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To remember and to thank God
for the life of

Alma Jean Flory

April 19, 1946–March 9, 2022

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Prelude ♦ Hymn Selections
Andrew Peters, organ

Welcome

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

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.

Hymn • ELW 838: **Beautiful Savior**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the of flow'rs spar - kling stars on high;
bright of of God and Son of Man!
Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister,
Alma. 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.**

A Life Remembered

Hymn ♦ ELW 504: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 God him - self e - lect - ed.
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe
 You ask who this may be?
 Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
 The Lord of hosts is he!
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 His might is doomed to fail;
 though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Psalm • Psalm 23

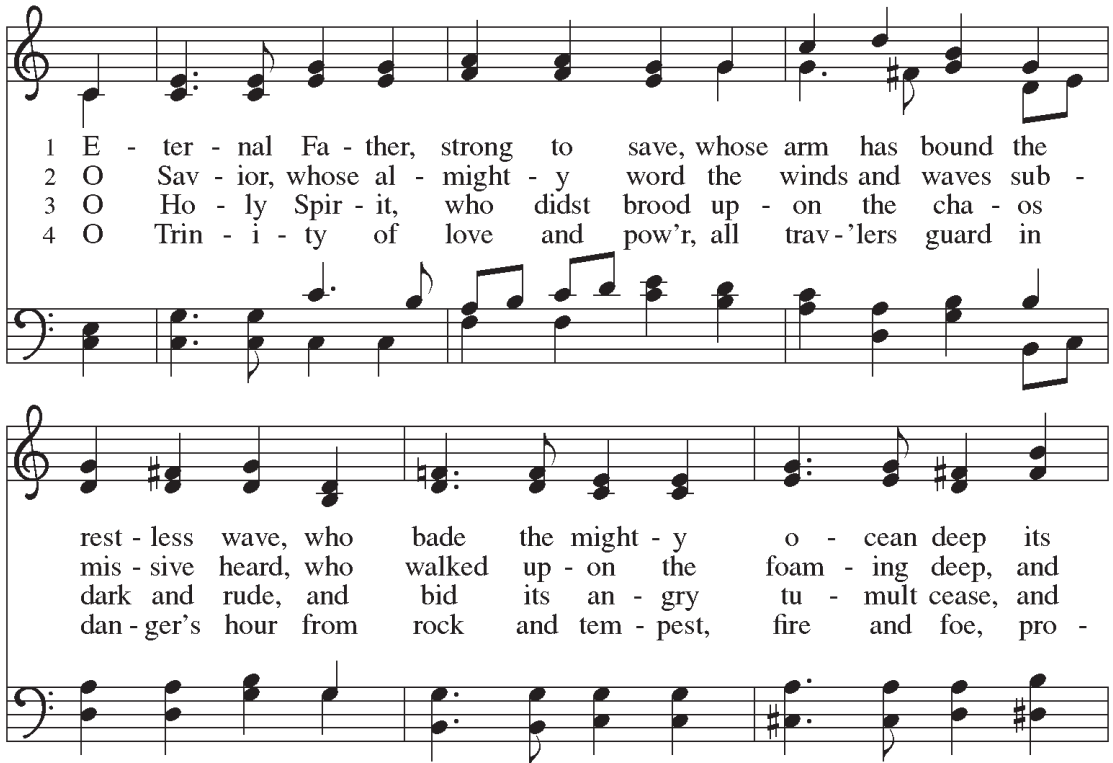
¹The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**⁴Though 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.**
**⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**
**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Hymn • LBW 467: **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Reading ♦ Luke 1:46–55

A reading from Luke.

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel • John 3:1–36

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized ²⁴— John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵Now a discussion about purification arose between John’s disciples and a Jew. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” ²⁷John answered, “No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.’

²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.”

³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

Solo ♦ “The Holy City” –Stephen Adams
Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

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

To each petition the assembly responds:
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Commendation

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

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend our sister Alma. In this life, through the waters of baptism, you embraced her with your tender love; now bid her to enter eternal rest. Welcome her into your paradise, where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping or pain, but where she will enjoy the fullness of peace and joy in your presence, forever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn • ELW 422: For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3–5 below
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

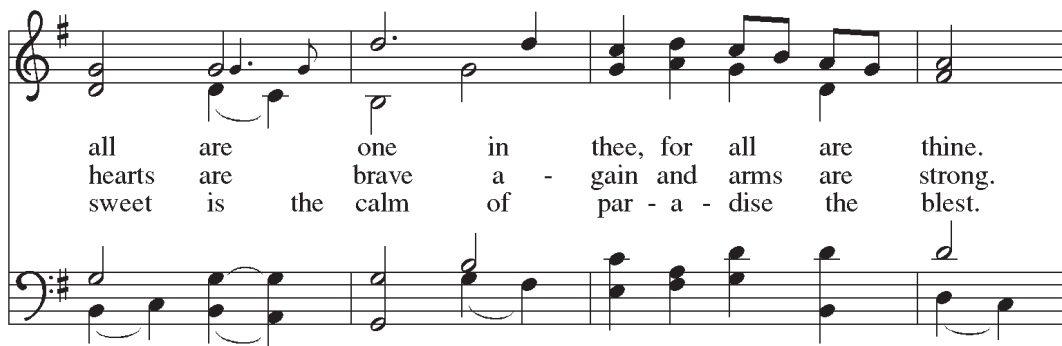


3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

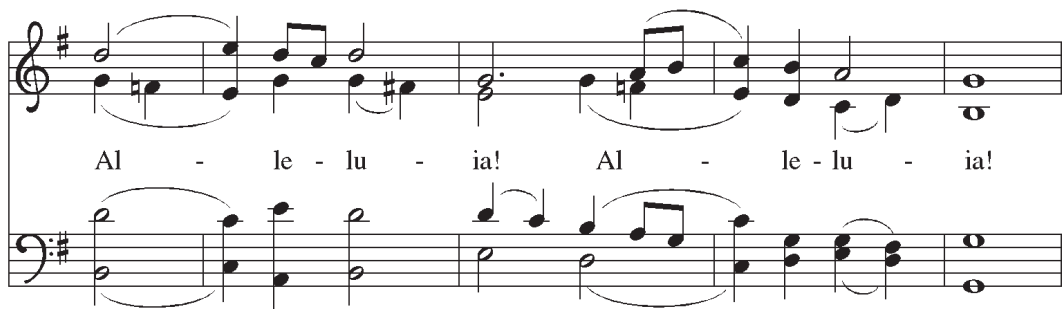




we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - distant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are are the brave in a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sending

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

Postlude ♦ “Finale” from *Symphony I* –Louis Vierne

Alma Jean Flory

April 19, 1946–March 9, 2022

Alma was born in Akron, Ohio, April 19, 1946. Her parents were Walter and Leone Marsh. She lived in Kenmore, a suburb of Akron. She graduated from Kenmore High School in 1964. She graduated from Akron University in 1970 with a degree in history. She went on to get her Master's Degree in history. She was a member in the high school and college marching bands and played the flute. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Akron and was active in the Luther League.

We started dating in the fall of 1966. After six and a half years of knowing each other, we were married on July 24, 1971, in Firestone Methodist Park Church in Akron. I had joined the Air Force on July 21, 1969, and was assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri. We lived there until June 1975.

Our next assignment was to Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. She was an active member in the officers' wives club. We attended Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha. While were there, our son, John Andrew, was born on April 1, 1978.

Our next assignment was to Grand Forks North Dakota Air Force Base, in April 1980. We then left there in September 1981 and relocated to Denver. We joined Augustana Lutheran Church in 1982 and have been members ever since.

We have served communion many times over the years. She had served for 20 years in the nursery taking care of the young children. She often told me when someone graduated high school, "I remember attending to them in the nursery."

Alma was a wonderful, warm and caring lady and was loved by many people over the years. Son John and I will miss her dearly. We know that we will be all together again in the future. What joyous day that will be!

Inurnment

Augustana Memorial Garden
Denver, Colorado

*The committal will be held in
the Memorial Garden at a later date.*

Memorial may be designated to

Augustana Lutheran Church

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You are invited

to greet the family at a reception
in Fellowship Hall
following the committal.

Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Ann Hultquist

Presider: Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Organist: Andrew Peters

Soloist: Blake Nawa`a

Ushers: Emmett Cruson, Orvid Olson

