

WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FUNERAL WORSHIP

To the Glory of God in Loving Memory of

Elaine Shirley Nelson

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering

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 Elaine, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Opening Song

“Borning Cry”

ELW # 732

“I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,

with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off

to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word

I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living Lord,

to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time

and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme

from dusk till rising sun.”

*“In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise.”*

*“I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.”*

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Elaine was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Elaine. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Family Memories

“Memoir of Grandma’s House by Grandchildren”

Scripture Readings

2 Peter 5:6-7
2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:8

Psalm 23 *We will read Psalm 23 in unison.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me be-side still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall 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,

and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Readings

John 16:20-22

Family Reflection

“Crowded Table” (Highwoman) read by Amy Juhl

Special Music

“On Eagles Wings”

Vicki Thompson & Dale Gerdes

Message

Pastor Bill Peters

Song “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” # 294

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Apostles Creed

Let us arise and confess our faith

**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 the Church

Let us pray...

Petitions end, “God of mercy,” **Hear our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Let us commend Elaine to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elaine. 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.

Hymn “Away in the Manger” vs. 1,3 # 67

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

Blessing

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

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Music

Graveside Prayers and Blessing

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*The Family invites you for lunch and fellowship
immediately following this worship and will join you after the graveside.*