

A CELEBRATION
of the
LIFE OF
Linda E. Palmer

December 22, 1951 – August 4, 2026



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
1:00 P.M.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
ROCHESTER, NY

Words of Welcome

Pastor: 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 Linda, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: 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.

All: **We glorify you.**

Pastor: 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.

All: **We praise you.**

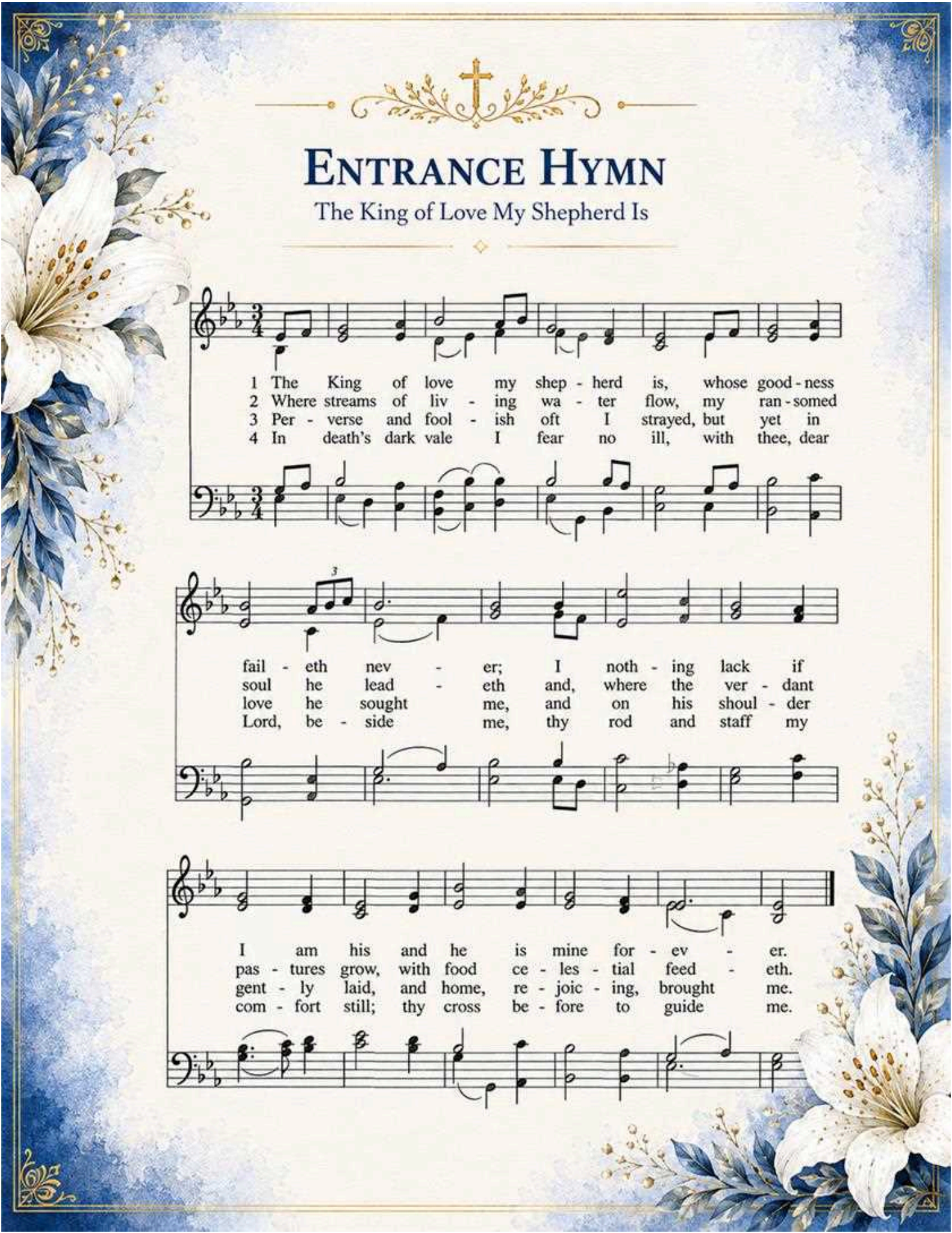
Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: **We worship you.**

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**





ENTRANCE HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Words of Remembrance

given by Linda's Husband Jim Palmer.

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Linda. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in the confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your Saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.



- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.



Scripture Readings

NEXT READING:

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

⁴ See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children."

GOSPEL READING:

John 14:1-6

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



Sermon

Pastor Paul Egensteiner

Hymn of the Day

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be,
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.





THE 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 OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Jesus, fullness of compassion, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Linda, and dry the tears of those who weep. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, man of sorrows, you wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend; comfort us who mourn. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, firstborn of the new creation, you raised the dead; give our sister eternal life. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, wellspring of life, you washed our sister in baptism and anointed her with the Holy Spirit; give her communion with all your saints. In your mercy

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, bread of life, you nourished Linda at your table on earth; welcome her at the table in the realm of heaven. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, bright morning star; comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Linda, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: Grant us grace to entrust Linda to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. In your mercy,

All: **Hear us, Lord.**

Pastor: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because Jesus lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift us your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.





LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All:

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.

COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor:

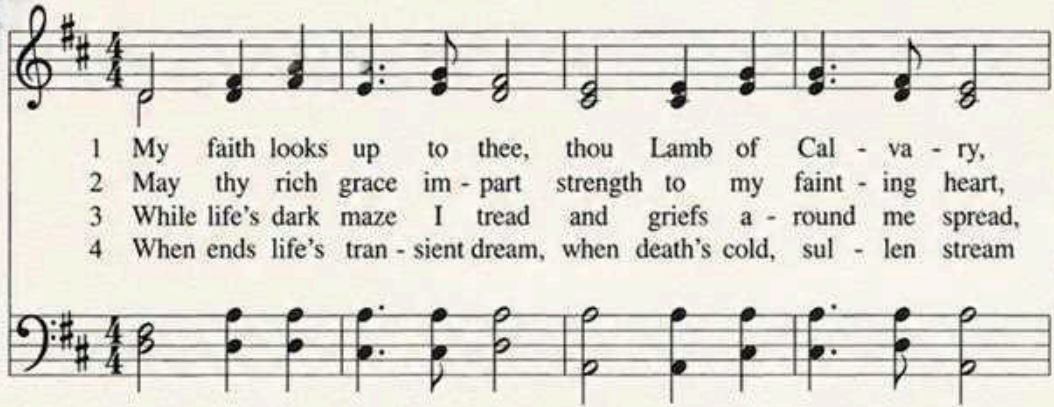
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



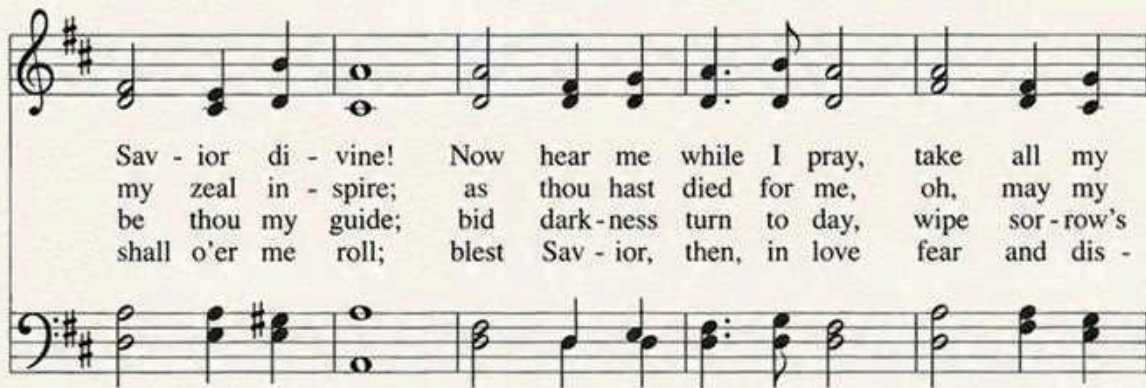
- All baptized Christians are welcome (children are welcome to receive according to family practice).
- Wait for the ushers' signal and follow their guidance.
- Form two lines in the center aisle and proceed to the front steps to receive Communion.
- Place empty cups in the trays at the right and left, and return via the side aisles.



MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



POST COMMUNION PRAYER



Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: Amen.



COMMENDATION



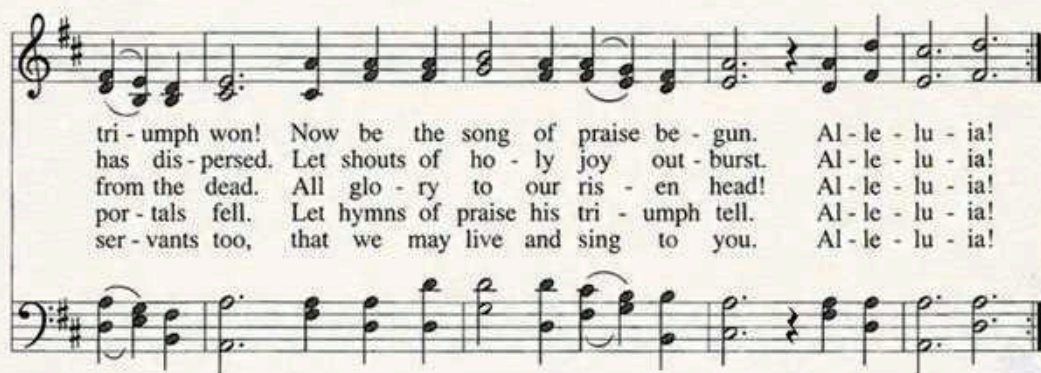
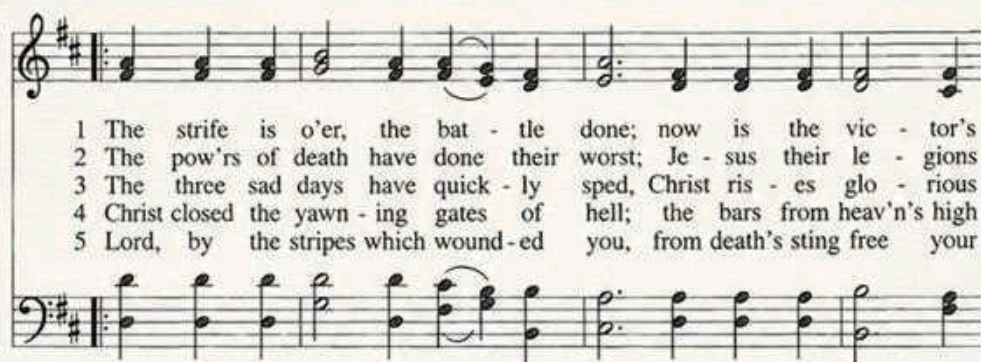
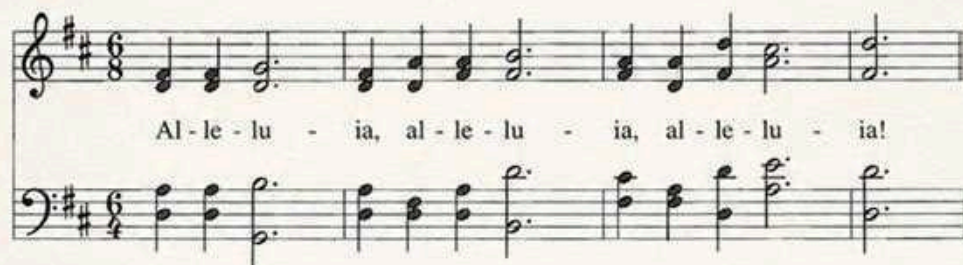
Pastor: Let us commend Linda to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Linda. 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.

All: Amen.



THE STRIFE IS O'ER THE BATTLE DONE





The family wishes to extend an invitation for all
to adjourn downstairs in the Augsburg room
for a reception where we can continue to
remember Linda and share some fellowship together.



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