

ELVIRA ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lucille Dorothy (Moeller) Schroeder

August 8, 1926 – April 9, 2020

April 14, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Lucille, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Old Rugged Cross”

The Old Rugged Cross

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Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull — John 19:17 NIV

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
 2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
 3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, Such a won-der-ful
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true, Its shame and re-

suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
 trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove,
 beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died,
 proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,

For a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
 To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
 To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. cross, the
 Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
 old rug-ged cross,

old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,

WORDS: George Bennard, 1873-1960
 MUSIC: George Bennard, 1873-1960

OLD RUGGED CROSS
 Irregular

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor.

We praise you for those dear to us whom we name before you. . . .

Especially we thank you for Lucille, whom you have graciously received into your presence. By your presence lead us through our years, and bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

REMEMBRANCES

Reading of Obituary

WORD

READING:

Proverbs 31: 10-31

A reading from Proverbs

¹⁰A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
- ²⁹"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
- ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING:

Psalm 23

A Reading from Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING:

John 14: 1-7

A Reading from John

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Garden"

Sung by: Sara Schroeder

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together in one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEAL

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

*All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table.
We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. If you do not
receive the elements, fold your hands to receive a blessing.
Communion is by cups.*

DISTRIBUTION

“Borning Cry”

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BLESSING

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMENDATION AND SENDING

Let us commend Lucille to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Lucille. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

Sung by: Sara & Nick Schroeder

POSTLUDE AND RECESSION

The service continues at the Andover Cemetery.

COMMITTAL

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister Lucille, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING:

Romans: 5: 1-11

A Reading from Romans

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister Lucille, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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.**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

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The Lifeline of Lucille Dorothy (Moeller) Schroeder

- Born:** August 8, 1926, in Jackson County
- Parents:** Fred & Lillie (Aude) Moeller
- Married:** Willis Schroeder, June 2, 1946,
at St. John Lutheran Church, Preston
- Death:** April 9, 2020 at Westwing Place, DeWitt
- Survivors:** Her daughter and son-in-law, Renae and Dick Peasley of DeWitt; her son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Judy Schroeder of Broomfield, Colorado; her daughter-in-law, Joanne Schroeder of Clinton; her grandchildren, Michelle (David) Hoffmann, Mike (Kelly) Peasley, Joel (Sara) Schroeder, Kim (Adam) Bullerman, Kevin (Karen) Schroeder, Alison (Phil) Coatman and Neal (Jodi) Schroeder; her great-grandchildren, Nicole Hoffmann, Matt Hoffmann, Alison Peasley, Lauren Peasley, Nick Schroeder, Derek Schroeder, Blake Bullerman, Sadie Coatman and Lucy Coatman; her sister, Jeannetta Schepler of Clinton; her brother, Lester (Alice) Moeller of Preston; a sister-in-law, Betty Jean Moeller of Clinton; nieces and nephews.

Preceded in Death by:

Her husband, Willis; parents; son, Ray; her infant brother, Ray; her brother, Gilbert and her brother-in-law, Harry Schepler.

Participants in the Service:

Officiating Minister: The Reverend Jealaine Marple

Organist: Sheryl Ringen

Soloists: Sara & Nick Schroeder