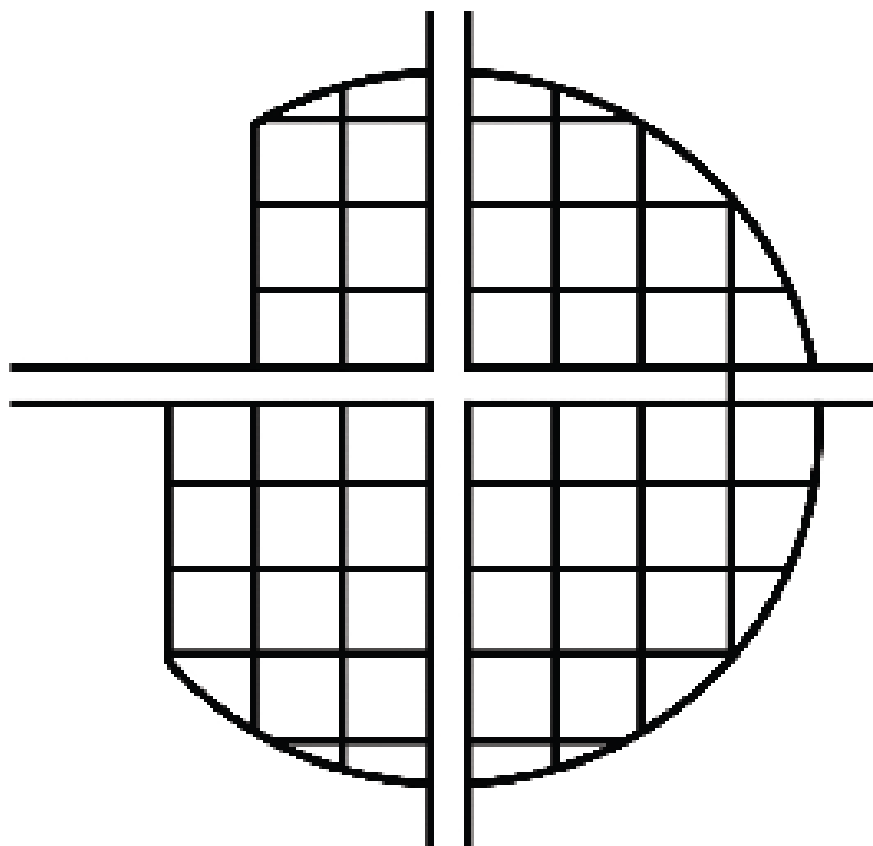


A SERVICE IN THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF  
WENDY ERLANDSON

Born to life: February 24, 1940

Born to eternal life: February 5, 2026



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## **Invocation and Apostolic Greeting**

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

**R/. And also with you.**

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 with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

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.

**R/. 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.**

**Hymn 838**

***“Beautiful Savior”***

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **R/. And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our loved one, Wendy. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Lesson Proverbs 31: 10-13, 20-23, 28-31**

**Jennifer Ayers**

Lector/. Word of God. Word of Life. **Congregation/. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 23**

**Matthew Ayers**

Lector/. Word of God. Word of Life. **Congregation/. Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**                      **Revelation 21: 2-7**                      **Frances Erlandson**  
*Lector/. Word of God. Word of Life. Congregation/. Thanks be to God.*

**Holy Gospel**                      **John 14: 1-6**  
*Before the Reading: R/. Glory to You, O Lord.*  
*After the Reading: R/. Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Personal Reflections**                      **Todd Erlandson, Pr. Bruce Kaifler**

**Solo**                      **“On Eagle’s Wings”**

**Homily**

**Creed**                      **The Apostles' Creed**                      **p. 105**

**Prayers & the Peace** **R/. Hear our prayer.**                      **Leigh Erlandson**

**Presentation of Gifts**                      **Lindsay Ayers, Sarah Ayers**

**The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist**  
The Lord be with you: **R/. And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts: **R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:  
**R/. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**                      **p. 153**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Our Father**

**Agnus Dei**                      **p. 154**

**Distribution**

**Hymn During Distribution      “Be Not Afraid”**

**Blessing**

**Nunc Dimittis**

***Lord, now You let your servant go in peace;  
Your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory 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.***

**Post-Communion 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 in that kingdom 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. **R/. AMEN.**

**Commendation:**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Wendy. 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 joyous company of the saints in light, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R/. AMEN.**

**Hymn 629**

***“Abide With Me”***

***Following the hymn, the assembly moves to the columbarium garden for the committal.***