

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of roses. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with colors ranging from pale pink to light yellow. The leaves are a vibrant green and have serrated edges. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

**I can do
all things
through
Christ who
strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13

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

✠ Carole Ann Farmer ✠

Born – July 2, 1947

Called home – September 13, 2021

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church – Livonia, Michigan

Friday, September 30, 2021

12:30 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTORAL GREETING

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 Carole 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

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

**1. 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**

Ref. **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!**

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;** *Refrain*

3. **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*

4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"** *Refrain*

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: Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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!

C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: 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

SPECIAL MUSIC "When Peace Like a River"

READINGS

Psalm 23
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 11:17-27

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain**

Ref. **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *Refrain*

SERMON Message of Victory and Comfort in Jesus!

HYMN "Abide With Me" *LSB 878 v. 1-3*

- 1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**
- 3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**

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.

P: Grant to Carole's family and all of us who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care, that by casting all of our sorrows on You, we may know the consolation of Your love.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Give courage and faith to the Farmer 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

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

CLOSING VERSES

P: "The eternal God is your refuge,

C: And underneath are the everlasting arms." *Deut. 33:27a*

P: "And my God will meet all your needs...

C: according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." *Phil. 4:19*

P: "The Lord will be your everlasting light,

C: And your days of sorrow will end." *Isaiah 60:20b*

BENEDICTION

- 4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

- 5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**

- 6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Carole's family invites you to join them for a meal following the service at the Italian American Club (39200 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154).



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiating/Preaching: Rev. Dean Davenport
Organist: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Larry Dibble
Soloist: Natalie Janke

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Carole Ann Farmer was born on July 2, 1947 and was welcomed into Heaven on September 13, 2021 at the age of 74. Beloved wife of William Farmer "Bill" for 53 wonderful years. Loving mother of Pam (Joe) Moorman and Susan (Kevin) Arnold. Cherished grandma of David, Jessica, Kathryn, Rachel, Kaitlyn and Emma.

Carole had a very strong Christian faith and watched weekly services online from Historic Trinity in Detroit. She worked hard for 30 years in the marketing industry for the dental field. She enjoyed spending time out on the boat, vacationing at her home in Florida on the beach and spending lots of time with her grandkids. Carole will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial gathering will take place on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. until time of service at 12:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church: 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI. A memorial luncheon will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Italian American Club of Livonia: 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI .

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Angela Hospice in Carole's Honor.