

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
 A Celebration Honoring the Life of Judy Elaine Erickson
 Saturday, July 24, 2021 11:00 AM

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Judy 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 Judy 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

Jeremiah 31:15-17

¹⁵Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." ¹⁶Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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[Jesus said,] “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.

537 Beautiful Savior



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



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Sermon

Theme: “Judy is Surrounded by Something Even Better”
Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

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 Judy Erickson 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 Judy 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.

588 Jesus Loves Me

Stanza 1 - Grandchildren



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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 Judy’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.

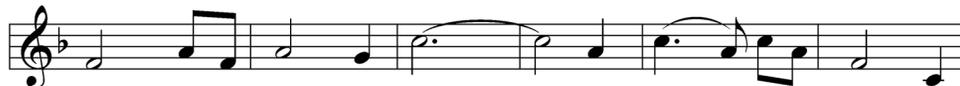
P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of the Lord.

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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JUDY ELAINE ERICKSON

Judy Elaine Erickson was born on November 29, 1947, to Orville and Emma Erickson in Cass Lake, MN. She was the second of four children. While growing up in the northern Minnesota town of Cass Lake, Judy was able to experience a little bit of town and country life due to the family having a farm outside of town as well as a home in town.

Judy graduated from Cass Lake High School in 1965 and went on to continue her education at Bemidji State University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Education to become a Social Studies teacher. At the time teaching positions were in short supply, so she made a change to her career path and took a job in Customer Service at Northwestern Bell. This led to her 30+ year career in management and training for telecommunication companies.

While managing her successful career, Judy added to her family by adopting two children from Colombia. In 1980 she welcomed home her daughter Jordanna and in 1982 she welcomed home her son Christoffer.

Judy had many different hobbies over the years. She loved needlework, quilting, and all related arts. She could paint, knit, garden, and even dabbled in sculpture when she was a young adult. She was a proud Vikings season ticket holder for 40+ years. Talk about a diehard fan! While Judy roots were Minnesotan through and through, she loved to travel and had many stories from both domestic and international travel. Traveling and experiencing different cultures were always a part of her life. However more than anything else, Judy loved being a grandmother to her 9 grandchildren. Her oldest grandchild is 21 now, her youngest is 7 months, and all of them have their own special memories of her from their individual relationships with her. Along with all of her varied hobbies and interests, Judy's faith was a lifelong priority for her as well.

She was always an active member of her church and at one point she was a Sunday School Teacher. When her kids were young, they changed churches and joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Osseo. Since joining St. Paul's Judy has been a very active member of the St. Paul's church family. Over the years she attended Bible Study, made soup for our Lenten Soup Suppers, and even became the church's Administrative Assistant after retiring from her career in telecommunications. St. Paul's always had a special place in her heart and everyone in the congregation knew Judy in their own special way. The thing Judy loved most about being a member at St. Paul's was the wonderful people that made up her church family. Her family and faith were always at the forefront of every decision she made.

Judy was a very special person and it seemed like every person she met was touched by her in some way.

On July 14, 2021, after a courageous three-year battle with a rare form of cancer Judy was peacefully called home to heavenly father on her terms at home with her family at her side. Leave it to a BIG lifelong football fan to leave their earthly life on 7-14-21. Judy will be greatly missed but will forever live on in our hearts.

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Cor. 15:57

Judy is survived by her children Jordanna (Guntis) Dombrovskis and Chris (Meagan) Erickson; her grandchildren Brandon and Ovedia Johnson, Andrejs and Aivita Dombrovskis, and Tyson, Alyssa, Jennessa, Graciella, and Alexander Erickson; her sister Jan Brogger; and brothers David (Charlene) and Terry Erickson.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents Orville and Emma Erickson, and brother-in-laws Wayne and Jerry.