



*We would like to thank everyone
for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have
such wonderful family and friends.*

*Your expressions of sympathy
will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather
immediately following the service for lunch
and conversation in the church Fellowship Hall.*

- The Family of Diane Johnson



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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
Diane M. Johnson

Born: April 4, 1935 † Died: December 10, 2021

Friday, December 17, 2021
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 Diane,
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, Diane was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's
coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Hymn "Blessed Assurance" **ELW 638**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. 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 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

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Thanks be to God

Time for Memories

Jill Jackson, Granddaughter

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

Gospel

John 14:1-6, 27

Jesus said ... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

Meditation

Pastor John Snider

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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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

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

ELW 281

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at your birth, Jesus Lord at your birth.**

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Sending

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

Postlude

