

A vertical photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a golden light across the sky and water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange and yellow. In the foreground, several tall, thin stalks of grass or reeds are silhouetted against the bright light of the sunset. The ocean waves are visible, with white foam from a breaking wave in the lower right corner. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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

Psalm 23:6



IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Gloria Mary Simi

August 24, 1933 – February 3, 2025

Friday, February 7, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Congregational responses are bold.

GATHERING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Gloria Mary was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Time to Say Goodbye (Con Te Partiro)"

Music and Lyrics by: Lucio Quarantotto and Franco Sartori

Sung by: Andrea Bocelli

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READING *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11* Ivan Glasser/Amy Jenkins

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to

lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

Allison Cecil/Rebecca Allain

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.

READING

1 John 3:1-3,11

Adam Boike/Debbie Frommer

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ¹¹ For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EULOGY

David Boike

GOSPEL

John 6:35-40

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last

day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke

SOLO

“*Ave Maria*”

Franz Schubert

Soloist: Chris Steinmayer

APOSTLES’ CREED

God has made us God’s own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he Rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together in one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend our sister, Gloria Mary, to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

(Silence is kept.)

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Gloria Mary. 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.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN

God Bless America

Soloist:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

Congregation:

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains. to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*
Sung by: The Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Note: In accordance with copyright laws, the Gathering and Postlude music will be muted in the Livestream

Following the funeral, the family invites you to a memorial brunch at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

Following the brunch, burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Gloria Mary's honor may be made to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Memorial Garden.

Serving Today

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor, Presiding
The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus, Preaching

Julie Steinmayer, Music Minister
Chris Steinmayer, Soloist

Ivan Glasser, Amy Jenkins, Allison Cecil, Rebecca Allain,
Adam Boike, Debbie Frommer, Readers

David Boike, Eulogist

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