

**Calvary Lutheran Church – Dallas, TX**

**A Service of Comfort and Hope for the  
Family and Friends of Bonnie Peterson**

September 17, 2016

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**OPENING HYMN**

**441 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (page 7)**

**GREETING AND PRAYER**

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

We have come together to seek God’s comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for the loss of Bonnie, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought her to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

**PSALM 23**

Read by the presiding minister

## RESURRECTION COMFORT

**M** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

**M** Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C** **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M** When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C** **Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

**M** We will be before the throne of God

**C** **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

**M** Never again will we hunger;

**C** **Never again will we thirst.**

**M** For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

**C** **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

**M** Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## LESSONS

### Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 26

*(Psalm 26:8, Bonnie's confirmation passage)*

### HYMN

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### Epistle Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

### Gospel Lesson

John 11:17-27

### HYMN

**402 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (page 9)**

### SERMON

Romans 8:38,39

## Inseparable Love



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

**M** Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Bonnie, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**M** We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

**M** You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**M** Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**399 – To God be the Glory (page 10)**

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,  
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 you are God, To end - less years the same.  
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. ANNE (CM) William Croft, 1678–1727, alt.

# 476 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who  
 3 Oh, keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Do  
 4 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee



will I love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I  
 art my best and tru - est friend. Thee will I  
 not al - low my steps to stray. Up - hold me  
 will I love, my God and Lord, A - mid the



love with all my pow - er, With ar - dor time shall  
 love and praise for - ev - er, For nev - er shall thy  
 when my feet would stum - ble, And keep me on the  
 dark - est depths of sad - ness, And not for hope of



ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I love, O Light di -  
 kind - ness end. Thee will I love with all my  
 nar - row way. Fill all my na - ture with thy  
 high re - ward, For thine own sake, O Light di -



vine, So long as life is mine.  
 heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 vine, So long as life is mine.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3–4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2.

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me  
 faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast  
 round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness  
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;  
 died for me, Oh, may my love to thee  
 turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,  
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
 Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
 Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin  
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

*“I am the  
resurrection  
and the life.”*

JOHN 11:25



Bonita Alice Peterson  
+ September 6, 1929 – July 23, 2016+

Bonita “Bonnie” Alice Peterson was born to Albert Edward Hohenstein and Selma Aline Hauser in Loretto, Minnesota. She was baptized into the Christian faith on October 6, 1929 at Salem Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Minnesota and later confirmed in that faith at Salem on April 18, 1943. Bonnie attended Dr. Martin Luther High School in New Ulm, Minnesota, graduating on June 6, 1947.

Bonnie married Arthur James Peterson on September 8, 1950 in Milaca, Minnesota. The Lord blessed them with eight children.

Throughout her life, Bonnie remained faithful to her Savior, Jesus, by regularly availing herself of the Gospel in both Word and Sacrament. She also served God and his Kingdom as a faithful spouse, a caring mother, a trusted employee, and an active member of the church.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Arthur Peterson; parents; infant brother; sisters, Arlene Wassermann and Joyce Meyer; and brother, Norbert Hohenstein.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Barbara Engelsmeier; Carole Waschek, spouse Terry; Arden Peterson, spouse Sue; Dana Peterson, spouse Gayleen; Eldon Peterson, spouse Mary; Ferris Peterson; Gwen Mahn, spouse Fred; Hildie Ciejka, spouse Jeff; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Glennard Hohenstein; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be given to Calvary Lutheran Church.

All are invited to a luncheon directly following this service in the fellowship area.