



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

*We are blessed to have  
such wonderful family and friends.  
The kindness you have shown will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather  
immediately following the service for lunch  
and conversation at Mendakota Country Club  
located at 2075 Mendakota Drive, Mendota Heights.*

*- The Family of Nancy Lynn*

**ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# *A Celebration of Life*



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**NANCY W. LYNN**

September 30, 1953 - April 23, 2023

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
and I have remained faithful."*

2 Timothy 4:7

A SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**NANCY W. LYNN**

Born: September 30, 1953 † Died: April 23, 2023

Friday, April 28, 2023  
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 Nancy,  
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, Nancy was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's  
coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

**Hymn**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**ELW 838**  
**vs. 1 Soloist**  
**vs. 3, 4 All**

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 is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

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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

**2 Timothy 4:6-8 NLT**

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

### Reading

**1 Corinthians 15:50-52 NLT**

What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

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*Thanks be to God*

### Special Music

**"Blackbird"**

**Lennon-McCartney  
Musician: Peter Lynn**

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

### Gospel

**John 14:1-6, 27 NLT**

*Jesus said ...* "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

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

### Meditation

**Pastor John Snider**

### Hymn

**"Children of the Heavenly Father"**

**ELW 781**

Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

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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

Soloist: Mike Westmoreland

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## SENDING

### Commendation

#### Hymn

#### "Amazing Grace"

ELW #779

vs. 1: Soloist. vs. 3, 5: All

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

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### Benediction

### Sending

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

### Postlude