

Celebration of Life

Mary Lou Sorenson

Born: February 3, 1950 Died In the Lord: November 2, 2022

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO

Pastor Leta Arndt Behrens & Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Intern Pastor Jon Fry
December 19, 2022

Prelude

Crystal Kerr

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister, Mary Lou, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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 & giver of life, comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

Prayer

"10,000 Reasons"

A Life Remembered

Chancel Choir
Reflections from Family

WORD

First Reading: Psalm 103:1-5, 8-18

Second Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Third Reading: Romans 8:35-39

Hymn
Sermon
Hymn

"Amazing Grace"
"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW 779
Pastor Michael Stadtmueller
ELW 787

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

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE 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

"Deep River"

Chancel Choir

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Mary Lou to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
(Please enter into a moment of silence)

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your child, Mary Lou. 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.

Hymn

"Oh, When The Saints"

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BENEDICTION

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

Postlude

Thank you for being here today to celebrate Mary Lou's life in Christ. You are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments following the worship in the Fellowship Hall. The family will join you after a short columbarium service.