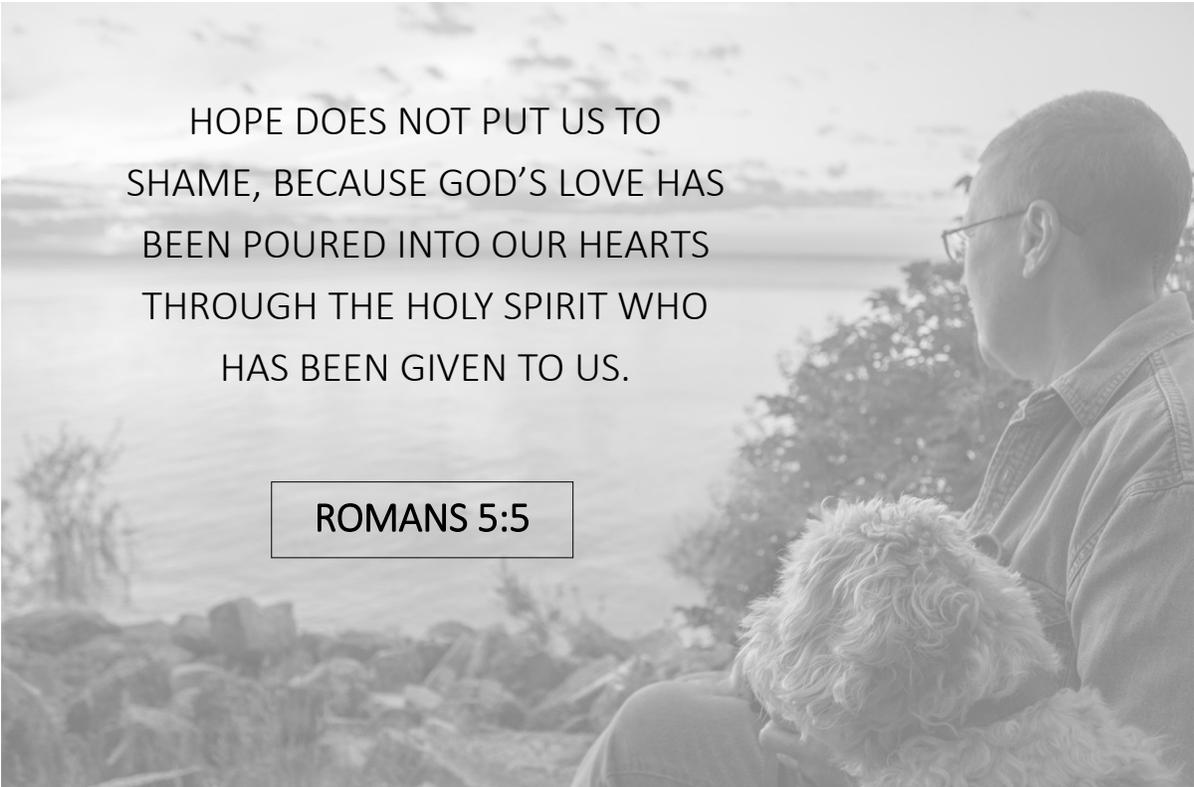
John Lutheran Church in Dunlap, IA, for five years. As the girls were little Marcia was on leave from call, but served the church in various ways including pulpit supply, interim ministry, and as a musician, workshop presenter and educator. Upon her ordination in 2005, Pastor Marcia served First Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and has been at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee with Pastor Steve since March of 2009.

Marcia has enjoyed hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming, and camping in the UP. She has served the schools and communities by substitute teaching and accompanying musical performances; volunteering with dog foster care and other means through UPAWS; work and support for Love INC CUP, Room at the Inn, and CROP Hunger Walk.

God calls us to walk with Him in the work of His kingdom – of ushering in His kingdom where we are and the ways in which we can. Thanks be to God for making us God's partners. May we always be blessed to be a blessing to others.

Special thanks are given to the wonderful team of medical care-givers (led by Dr. Acharya and Dr. Metcalf) and most recently Lake Superior Hospice who have surrounded Marcia and her family throughout the past years; the loving people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee, and to all who have offered prayer, presence and support in many and various ways.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



HOPE DOES NOT PUT US TO  
SHAME, BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE HAS  
BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS  
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO  
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

ROMANS 5:5