

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Robert, MO*



*Christian Funeral
Marlene Jeanette Engstrom
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§ *A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests* §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Those Serving today

Presiding Minister	John Perling	Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Organist	Heidi Perling	Prelude	Heidi Perling

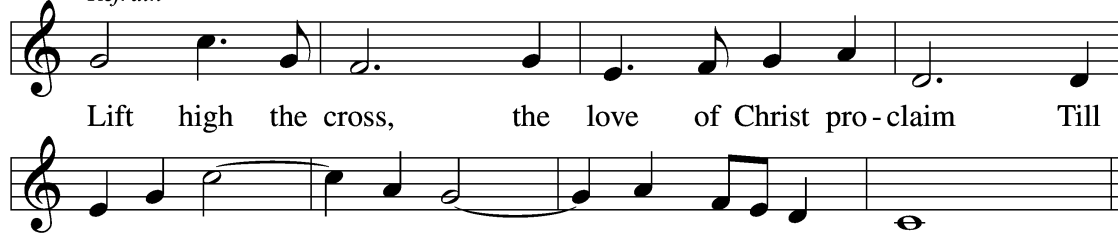
Prelude **I Know That My Redeemer Lives Setting by Kevin Hildebrand**

Please rise.

837 Lift High the Cross

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Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Marlene Jeanette Engstrom 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.

Psalm

Psalm 118:15–29



Antiphon This is the day that the | LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

¹⁵Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the | righteous:*

“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,

¹⁶the right hand of the | LORD exalts,*

the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”

¹⁷I shall not die, but | I shall live,*and recount the deeds | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,*but he has not given me o- | ver to death.



¹⁹Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.

²¹I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

²²The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be | glad in it.



²⁵Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Antiphon This is the day that the | LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

817 Earth And All Stars



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth!
 Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son!
 Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

7 Children of God,
 Dying and rising,
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Heaven and earth,
 Hosts everlasting,
 Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- 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 Marlene Jeanette Engstrom 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.**

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23–27

- A** The Old Testament Reading is from Job, chapter 19.

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

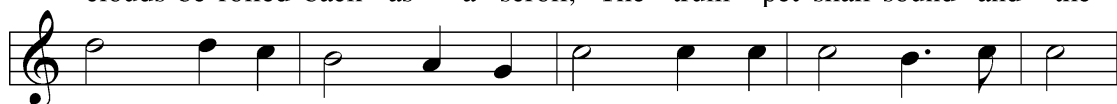
763 When Peace, like a River



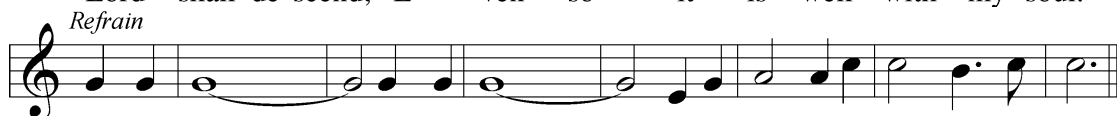
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



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 His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall 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.

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:42–58

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

744 Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Holy Gospel

John 3:16–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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.**

Please be seated.

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Sermon

Psalm 118:24

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Soloist - Michelle Jones

Kneel/Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- A** 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.**
- A** 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.**
- A** 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.**

- A** Give to the family of Marlene Jeanette Engstrom 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.**
- A** 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.**
- A** 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.**
- A** Receive our thanks for Marlene Jeanette Engstrom 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

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

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.

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Nunc Dimittis

A “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.

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.

A “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.”

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

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction and Dismissal

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 ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Postlude

Crucifer *Lift High the Cross*

Setting by Paul D. Weber

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Funeral Service from Lutheran Service Book

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Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Marlene Engstrom.

Marlene Jeanette (Soland) Engstrom, daughter of Clinton Harold Soland and Arleen Wilhelmine (Brandt) Soland, was born December 30, 1950 in Bottineau, North Dakota. She was baptized in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit on February 18, 1951. She confessed her baptismal faith in the rite of Confirmation in May of 1965 and was fed the life-giving body and blood

of Jesus. She was the third daughter of four girls and raised on the family farm near Landa, North Dakota.

Marlene attended first grade in a one-room schoolhouse near the family farm; attended Landa Public School from grades 2-5; and then attended Souris Public School from grades 6 through high school. She graduated with honors from Souris in 1968.

Marlene furthered her education and attended Minot State College, graduating in June 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education with an English major and a history minor.

On April 3, 1971, Marlene was united in marriage to Dennis Leroy Engstrom in Souris, North Dakota and blessed with 49 years of married life together.

Due to Dennis being in the U.S. Army, they were transferred to several different duty stations. Shortly after their marriage, Marlene and Dennis were transferred to Ansbach, Germany where Marlene taught GED classes and they stayed until January 1973. They were then transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and stayed until 1977. While at Fort Leonard Wood, Marlene worked for the University of Missouri-Rolla in their College Prep program. She wrote proposals to obtain funding, helped to hire instructors, and did office record management duties. She taught English part time to military students who were taking non-credit college-level courses to become oriented for college level work. They transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington and lived there until August 1979 at which time they came back to Fort Leonard Wood and stayed until December 1982. During that time, Marlene worked various jobs; cashiering at an Army convenience store, sold life insurance for United of Omaha, office clerk at an Army convenience store, an Army service station and at a military clothing sales store. They were transferred one more time to Pirmasens, Germany in January 1983 and stayed until October 1985. She worked for five months as a salesclerk for the PX and then went to the commissary as a cashier and then assistant head cashier. They were transferred the last time back to Fort Leonard Wood. Dennis retired as a Sergeant Major in May 1990 and they decided to stay in the area.

In July 1986, Marlene began a civil service position as a procurement clerk at contracting until July 1995. She then served as a supply clerk until March 2003 and then went back to contracting as a procurement clerk, then a contract specialist and retired from civil service December 31, 2017. The last 11 years, she was the program coordinator for the government credit card program at Fort Leonard Wood with administrative oversight of up to 800+ accounts.

After her retirement, Marlene was able to do more of the things she loved to do. She loved to cook and being home with her fur family members, Callie and Zoe who preceded Marlene in death. She loved cats and had many fur babies throughout the years. Marlene also participated in various church activities and volunteered about 12 hours a week on a special project at our church.

On Saturday, April 25, 2020 God called Marlene home to heaven. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Marlene leaves to cherish her memory her husband: Dennis Engstrom of Crocker, MO; three sisters: Clarice Ryan of Kinder, LA, Margaret Earle (Thomas) of Colorado Springs, CO and Christine Zaun (Jim) of Burlington, ND; nieces: Kelsey and Mackenzie Walz, Angela Anderson and Crystal Espinoza; nephews: Nathan Tongate and Thomas and Daniel Earle; several cousins, other relatives and friends.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Clinton and Arleen Soland; paternal grandparents, Carl and Clara Soland; her maternal grandparents: Emmanuel and Violet Brandt; and one brother-in-law: Robbie Ryan.

Graveside services were held at Mouse River Church Cemetery in Landa, North Dakota on June 16, 2020 with a reception that followed at the Kramer Senior Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church, Faith Evangelical Church in St. Robert, Missouri.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our sister Marlene.