



*I Know That My
Redeemer Lives*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR
HIS BLESSING THROUGH THE LIFE OF:

✠ Janet J. Wagnon ✠

Born: November 22, 1938

Died: December 22, 2023

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia Michigan

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 ~ 11:00am

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING BEFORE WORSHIP

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In holy Baptism Janet 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 were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.** *(Romans 6:3-5)*

OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

LOVING MEMORIES

Michelle Guerriero, *Janet's niece*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING OF RESURRECTION COMFORT

P The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God! When Christ, who is our life appears,

C Then we also shall appear with Him in glory.

P We will be before the throne of God

C And serve Him day and night in His temple.

P Never again will we hunger;

C Never again will we thirst.

P For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd. He will lead us to springs of living water.

C And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 46
1 Peter 1:3-9
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 14:1-6

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ Jesus. 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.

SERMON HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**
- 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**
- 3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

SERMON

"I Know that my Redeemer Lives"

1 Peter 1:3-9

HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478

- 1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**
- 3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!**

△ **4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!**

PRAYERS

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your life and Your peace.

C Hear us, O Lord.

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 that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to us, who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C Hear us, O Lord.

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P Give courage and faith to Janet’s family, and all of us that mourn, that we may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in faith.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

C **Hear us, O Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMITAL

CLOSING VERSES

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P We go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**
- 2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

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!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

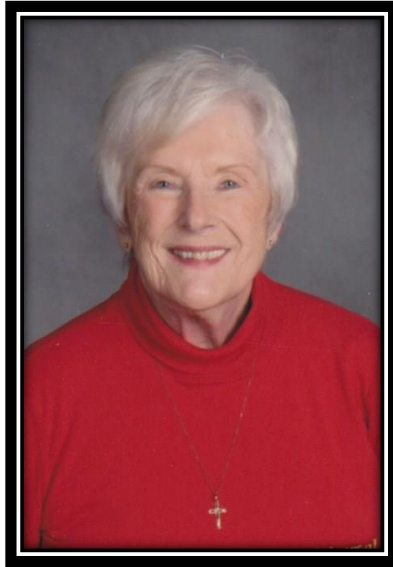
Preaching: Rev. Dean M. Davenport
Assisting: Rev. Brant Engel; *Janet's nephew*
Organist: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Nathan Troike

Immediately following the service, you are invited join the Wagnon family for a luncheon served here at Christ Our Savior in the gym at the West end of the building.



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In Loving Memory ~



Janet J. Wagnon

November 22, 1938 – December 22, 2023

Janet Jean Wagnon, age 85, of Farmington Hills, Michigan passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023.

She is survived by dear sister Ruth Finzel, sister in law, Alberta Bellhorn as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Janet was preceded in death by beloved husband Jerrold Wagnon, parents William Bellhorn Sr. and Ruth Vokes, siblings Charlotte Reeve, Betty Voss, Phyllis Bellhorn, Joyce Engel, and William Bellhorn Jr.

Contributions in Janet's memory may be made to Christ Our Savior Lutheran or Lutheran High School Association.

An in-state period will be held Wednesday, December 27, from 9:00 -11:00am at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, followed by a funeral service beginning at 11:00am. She will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park.