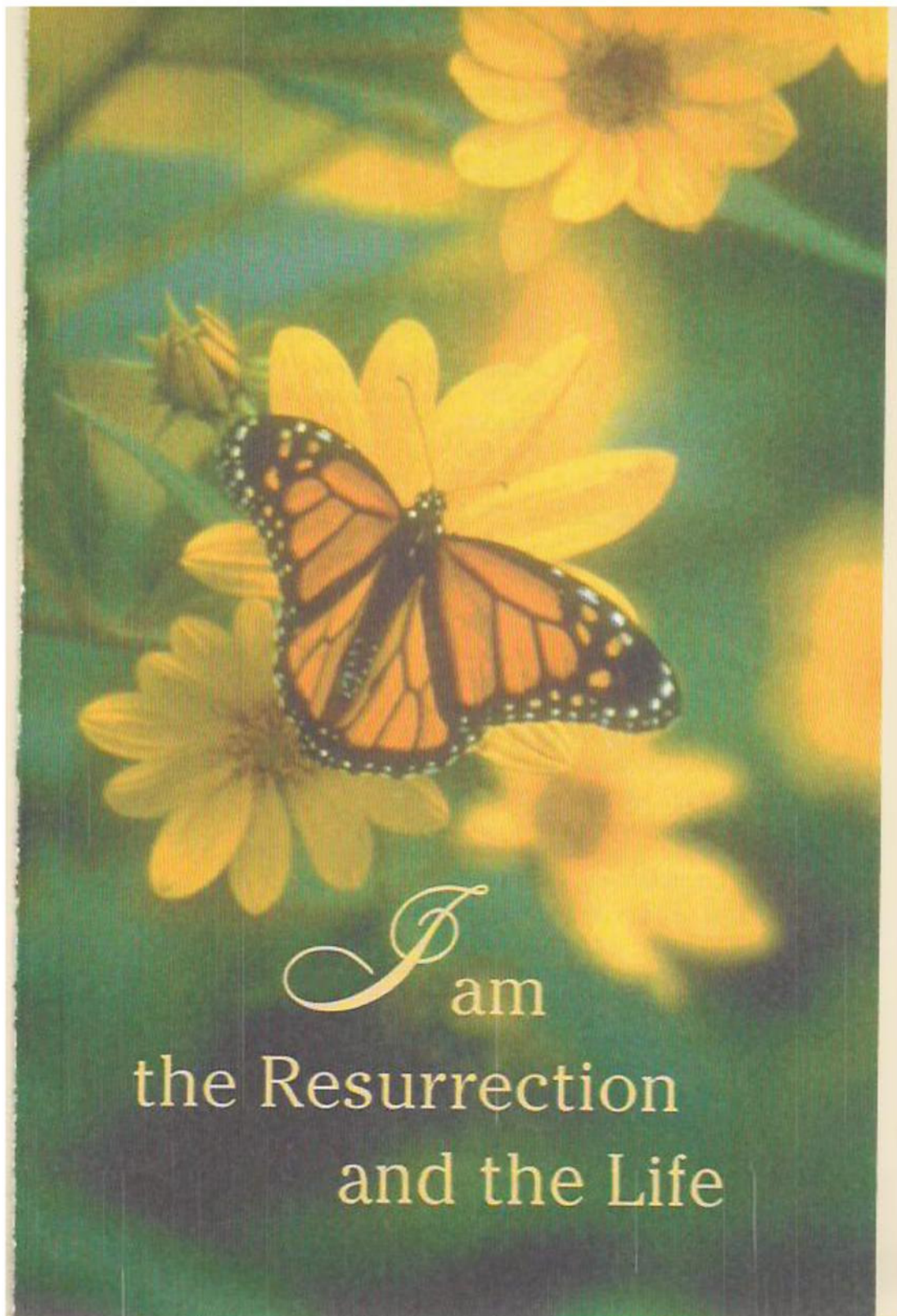
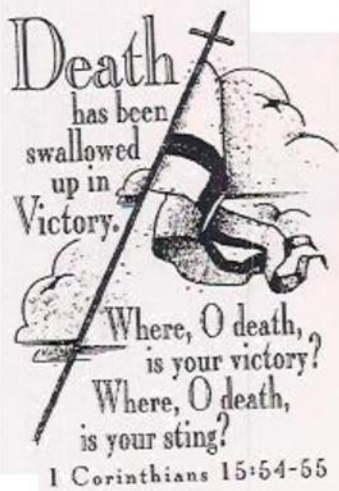


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Invocation & Prayer:

Hymn: TLH 388: *Just As I Am*

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Brief Biography: With WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

The pilgrimage of Elnora Irene Smith through this world of sin and sorrow into the victorious glory of heaven may be summed up as follows: Her earthly pilgrimage began when she was born on February 25, 1923, in Walworth County, SD, the daughter of Alexander and Rosina (nee Bieber) Kiesz. On May 6, 1923, Elnora became a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism. She was confirmed in her baptismal grace at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD, on Palm Sunday, March 21, 1937, trusting in Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

**SING(♩): Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

After graduation from Bowdle High School, Elnora moved to Garretson, SD, to study nursing. There she met Harold Sherwood Smith whom she married on July 8, 1941, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD. The Lord blessed their marital union with 61 years of Christian companionship and with five children: Rosella, Connie, Kent, Jane, and Melanie. The family first made their home in Plankinton, SD, before moving to Beresford, SD, in 1959. Elnora was always active in her church, teaching and learning about her Savior. She loved gardening, baking, cooking big family dinners, sewing, knitting, playing games with the grandkids, and traveling on motorcycle trips with Harold. Elnora loved South Dakota, making a lot of trips back to visit her family. In 1992, Elnora and Harold moved to Blaine, MN. During this time they spent their winters in McAllen, TX.

Both Harold and Elnora made their Christian confession before the world through their membership at Grace Lutheran Church. Elnora glorified her Lord Jesus throughout her life, understanding the payment her Savior made for her sins: "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

**SING(♩): God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

Elnora's soul was summoned to be with her Lord this past Wednesday evening, March 20, 2013, her time of grace here on earth being 90 years. Her earthly remains will be laid to rest at Plankinton, SD, 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).

**SING(♩): Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

Elnora was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; parents, Alexander and Rosina Kiesz; daughters, Rosella Schreck and Melanie Jordan; granddaughter, Rosemary Schreck; and great-grandson, Anthony Schreck. She is survived by sister, Verna Kiesz; daughter, Connie Smith (Gaylen); son, Kent Smith; daughter, Jane Smith-Cowan (Richard); 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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

**SING(♩): Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Hymn:..... *TLH 653: Now the Light Has Gone Away*

1. Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.
2. Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me every day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
3. Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee.
Oh, bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.
5. Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more,
Always better than before.

Responsive Psalm of Comfort:Psalm 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

C: He leads me beside the still waters.

P: He restores my soul;

C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Scripture Readings of Comfort:

Hymn:..... TLH 652: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.

3. I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

4. I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus
Amid the heavenly throng
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

Sermon: *Matthew 11:28-30*

²⁸ "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (NKJV™)

"In Christ, Elnora Found Rest for Her Soul"

Solo (Jackie Radichel):..... *WS 744, st. 3-4: How Great Thou Art*

Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Benediction:

Closing Hymn:..... *TLH 370: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Pall Bearers: Jack Schreck, Clark Muhlenkort, Kuyle Christensen,
Clint Jordan, Cody Jordan, Jessie Voegeli, Tom Smith (honorary)

Announcements:

- † Following the funeral service there will be a fellowship luncheon in the church's fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come.
- † The family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss.