



*Truly, truly,
I say to you, whoever
hears my word and
believes him who sent me
has eternal life.*

John 5:24



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

✠ Linda Lee Silvenis ✠

July 20, 1949 ~ February 5, 2023

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Friday, February 10, 2023 ~ 5:45pm

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.

G **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:3-5

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.)

OPENING HYMN "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570

1. **Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
2. **Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
4. **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

LOVING MEMORIES

Ruth Pollatz

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit
C Amen

PRAYER

READINGS

Matthew 5:1-12a
Romans 8:12-17
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

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.

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

"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!

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4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
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!

SERMON

HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

LSB 739

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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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 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. Amen.**

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 HYMNS

"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.

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1. **Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**
2. **Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**
- △ 3. **All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiating: Rev. Dean M. Davenport

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In Loving Memory ~



Linda Lee Silvenis

July 20, 1949 – February 5, 2023

Linda Lee (nee. Gray) Silvenis, age 73, of Garden City, MI, died peacefully at Garden City Hospital late Sunday afternoon, February 5, 2023, after suffering a stroke.

Mrs. Silvenis loved taking care of her family, which included her two daughters, her precious dog Skippy, and husband Leonard, and spending time with them. She had great love for her siblings and extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins including the Gray, Grzywinski, Becker, Padden, and Pfeifle families.

Linda grew up in Detroit, MI and lived there until she was married. Leonard's job moved the family to Renton, WA, Orlando, FL, Ft. Worth, TX, and Racine, WI, and they returned to Michigan in 1995.

Linda enjoyed spending her time helping at schools and churches, including being a Sunday School Teacher at Faith Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, MI and King of Kings Lutheran Church in Renton, WA. She was a teacher's aide at Springbrook Elementary School in Renton, WA. She volunteered at schools in Orlando, FL and Ft. Worth, TX and she gave a lot of her time to sew costumes for school performances and to bake cookies for many events. Inspired by a baker in the family, she tried many different ways to decorate cakes for birthdays. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and she created many gifts for family, friends, and donations.

Linda is survived by her husband of 53 years Leonard; two daughters, Sue-Ann (Christopher) Clemons and Christa (Mark) Harrison; her granddaughter, Gillian; sister Yvonne (Dennis) McDermott; and numerous cousins.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Edward Gray Sr, step-mother Joyce Gray, mother Leona Magee, and brother Edward V. Gray.

Private interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to help cover her hospital stay would be appreciated.

Thank you for keeping Linda and her family in your thoughts and prayers.