

Dorothy Neuman Keuffer  
November 29, 1934 – September 25, 2021



Grace Lutheran Church  
2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140  
12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 9, 2021  
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker  
Organist: Nancy Brichacek  
Readers: Skyler Houston, Sydney Houston, Kyle Nitz, Zach Nitz  
Communion assistants: Dawn Houston & Skyler Houston

## GATHERING

INTRODUCTION (ELW p. 279)

☐ 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

Dorothy, to give thanks for *her* life, to commend *her* to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**PROCESSIONAL: *How Great Thou Art*** (ELW #856)

- 1: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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how great thou art! How great thou art!
- 2: When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
- 3: But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4: When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
Refrain

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**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** (ELW p. 280)

**P** 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.

**C** We glorify you.

**P** 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.

**C** **We praise you.**

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

**C** **We worship you.**

**P** To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### **HYMN: On Eagle's Wings (ELW #787)**

1: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2: The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 281)**

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Dorothy. 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 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.

☉ Amen.

## WORD

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-28**

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from Proverbs.



capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:

**Psalm 121**

Skyler and Sydney Houston

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?  
<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup>**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup>**The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**READING: Revelation 21:1-7**

Kyle and Zach Nitz

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from Revelation.

**I**hen 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. And I saw the holy city,  
the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven  
from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“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;

“he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

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.”

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. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 142)

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

**INSERTED READING: John 3:16-21**

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from John.



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW #779)**

- 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: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
- 4: The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES**

Deb Cannata  
Skyler Houston  
Sydney Houston  
Dawn Houston

**CREED (ELW p. 282)**

**☩ 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 (ELW p. 282)**

**☩** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## MEAL

### DIALOGUE & PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**P** 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (ELW p. 144)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: “You Raise Me Up”**

### SENDING

**COMMENDATION (ELW p. 283)**

**P** Let us commend Dorothy to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

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

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.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING MUSIC: “Dancing in the Sky”**

### DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Dorothy L. Keuffer, 86, of Kenosha, passed away peacefully, with her loving family by her side, Saturday, September 25, 2021 at her daughter’s residence.

She was born on November 29, 1934 to the late Edward and Evelyn (Schilling) Neuman in Kenosha. She was educated in the schools of Kenosha.

On May 24, 1958, she married John A. Keuffer at Grace Lutheran Church. He

preceded her in death on February 2, 2007.

In her younger years, she worked at Ben Franklin and then stayed home raising her children, becoming a homemaker.

Dorothy was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidering, cooking and gardening. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters Debra (Tony) Cannata and Dawn (Scott) Houston, her grandchildren Kyle, Zachary, Sydney and Skylar, and her great-grandchildren Lavaeh, Kayson, Beckett and Leighton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hospice Alliance for their loving and compassionate care given to Dorothy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the family.

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