



Gladys Ada Goerke
June 21, 1931 – December 29, 2023

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 710 East Broadway St. Osseo, Minnesota
 A Celebration Honoring the Life of Gladys Ada Goerke
 Tuesday, January 9, 2024 11:00 AM

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.

Brief Address to Family and Guests

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 Gladys 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 Gladys 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

Psalm 71:17-21

¹⁷O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. ¹⁸So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. ¹⁹Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

²⁰You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. ²¹You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Matthew 11:28-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
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: “Departing This Life in Peace”

Text: Luke 2:28-32

Duet: In the Garden

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 Gladys Goerke 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 Gladys 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.

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.

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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The Rite of Committal

(Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery)

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns
Organist — Esther Burns
Duet — Jane Mol & Mary Ann Geisinger
Biographer — Jenny Hines
Crucifer — Joy Koosman

Carrying Funeral Pall
Kara & Kenzie Koosman

Pall Bearers

Jeremy Koosman	Derek Goerke
Adam Koosman	Ben Knick
Ryan Brinkman	Matthew Koosman
Rohan Goerke	Sawyer Brinkman

Honorary Pall Bearers

Nicole Everett and Sullivan Knick
Heidi and Capri Brinkman
Maria and John Koosman
Becky Koosman
Danie and Evalyn Goerke

- 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.

Psalm 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 Gladys' 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.

GLADYS ADA GOERKE

Gladys Ada (Uecker) Goerke was born June 21, 1931 to Hubert and Elisa (Brandt) Uecker in Albion Township. She was one of six children.

Gladys attended St. James Lutheran school during her primary years before going onto Howard Lake High School. She graduated from there in 1950. Gladys was a housewife until her children entered school. She then went to work at Donaldson's department store until she retired.

One little known fact about Gladys is that she was not a fan of baby chickens. One time Gladys saw that her sister, Marion, had a baby chick crawling on her and Gladys quickly turned around and ran in the other direction.

Gladys met the love of her life, Theodore (Ted) Goerke at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. One evening Gladys and Ted attended the local Bowling Alley in Waverly, MN where Ted escorted the lovely Miss Gladys home. And as they say, the rest was history. Gladys and Ted were married on June 19, 1954. Soon after they were married they moved to Chicago. While living in Chicago, they lived with Gladys' sister, Marion, and her husband, Jac, while Ted and Jac attended Devry Technical College. Even after Jac and Marion moved to California and Gladys and Ted moved back to Minnesota, they stayed close by visiting each other many times over the years. After moving back to Minnesota and settling in NE Minneapolis they welcomed son Randy in 1957 and daughter Connie in 1959. Shortly after Connie was born they moved to Brooklyn Park, MN where they lived for many years. Then about 10 years ago they moved to Osseo, MN and lived there until moving to Maple Grove, MN 2 years ago.

Gladys loved to bake and was known for bringing her famous caramel bars and creamed corn to family gatherings for everyone to enjoy. Every year Gladys would bake up a batch of her delicious apple bars for her grandsons to take along while deer hunting. Gladys also loved music and sharing her love for it with her family. Her love of music will continue to be carried on through her great grandchildren. On December 23, some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were

singing Christmas Carols to her. Gladys requested that the last carol they sang be, “Silent Night”. As the kids sang, Gladys joined them. What a special moment!

Gladys was a faithful servant to our Savior. Over the years she was a member of the LWML, she always lent a helping hand to the funeral committee by helping set up for the meals and making sure the bars were cut the correct way, and shared the gift of song throughout the 50 years she was part of St. Paul’s Choir.

On December 29th, 2023 Gladys passed away peacefully at Good Samaritan Care Center in Howard Lake, MN, to be with her heavenly father. She 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

Gladys is survived by her son Randy (Connie) Goerke of Maple Grove, daughter Connie (Wayne) Koosman of Howard Lake; 5 grandchildren, Jeremy (Maria) Koosman, Derek (Danie) Goerke, Adam (Becky) Koosman, Nicole (Ben) Knick, Heidi (Ryan) Brinkman; 11 great grandchildren, Matthew, Joy, Rohan, Kara, Kenzie, Eva, Sawyer, Everett, Capri, Sullivan, and John; sister Marion Oswald of LaMesa, CA; sister-in-laws, Evelyn Leahy of Buffalo and Ruth (Donald) Woolhouse of Apache Junction, AZ; and many other relatives and friends.

Gladys is preceded in death by her loving husband, Theodore (Ted) Goerke; parents, Hubert and Elisa Uecker; brothers, Vernon (Pearl), Marvin (Irma), Harold (Lorraine and Dorothy), Eldon (Lillian and Elvera) Uecker; and brother-in-law, Jacob Oswald.