

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Jody Lynn Slack
Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:30 AM



Jody Lynn Slack
January 26, 1972 – August 10, 2020

748 I'm But a Stranger Here

1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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.

*The urn is covered with the funeral pall.**

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Jody 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 23 KJV

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
³He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- ⁴Yea, 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.
- ⁵Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
- ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

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 Jody 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

A Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–6

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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.**

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Introduction by Hand Bells



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sermon

Theme: "Hope Secured by Knowledge and Faith"

Text: John 14:1-2

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** Give to the family of Jody Slack 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.**
- P** 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.**

P 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.**

P Receive our thanks for Jody 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.**

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.**

Jesus Loves Me

Solo

The Rite of Committal

P Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

C **The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

P I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Psalms 118:15-17

P For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

C **So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.** *Romans 14:7-8*

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.” *John 11:25-26a*

P Let us pray: Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank you for the blessings of body and soul that you granted this departed sister, whose earthly remains we lay to rest. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “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. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

P We commit Jody’s body to its resting place; 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. May God the Father, who created this body, may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him who is the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of the Lord.**

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Your maj-es-sy and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist — Thoman Hanna

Soloist — Aysia Hovde

Biographer — Jenny Hines

On behalf of the family, you are cordially invited to join us for lunch following the service. Please maintain social distancing. Burial will take place on a later date.

*The Funeral Pall is a symbol in the Church that shows that we have been covered and clothed with the righteousness of Christ in our Baptism

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JODY SLACK

Jody Lynn Slack was born January 26, 1972 to Earl and Sandy Slack in Columbus, Ohio. A little while later she would be joined by younger brother, Darren to complete their sweet family of four.

She graduated from Osseo Senior High in 1990 and went on to earn a degree from Brown Institute's Le Cordon Bleu Program in 2000. After earning her degree in cooking, she went on to work at a variety of restaurants in the Twin Cities and Central Wisconsin areas over the next several years. In 2005 Jody began working for First Student Bus Company where she was a dispatch and school bus driver. Jody could drive all different kinds of buses, whether full size or short, diesel or propane, air brakes or regular brakes.

In October of 2003 Jody welcomed her pride and joy, son Elijah. Nothing made Jody happier or prouder than watching Elijah grow throughout the years, perform music, advance in Boy Scouts, and serve in the church.

Jody was a devout servant of the Lord over the years by serving as a youth leader as well as a member of Kids Choir, Bell Choir, and the youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In her spare time Jody enjoyed crocheting, embroidering, watching the Food Network, and traveling. Jody had the opportunity to travel to Duluth, South Carolina, Michigan, Denver and Atlanta with St. Paul's youth; to Calgary, Cheyenne, and Mount Rushmore with the marching band; and Germany and Austria with her Aunt Bonnie. She also enjoyed being involved with various musical groups such as the Osseo Marching Band, Minnesota Brass Drum and Bugle Corps, and St. Paul's Campanus (Bell Choir).

Jody also loved driving and became an expert driver. Once when Jody was young, she came to church and saw the most beautiful deep purple Honda Shadow motorcycle in the parking lot. She told her mom, "I'd love a bike just like this one." Little did she know it belonged to Pastor Tyler. Another time while Jody was a city bus driver in Denver, Colorado she missed a turn in a residential area, so she decided to take the next turn. Seems like a logical choice, right? Well little did she know it was a road that began climbing a mountain. Good thing there was no one on the bus with her. Lo and behold there was a big turnaround area cut into the mountain, so she was able to safely turn around and get back down the mountain. Most likely many have climbed that mountain by mistake, but how many can say they did it in a big city bus.

After a courageous battle with cancer, chemo and radiation treatments, countless surgeries, and multiple procedures, our precious Lord said she'd had enough and called her to her heavenly home on August 10, 2020.

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

But thanks be to God!

He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor. 15:57

Jody is survived by her son, Elijah; parents, Earl and Sandy; brother, Darren (Perry), nephews, David and Michael; and close friend, George.

Jody was preceded in death by grandparents, Lyle and Beulah Slack and Melvin and Beatrice Glasel.