



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### † ELLEN AUGUSTA RUST †

#### Invocation & Prayer:

Hymn:..... TLH 85: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

1. "From heaven above to earth I come  
To bear good news to every home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:
2. "To you this night is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little child, of lowly birth,  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
3. "This is the Christ, our God and Lord,  
Who in all need shall aid afford;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.
6. Now let us all with gladsome cheer  
Go with the shepherds and draw near  
To see the precious gift of God,  
Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.



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

The pilgrimage of Ellen Augusta Rust nee Gerth through this world of sin and sorrow into the glories of heaven may be summed up as follows: Her earthly journey began when she was born on the family farm, 10 miles northeast of Estelline, South Dakota, September 28, 1918, daughter of August and Augusta Gerth. She became a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through baptism on December 8, 1918, and was confirmed in her baptismal grace on July 31, 1932, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hidewood Township, South Dakota. Her confirmation verse was John 6:68, "*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"

**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.

Ellen was a 1937 graduate from Clear Lake High School in Clear Lake, South Dakota. She graduated in 1940 with a nursing degree from Fairview School of Nursing in Minneapolis. The Lord joined Ellen together with William Rust in holy matrimony on June 22, 1940, at Shakopee, Minnesota. The Lord blessed their marital union with Christian companionship for 32 ½ years and with three children: David, Ronald, and Richard. During the formative years of her children, she was a housewife and mother. Eventually she worked as a registered nurse at Deuel County Hospital in Clear Lake for about 26 years.

For many years Ellen was a member at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township until she eventually moved to the Twin Cities in September of 2012. From then on she was a member at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, Minnesota, committed to the truth of God's Word and understanding the payment her Savior made for her sins: "*looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*" (Titus 2:13-14).

**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.





Ellen's soul was summoned to be with her Lord this past Tuesday, December 8, 2015, her time of grace here on earth being 97 years, 2 months, and 10 days. Her earthly remains will be laid to rest on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the cemetery located at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, South Dakota, next to her husband, 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).

Ellen was preceded in death by her father and mother; husband William; brother Reinhold (wife, Kathe); sister Alma Begalka (husband, Walter); brother Elmer (wife, MaryAnn); and sister Rhoda Rutz (husband, Rev. Helmuth). She is survived by her son David (wife, Norma) of Fridley, Minnesota; son Ronald (wife, Judith) of Leesburg, Virginia; son Richard (wife, Cleo) of Loveland, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. We thank the Lord for blessing us with Ellen and allowing her to touch our lives in the way that she did as a mother, grandmother, great-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(♫):** 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.

**Grace School Children:..... WS 709: God Loves Me Dearly**

**Responsive Psalm of Comfort:.....Psalm 121**

*P: I will lift up my eyes to the hills; From whence comes my help?*

**C: My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.*

**C: Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

*P: The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.**

*P: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.*

**C: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.**

## Scripture Readings of Comfort;

Hymn:..... TLH 473: *The Church's One Foundation*

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.
3. The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her.  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.
5. Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Til with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Sermon:..... *John 6:68*

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

***"Ellen Sought Jesus' Words of Eternal Life"***



Hymn:..... *WS 751: God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*

1. God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!
2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
4. Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

**Prayer:**

**Lord's Prayer:**

C: 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:**

**Closing Hymn:.....TLH 188: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives**

1. Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!  
He is now the Living One;  
From the gloomy house of death  
Forth the Conqueror has gone,  
Bright Forerunner to the skies  
Of His people, yet to rise.
3. Jesus lives! Why weepest thou?  
Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our Brother here  
Lives our Brother still on high,  
Lives forever to bestow  
Blessings on His Church below.
4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
Life eternal waits for thee;  
Joined to Him, thy living Head,  
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;  
With Himself, at His right hand,  
Victor over death shalt stand.

**Announcements:**

- † Ellen's family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss yet Ellen's great gain.
- † Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall following the service.
- † A committal service is set for Monday, December 14, 2015, 1 pm, at the cemetery located by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, SD.