

"I will dwell
in the house
of the Lord forever"

Psalm 23:6



Sermon:.....*I John 4:9-10*

⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (NKJVTM)

“Florence’s Love Story”

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:

Closing Hymn:.....*TLH 200: I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”

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

The pilgrimage of Florence Marie LaCroix nee Cole 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 1, 1927, in Deer River, MN, the daughter of Oliver Richmond Cole and Mary Bessie Cole nee Warner. Florence became a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism on March 31, 1950, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Forest Grove Township. 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(♩): Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

Florence was told by Lyle Louis LaCroix, that from the moment he saw her, he knew he would marry her. So upon his release from serving in the Army after World War II, Lyle married Florence on February 2, 1946, during a cold blizzard in Kelliher, MN. The Lord blessed their union with one child, Linda, and with 68 years of Christian companionship. It was a marriage that lasted according to their vows made to one another, “until death do us part.”

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.

Florence served as a homemaker, being a faithful wife and mother. She held many jobs to supplement family income as a waitress, in retail, and as an office manager. Her hobbies included sewing, knitting, embroidery, and reading. She sewed some of the first confirmation gowns at Grace Lutheran. She loved baking, and her family eagerly anticipated her annual Christmas cookies. Her weekly homemade bread is now definitely a lost art. She loved her family, her grandchildren bringing her great joy.

Florence was the last living charter member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. She was led to believe in 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(♩): Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Florence was summoned to be with her Savior on June 22, 2019, her time of grace here on earth being 92 years, 4 months, and 21 days. Her earthly remains will be laid to rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, awaiting the resurrection on 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).



Florence is preceded in death by husband, Lyle; young son, Gregory Lyle; siblings, Wilma Dauenaubach, Floyd Cole, Waneta Piffner; father, Oliver; and mother, Mary. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Dennis) West; grandchildren, Lee (Susan) West and Nicole (Jeffrey) Magandy; great grandchildren, Thomas and Tyler West and Olivia and Paige Magandy; sister, Patricia (Stan) Peterson; other relatives and friends. We are thankful for the Lord blessing us with Florence in our lives. Job 1:21: *"The LORD gave, the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."*

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

Solo:..... *In the Garden (Ann Radichel)*

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:..... *WS 777: Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me;

His Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.



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Invocation & Prayer:

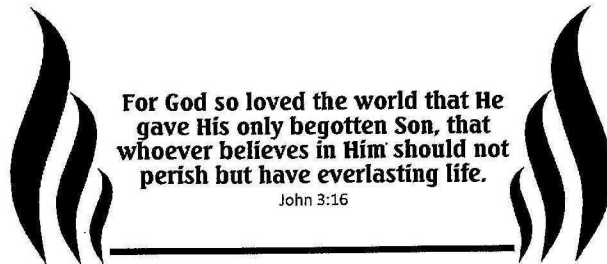
Hymn:..... TLH 376: *Rock of Ages*

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood From
Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,—
Wash me, Savior, or I die!
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

Announcements:

- † Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall following the service.
- † Florence's family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss yet Florence's great gain.
- † Memorials may be directed to the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance.
- † A committal service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Monday, July 1, 9:30 am.
- † Correspondence:

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16