



Rejoice  
and be  
glad,  
for your  
reward is  
great in  
heaven



Matthew 5:12

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

**✠ Erna Heck ✠**

December 16, 1933 ~ March 15, 2024

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan  
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 11:00am**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 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.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:3-5

- P** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

*(The casket is covered with a pall to recall Holy Baptism.)*

### PROCESSIONAL 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!**

## **LOVING MEMORIES**

Harmony Nowlin, Blake Nance, Brady Nance

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C** Amen.

## **PRAYER**

### **PSALM 23**

*(Spoken by the congregation)*

**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 paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

I Corinthians 13

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12a

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*(Spoken by the congregation)*

**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.**

*continued*

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.

## HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

1. **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!**
2. **The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**
4. **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.**
5. **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.**

## SERMON

*Rejoice and be glad! Well done good and faithful servant!  
Matthew 5:1-12a and 25:30*

## PRAYERS

*(Spoken Responsively)*

- 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 all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

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

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they 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.**

## PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken by the congregation)*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING 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: 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***

**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!**

- 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**

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*Preaching:* Rev. Dean M. Davenport

*Organist:* Mr. Tom Schroeder

*Elder:* Mr. Mark Anders

*Pall Bearers:* Steven Heck  
Brady Nance  
Blake Nance  
Frank Hrlic  
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Don Stabenow

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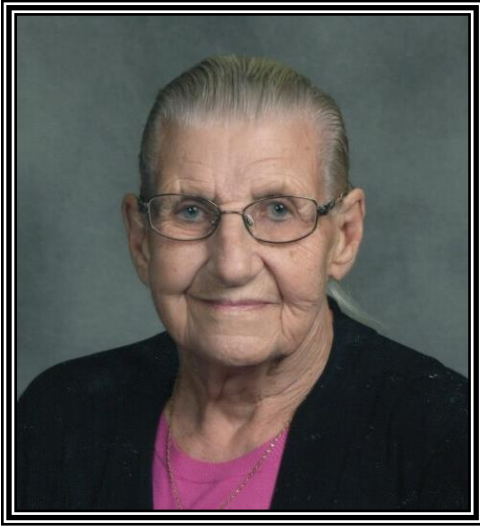
*Following the service, Erna will be laid to rest at:  
Glen Eden Memorial Park, 35667 8 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152.*

*You are welcome to join the family at Glenn Eden or  
wait for the family to return to Christ Our Savior  
where a luncheon will be served in the gym  
at the West end of the building.*



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# *In Loving Memory ~*



## **Erna (Holl) Heck**

December 16, 1933 ~

March 15, 2024

Erna Heck, 90, entered her heavenly home on March 15, 2024. Cherished Mother of Heidi (Robert), Walter Junior and the late Harry. Proud Oma of Steven Heck, Blake, Brady and the late Bobby Nance. Also survived by many other loving family and friends.

Erna was a loving, devoted mother, grandmother, and aunt. Her passions included

cooking and gardening. She enjoyed making her special food for family and their friends. She always looked forward to Spring and the start of many projects in her garden, such as growing vegetables and expanding her beautiful flower garden.

Erna was the youngest of 6 children born to Matthaus and Katharina Holl. All sibling preceded her in death. Born in Lithuania in 1933, the family was forced by the Soviets to move and settle in Germany. Erna emigrated to the United States in 1951. She was proud of her German Heritage. She began as a domestic worker, went on to be a UAW seamstress in an auto factory, then became a business owner for years. After that, she continued her education to receive an Associate's Degree in Accounting where she was on the Honors List. She worked in that field for a number of years.

Erna was a Livonia Police Department Volunteer Probation Officer for 35 years. She enjoyed traveling to many places in the world with her family and friends. Special memories remain of when she took the whole family on a cruise in 2007.

Erna was a long-time member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. She was active in Sunday School teaching, Vacation Bible School and felt a special calling in her time dedicated to meal prep for the Family of God Ministry. Her strong faith and love were evident in all she did. Her love touched many lives.