

Trinity Lutheran Church

Cortez, CO

Lettie “Tiny” Belle Higman Funeral Service

*I am
with
You
always,
to the end
of the age.*



Matthew 28:20

10:00 AM, October 2nd, 2021

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Luke Scheele, Pastor 303-332-8971

Helping Today: Marty Ruggles (Elder) and Penny Stevens (Organist)

Honorary Pall Bearers: Kevin Hill, Bob Green, Zach Kallweit, Jerry Wolfswinkel,
Kenny Torres, Adam Stiegelmeier

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort and peace of Christ.

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 Lettie “Tiny” Higman.

Tiny was given life by her creator and was born on March 12th, 1935, the child of John & Roberta Green. In 1946, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Tiny received the gift of Holy Baptism. In her Baptism, she became a child of God and all her sins were washed away. In 1983, she publicly confessed her faith and was confirmed.

On May 1st, 1955, she received the gift of a beloved companion in her spouse, Dale Higman. She was then blessed with the gift of children, Larry, Steve, Melodie, & Don.

God blessed Tiny’s life with many special people as she served God in her vocations at home, church, work, and in the community. Finally, on September 4th, 2021, God blessed Tiny with a holy death and took her to rest in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection of the dead.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1–3a).

You will have an opportunity to give special comfort and words of encouragement to the family during the time of fellowship following this service.

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. (Romans 14:7–8).

"The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our sister Tiny.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials given in remembrance of Tiny Higman are asked to be given in support of the start of a Knitting school for young kids (to preserve the lost art of knitting) or towards Trinity Lutheran Church’s Capital Improvement Fund. Please talk with Pastor if you have any questions.

Lutheran Service Book: Funeral Service

Opening Hymn: 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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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 **Tiny Higman** 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)

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

Psalms 121

L A reading from Psalms, chapter 121.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Video Hymn: I Can Only Imagine

by Bart Millard

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10, 16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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.

Hymn of the Day: The Old Rugged Cross

by George Bennard



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the ___
2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine a ___
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its ___



em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the
won-drous at - trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
won - drous beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re-proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug - ged
glo - ry a - bove to ___ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
suf - fered and died to ___ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



cross, _____ till my tro-phies at last I lay down. I will



cling to the old rug - ged cross, ___ and ex - change it some day for a crown. ___

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Sermon

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 **Tiny** 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 **Tiny** 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

- 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

P “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 lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P “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.**

The pastor may place his hand over the remains as he says:

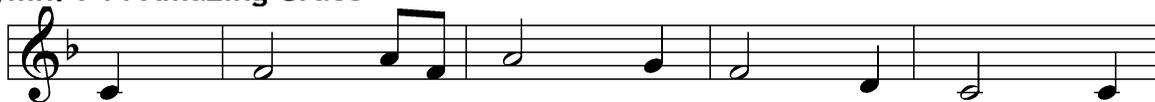
P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

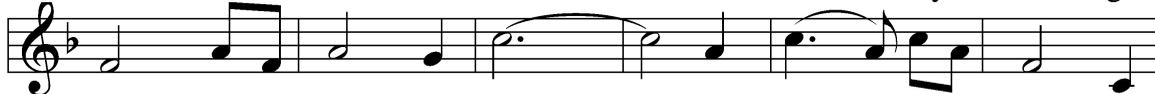
P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for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

C **Amen.**

Hymn: 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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Benedicamus, Benediction and Dismissal

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Words of Remembrance

Shared by Don Higman and Kevin Hill

There will be an opportunity to share additional words of remembrance & encouragement with the family in the Fellowship Hall during the reception.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

The congregation may exit while the following hymn "I'll Fly Away" is played.

I'll Fly Away

by Albert E. Brumley



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.

Chorus



I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way.



When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reception to Follow: Snacks & drinks will be served in the Fellowship Hall; You will also have an opportunity to give special comfort and words of encouragement to the family at this time.

A Luncheon will also be served at the Elks Club at noon leading into the 14th annual Dale Higman Memorial **Golf Tournament at 2:00 PM.**

The 26th annual Lettie Belle Chili Cook-off will be tomorrow at her home, 24345 County Road M, Cortez CO. 81321. Cooking starts at 11:00 am with judging at 3:00 pm and awards at 4:00 pm. We will have a short service honoring her before the awards for best red chili, green chill and salsa, Best Chili Camp, Horseshoes and Redneck Horseshoes are presented. The events are welcome to all.

OBITUARY

Lettie Belle Higman went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 4th at 12:22 AM. She passed away peacefully in her sleep with her grandson Kevin, son Larry and friend Sandy holding her hands and stroking her hair. Allen Jackson's Gospel Album was playing while those present gave a toast to a life well lived and then she passed into Glory.

Tiny was born March 12, 1935 in Summit Ridge, CO to John and Roberta Green. She was the only daughter with four brothers, JT, Robert, GW and Johnny. She was named after her two grandmothers but never went by Lettie Bell, being called Tiny from the very beginning and it stuck.

She graduated from Montezuma Cortez High School in May of 1953 and was married to Dale W. Higman on May 1st, 1955. From their union they had 3 sons, Larry, Steve and Don and one daughter, Melodie. Tiny belonged to the Trinity Lutheran Church and attended a bible study faithfully every week at the church. She also belonged to the Four Corners Knitting Guild (Durango) and was president two times.

She was a friend to all, a strong and feisty Christian woman who taught many women how to knit, producing many beautiful, knitted pieces for their children, grandkids and great grandkids. Tiny loved good food, great wine, margaritas and good conversation. She loved to laugh.

Tiny retired from Mobil Oil after over 25 years of service where she was the office manager. She was a hard worker and became friends with many people there. It was there that she met Bo Andres from Texas, a chili cook-off pro, and the Lettie Belle Chili Cook-off was born. Still going strong for 26 years!

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Roberta Green, her father and mother-in-law, Cecil and Beryl Higman, son Steve Higman and daughter Melodie Hill. Lettie lost the love of her life and husband Dale on Jan. 8th, 1999. They had 4 kids, 9 Grandkids and 14 Great Grandkids.

She is survived by sister in laws, Loretta and Kay Green, sons Larry and Don Higman, grandkids Sara Willoughby, Travis Higman, Zachary Kallweit, Jessica Durr, Garrett Fesgen, Kevin and Ginni Hill, Rowan and Rori Higman. Great grandkids, Josh, Adam, Lindsey, Kendra and Heidi Willoughby, Bella Higman, Bristol and Annabelle Kallweit, Tanner Fesgen,

Because of her great Christian faith, she endured many tragedies and always had a positive outlook on life. She was quick witted and kept the nurses and doctor's laughing till the Lord called her home.

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