

BUT SEEK FIRST THE

Kingdom of God

AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,

AND ALL THESE THINGS

WILL BE

added to you

MATTHEW 6:33

A Note about the Funeral Pall:

The funeral Pall is a special piece of cloth used to cover the casket or urn during the service in the Church. It is usually white with an emblem symbolic of the Christian faith applied to it. The Pall is normally placed on the casket or urn at the time it is brought into the Church or as part of the service proper. It is removed at the completion of the service. When the Pall covers the casket or urn no other adornments like flowers or photographs are to be placed on it.

The Funeral Pall emphasizes the fact that all Christians are equals in the sight of God. By God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The righteousness of Jesus Christ covers all the children of God alike whether rich or poor, strong or weak. By keeping the casket or urn shrouded, the worshiper is directed away from the casket and death to the altar and cross of Jesus, which promise eternal life.

The white cloth is symbolic of purity and holiness. It is the color worn at Baptism when we were made to be God's children and heirs of eternal life. The Pall reminds us of Baptism and God's promise of new life after death.

A cross is applied to the Pall and serves to remind us of the faith we share. The cross tells us that Jesus, and not another, saves us from sin and death. The cross is scarlet and gold. These are the colors of royalty and passion, riches and glory. Jesus our king suffered and died for our sins and rose again on the third day. The kingdom of heaven has been opened for all believers. The riches of heaven belong to the faithful. The cross and the bright colors of the funeral pall encourage us to rejoice in the midst of our grief and suffering.

In Celebration of the Life of

JENNIFER RUTH WAGNER

MAY 15, 1958 – FEBRUARY 9, 2019

May 15, 2019 11:00 AM

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington

SLIDE SHOW AND PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

HYMN “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” Jackie Kinunen

THE INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

FUNERAL PALL

With Family Participation and Music from Jennifer “Beginnings”

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism Jennifer Wagner was clothed with the robe of righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul writes, “Do you not know that 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. If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.” [Rom 6:3-5]

P: Let us pray, 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 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.**

THE LITANY OF VICTORY

P: [Jesus said] “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.” [Jn 11:25-26]

C: **[Jesus said] “I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.”** [Jn 6:47]

P: “With God we will gain the victory, and He will trample down our enemies.” [Ps 60:12]

C: **“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”**

P: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” [1 Cor 15:54-57]

P: “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” [1 Tim 6:12]

C: “This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” [1 Jn 5:4-5]

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SONG

“Here with Me”

Royal Praise

READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

SUDANESE CHOIR

GOSPEL READING

John 15:5-11

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

SOLO

“Faith, Hope & Love”

Mo & Phillip

MESSAGE

Pastor Paul Birner

SONG

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

Royal Praise

THE 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.**

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 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.

THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy"
The congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."*

THE 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.

SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Royal Praise

PSALM 23

C: 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.
Amen.**

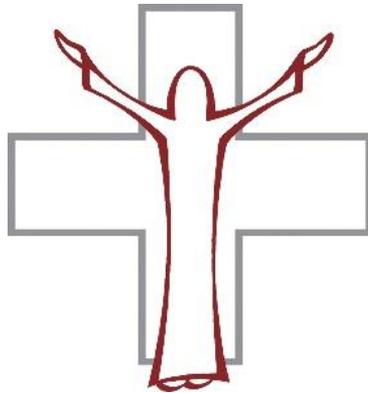
THE COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION

P: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jennifer; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables him to subdue all things to himself. Acknowledge and receive, 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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you † and give you peace.

C: Amen.



*The family invites you to join them after the service at
at Cherokee Bay Community Club in Maple Valley for a time of
sharing and remembrances.*

**Memorial donations may be made to
Engage the Nations
12861 175th Ave SE Renton WA 98059
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~ Serving Today ~

Pastor:	Paul Birner
Organist:	Jackie Kinunen
Pianist:	Jason Hennig
Visuals:	Gerald and Theresa Lui-Kwan
Royal Praise:	Gerald Lui-Kwan Ryan Lui-Kwan Teri McGourty Mo Kutschara Dan Fink Phillip Hunziker

This is it

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This is it. I've arrived and it feels great to be alive.
Movin' fast to the top, straight to Heaven I'll never stop.
Havin' fun sharin' love.

They say life begins at 40. I must say how sweet it is!!

I'm on my way here today, I'm givin' it everything I've got.
I have help from above, inspiration covered in love.
There's nothing impossible, it's true.
He's with me every day in everything I do.
Are you with me? Come 'n join me, we'll celebrate.
Don't wait till it's too late.

What a life! This is it! It doesn't get any better.
Till I reach the Promised Land.
Hope you'll be with me, it will be so grand.
I can't wait, but until then I'll be spreadin' the word Jesus is
the man!
'Cause this is it. This is the day.
Sieve the moment take some time to play.
But I pray you'll say it with me. This is it.

Yes I hear you when you say, this is it, today's the day.
You and me, we're on our way.
This is it!

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with her ability to talk with strangers easily and engage them with her contagious smile and entertaining self. Throughout her life she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many. She profoundly touched all who knew her. Her intelligence revealing itself in her ability to converse on many subjects. Living in every moment even if it was difficult was her life. She said of herself "I'm a high energy woman who is naturally exuberant and impulsive." A spirit of joy exuded from her as she worked through living her life for Jesus and being a witness for Him through all situations.

Desiring to live her life the best she could for Jesus, she wanted to use her talents and personality in service to Him. These talents developed as she followed her dreams to share her gift of music and entertaining. Between writing songs and producing 2 CD's, (one being Exuberance: Jennifer Wagner and the Best of the Best), publishing the book Smiling Troubles, and getting involved with "American Models and Talent for Christ" she never gave up following her heart. In the last couple of years, she was able to produce a couple videos and an online presence with her YouTube site. Her love of music was deep. From Bach pieces to contemporary music, she enjoyed all of it.

In November, she returned from a two-week mission trip with the mission group "Engage the Nations" that went to Uganda. She was able to use these gifts to share the love of Jesus in the villages. The trip changed her life. She wanted to go back this summer, as her childhood memories encouraged her to work on the mission field as her parents did.

Being in great physical shape was important to her. She connected with Kam Chancellor in workouts with "The Enforcer" and Kickboxing. She had recently signed on to do a 5K in August for his fundraiser.

Wherever she went her light for Jesus touched people. She is survived by her son, Cory Philip Wagner of Sacramento, California; her sisters: Sarah Edwards (Wagner) and Scott Edwards; Stephanie Siems (Wagner) and Paul Siems, Lisa Hamilton (Wagner), and Kristen Wagner. She also leaves two nieces: Evie Lui-Kwan (Edwards) and Ryan Lui-Kwan, and Amy Edwards. Her nephews are: Darrius Hamilton, Gabriel Hamilton and Masha Hamilton (Hoffman). She also leaves behind, her grandniece, Kaile'a Lui-Kwan



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MAY 15, 1958–FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Jennifer Ruth Wagner went to be with her dear Lord, Jesus around midnight on Saturday, February 9, 2019. at Valley Medical Center in Renton. She became hospitalized in a coma after suffering a heart attack and the complications surrounding it.

She was born to LCMS Missionaries, the late Reverend William P. Wagner and Ruth L. Wagner (Prueter) at Mambisanda, Papua New Guinea on May 15, 1958. Her love of mission work for Jesus was ignited as a child in Papua New Guinea. The family returned to the United States in 1979 and settled in Gresham, Nebraska where her father was the minister of two churches. Her musical talents grew through her years at Gresham Highschool, and her senior year she excelled on the piano and went on to win state with the piece she played. She graduated from Gresham Public Highschool, Valedictorian of her class, in 1976 and went on to get an AA starting at North Platte Technical Community College (now known as Central Community College) in Columbus, Nebraska, and finishing at Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas, graduating in 1978. She loved sports, playing volleyball at North Platte and helping the team as they went on to the National Championships.

Her family moved to Liberal, Kansas and she lived there for several years. She trained to work with travel agencies and the travel business. After her son, Cory Wagner, was born in Liberal, Kansas on April 15, 1980, she worked in a travel agency and then continued working in travel agencies wherever she moved. She lived in Wichita, Kansas; Lincoln, Nebraska and eventually moved to Seattle, Washington with her husband. After they divorced, she moved various places in the area with her final residence being in Kent, Washington. When the Gulf War affected the travel industry, she changed jobs, always maintaining playing the organ at church on Sundays, and working various other jobs to make ends meet. This included a time of being a chauffeur. The last couple of years she worked at a Mailbox and packaging shipping business near her home in Kent.

She was always interested in others around her and possessed an ease in conversation with everyone. Often, she would amaze her family