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To remember and to thank God for the life of

Tamra Ruth Mohs

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Prelude

Hymn Selections

Welcome

Gathering

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.

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.**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Life Remembered

Kari Kusek
 Chris Mohs
 Laura Hesse
 Megan Schoales

Music for Reflection

“Jesus, Still Lead On” –Adam Drese

Readings

Romans 8:35, 37–39

A reading from Romans.

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Luke 2:8–20

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

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: Daniel L. Schutte; arr. John Weissrock, Michael Pope, SJ, and Daniel L. Schutte
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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.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,
and great is your glory.

You so loved the world that you sent to us Jesus,
your Word made flesh.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill your holy will and show us the way.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
we give thanks to you, O God,
not as we ought but as we are able;
accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless us, your servants,
and this bread and wine,
so that we may be filled with grace,
and forgiven and formed to live as your people
for the sake of the world.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to come forward for a blessing instead, please fold your hands, and the servers will know to give you a blessing. Communion is by intinction today. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will receive a wafer, the Body of Christ, which you may dip in either the wine (dark) or the grape juice (clear), the Blood of Christ. If you prefer, you may receive the wafer only. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and those distributing will be glad to bring communion to you.

If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ.

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God, for nourishing us at your holy meal. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Commendation

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

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Tamra Ruth Mohs. 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.**



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Sending

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

Postlude

“Shall We Gather at the River” –Robert Lowry

Committal

Worship Leaders

Preacher/Presider:

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Assisting Minister:

Deacon Shanna VanderWel

Organist:

Andrew Peters

Reader:

Michael Zumwalt

Communion Assistants:

Mitch & Kari Kusek

Tim Mohs

Ushers:

Katy Lunsford

Holly Massie

Nancy Johnson

Tamra Ruth Mohs

March 17, 1960–September 9, 2023

Tamra Ruth Mohs was born on March 17, 1960 to David and Ruth Hofstad. She loved her siblings: Lynn, Alan, Jon, Troy, “Little” Tam, Toni, and Tina. In her free time, she loved visiting the family farms and her beloved grandparents, who taught her to ride a horse and would always fill her with her favorite foods and sweets. In high school, she was a cheerleader for both football and hockey, and she always liked to brag that she could do the splits on skates. In addition to her athletics, she played both piano and saxophone, and she won the John Phillips Sousa award her senior year. As if these activities were not enough, Tammy got a job as a carhop at A&W, though she got the job mostly so she could have free root beer whenever she wanted.

During her 38 years of marriage to Timothy Mohs, Tammy worked her way from an Associates Degree in Nursing through to a Doctorate of Nursing Practice. Through her career, she worked as an ICU Registered Nurse, an administrator and trainer for new medical software, a Nurse Practitioner in hospice, an Adjunct Professor at Saint Ambrose University, and a traveling ER Nurse Practitioner. She had an enormous heart and was known for her patience and kindness.

If you asked Tammy, she would say that her greatest pride and joy were her four children: Kari, Chris, Laura, and Megan. Throughout their childhood, Tammy and Tim took their children on as many trips as they could. They were able to visit many U.S. states and several international locations as a family. She moved to Colorado to be a Nurse Practitioner in an Emergency Room so that she could be closer to her children. Near the end of her life, Tammy took great pleasure in spending time with her five grandchildren: Jack, Ginny, Aiden, Jeffrey, and Stella. One of her greatest wishes was to meet her two grandsons, Wylder and Logan,

due in November and January. She spent a great deal of her time taking the grandkids places and FaceTiming with the ones who were further away.

Tammy loved to travel. Outside of family trips, she took time to travel on her own. She attended and spoke at a conference in Canada, presented her research and findings at a conference in Finland, and was preparing research for a conference in Hawaii when Covid hit. She also took time to travel to Norway and France, where she fulfilled a life-long dream of taking a class in French cooking. Everywhere she went, she reveled in the opportunity to expand her palette and try all of the local cuisine. When at home, she spent her time gardening, knitting, and quilting. In between, she would watch HGTV and drive her son-in-laws crazy by being frustratingly right about the need for renovations in their houses. Starting in November, you could always find Tammy in the basement curled up in a cozy blanket and watching Hallmark movie marathons.

While it may seem from the above comments that Tammy had a full schedule, she still managed to squeeze in even more. She volunteered for various church committees, attended church mission trips, helped out in the church garden, joined booster clubs and PTAs at her childrens’ schools, and tried to squeeze in every event of her children that she could manage. She knew how to fill in every second of every day.

Tammy passed away September 9, 2023 at Denver Hospice in Denver, Colorado. She was surrounded by her children and had spent the week surrounded by her parents and siblings as well. Without a doubt, she is now riding her horse through the streets of heaven and working on ways to make the whole operation more efficient.



We are amazed and overwhelmed by the outpouring of support we have received during this time. Mom touched many, many lives in her too short time, which is apparent by the number of messages we have received. We are eternally grateful to everyone who loved our mother, and she loved all of you. God bless you all.

-Kari, Chris, Laura, and Megan

Interment
Augustana Memorial Garden
Denver, Colorado

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

Memorials
may be designated to:

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(heifer.org)

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