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will never be forgotten.*

The Family of Elizabeth (Beth) Anderson



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BROADMAN

Scripture from KJV

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

REVELATION 21:4



**A Service Celebrating the Life of
Elizabeth (Beth) Elnore Anderson**

Born: November 17, 1920 † Died: August 16, 2020

Friday, September 4, 2020
11:00 a.m.



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Elizabeth, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Elizabeth was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856
vs. 1, 3

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all our
sorrow on you, we may know the consolation of your love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Reading

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Reading

1 Corinthians 2:9

9 But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart
conceived, what God has prepared for those who love
him"—

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Revelation 21:1-4

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea
was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from
the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell
with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself
will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their
eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying
and pain will be no more, for the first things have
passed away."

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Reading

1 John 5:10-13

10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony
in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made
him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has
given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God
gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever
has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God

does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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Time for Memories

Norman Anderson

The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 3:2

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Pastor John

Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings"

**ELW 787
vs. 1, 2**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,
"I am the resurrection and the life."

Petition response:

**Pastor: ... God of mercy,
People: hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

**ELW 838
vs. 1, 2**

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

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Sending

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude