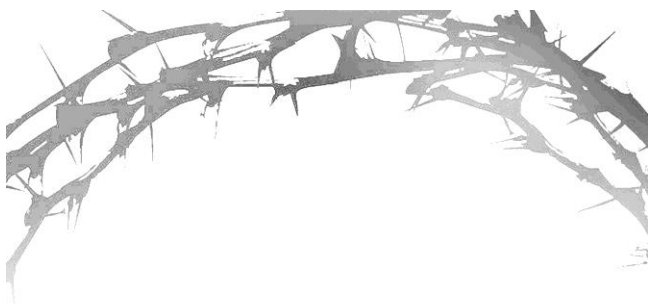

Grace Lutheran Church & School



“I am the
resurrection and the

Life.”
John 11:25





GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FUNERAL: NORMA RUST
JANUARY 9, 2022 – 3:00 PM

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† NORMA ADELINE RUST †

Worship Preparation:..... *Psalm 46, TLH p. 134*

Family Entrance:..... *Near, Still Nearer (Piano: Maureen Ochsner)*

Invocation & Prayer:

Hymn:..... *WS 709: God Loves Me Dearly*

1. God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
2. I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
3. He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Brief Biography: *With TLH 648: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

Norma Adeline Rust was given life by her Creator on March 12, 1943, in Portland, OR, the child of Carl and Adeline Schwartz. She was given spiritual life and became a Child of God through the gift of Holy Baptism on March 23, 1943 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland. She received the precious gift of the Lord's life giving body and blood following confirmation on June 16, 1957, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Saint Cloud, MN. Norma graduated from Tech High School in Saint Cloud in 1961. She attended college at Concordia in Saint Paul and Saint John's in Winfield, KS. **Galatians 3:26-27:** "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

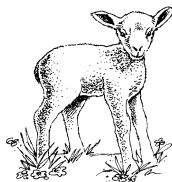
SING(♪): **I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

Norma was united in marriage to David on May 24, 1969, at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights. They were blessed with ten children. **Psalms 128:3-4:** "Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD."

During her life, Norma had many vocations. She was a homemaker, secretary, teacher of German and Minnesota History at Grace Lutheran School, and an election judge for the City of Fridley. She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, where she sang in the choir, supported countless missionary and other projects, and was active in the Dorcas Guild. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, knitting, genealogy, traveling with Dave, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Norma was committed to the truth of God's Word and understood by faith the payment her Savior made for her sins, living her life in thanks to Him. **Ephesians 1:13-14** "In [Christ] you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

SING(♪): **Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**



Norma's soul was summoned to be with her Lord Jesus on Thursday, December 30, 2021, her time of grace here on earth being 78 years, 9 months, and 18 days. Her earthly remains will be laid to rest on a later date at the cemetery located at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, South Dakota, awaiting the Last Day of the world when our Lord will invite all of His believers: *"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34).

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Adeline Schwartz and Dave's parents, William and Ellen Rust. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dave; children William of Fridley, Barbara (Eric) Piper of Irvine, CA, Rebecca (Paul) Welter of Inver Grove Heights, Brenda Mraz of Inver Grove Heights, Elizabeth (James) Price of Saint Cloud, Robert Rust of Eagan, Benjamin (Jessica) Rust of Maplewood, Bernice (Nathan) Redman of Saint Cloud, Bonnie (Alexander) Baker of Ramsey, and Brittany Rust of Saint Paul; twenty grandchildren; two great grandchildren and siblings, Paul Schwartz of Saint Paul, Ruth (David) Sprengeler of Saint Cloud, and Lois (Dennis) Van Beck of San Sabo, TX.

We thank the Lord for blessing us with Norma and allowing her to touch our lives in the way that she did as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister-in-Christ, and friend. **Job 1:21:** "The LORD gave, the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

SING(♪): **Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm of Comfort: Psalm 46 (selected)

*P: God is our refuge and strength,
C: A very present help in trouble.
P: Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,
C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
P: Though its waters roar and be troubled,
C: Though the mountains shake with its swelling.
P: There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,
C: The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
P: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
C: God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.
P: Be still, and know that I am God;
C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
P: The LORD of hosts is with us;
C: The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Scripture Readings of Comfort:

Revelation 14:13; Psalm 73:23b-28; Philippians 3:7-11, 20-21;

Romans 8:35-39; Revelation 7:9-17

Confession of Faith: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:..... *TLH 387: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

Sermon:..... *John 20:14-18*

¹⁴ When [Mary Magdalene] had said this, she turned around, and beheld Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* He had said these things to her. (NASBTM)

NORMA: DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Hymn:..... *TLH 463: For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Benediction & Announcements:

Closing Hymn: *WS 799: This is the Feast of Victory*

This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
5. For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia!
This is the Feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements:

- † Norma's family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss but Norma's great gain.
- † Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall following the funeral service.
- † A committal will follow, likely in spring when the weather is amiable, at the Hidewood Cemetery located at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, South Dakota
- † Video of the worship service will be archived at the following website under "Sermons": FridleyLutheran.org
- † Memorials may be designated per the donor's personal choice. The family sincerely thanks those who express themselves in this fashion and conveys its gratitude for such remembrances at this time.
- † Correspondence:

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John 11:25-26 Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"