

Be thou faithful unto
death and I will give
thee a crown of life.

Revelation 2:10 KJV



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

✠ **Jean Ann Gabriel** ✠

Born: April 7, 1937
Baptized: May 16, 1937

Died: May 17, 2026
Confirmed: May 13, 1951

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Friday, May 22, 2026 ~ 11:00am

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRESERVICE

"Beautiful Savior"

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 on May 16, 1937, Jean 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*)

P Through faith, Jean is a child of God! Throughout her earthly life and even now in her eternal life. Jesus Christ was and is her faithful and life-giving Shepherd.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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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*

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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** 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

READINGS

Psalm 121
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Job 19:25-27
2 Timothy 4:7-8
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.

HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LSB 702

- 1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**
- 2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**

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- 4. When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

SERMON

"The Crown of Rightousness"

2 Timothy 4:7-8

HYMN

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB 748

- 1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav' n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.**
- 2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.**
- 3. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.**

PRAYERS

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

- 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!**



Officiating: Rev. Dean M. Davenport
Organist: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Mark Anders
Honorary Pall Bearers: Jackson Gabriel
Connor Hanson
Eric Hoppe
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In Loving Memory ~



Jean A. Gabriel

April 7, 1937 ~ May 17, 2026

Jean Ann Gabriel, age 89, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026. She was born on April 7, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan to her beloved parents, August and Martha Bryer.

Jean was the cherished mother of Sheri L. Hanson (Frank), William T. Gabriel (Sabrina), and Dawn M. Gabriel. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Gabrielle Hoppe (Eric),

Connor Hanson, Lauren Stoltman Thurber (Cleveland), Jackson C. Gabriel, and Anna L. Gabriel. Jean was also blessed to be the devoted great-grandmother of Bryer H. Hoppe, Berlyn K. Hoppe, Cleveland Thurber V, and Beau Thurber.

She is survived by her dear siblings, Marion D. Tokarchuk (Steve), Richard H. Bryer (Sandra), and Robert A. Bryer (Marjorie). Jean was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy C. Gyllenblad (Henry), and her brother, Raymond A. Bryer (Carolyn). She is also lovingly remembered by many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Jean graduated from Detroit Lutheran High School in 1955 and went on to earn her nursing degree from Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing in 1958. She dedicated many years of compassionate service to the nursing profession and retired from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Jean's caring heart and gentle spirit touched countless lives throughout her career.

A lifelong Lutheran with a steadfast faith in God, Jean was a longtime and devoted member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. She generously volunteered her time at the Livonia Lutheran Home, the Livonia Library, and within her church community. Above all else, Jean treasured her family. She loved vacationing with them, cheering on her children and grandchildren at sporting events, knitting, and spending quiet moments reading.

Jean will be remembered for her unwavering faith, kindness, dedication to others, and the deep love she had for her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Family of God, Lutheran World Relief, or Lutheran High School Association.