



*Judy Halverson*

*Tireless Teacher*

*April 14, 1931 – March 13, 2021*

*Thank you for joining this Zoom gathering as we celebrate Judy's life and the promise of continuing life in Christ. You are invited to participate fully while remaining muted. Your spoken portions are in boldface type. Judy said, "No memorial service!" So, that is NOT what this is. We just want to remember her and mourn our loss, give thanks to God, and celebrate a unique life that had a remarkable impact on so many lives.*

## **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

### **July 11, 2021**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Song**      ***"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"***      **#835**

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 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 God,  
we too might live a new life.  
For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like his.

## Prayer

Let us pray.  
O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our sister, Judy.  
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.  
Illumine our lives, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,  
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call,  
we are reunited with those who have gone before us;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-13

A reading from the book of Proverbs.  
Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.  
Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

I, wisdom, live with prudence,  
and I attain knowledge and discretion.  
The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Song

“Gospel Kids” (now young adults) sing a couple of Judy’s Climate Change Carols

## Gospel

Mark 6:1-12

The holy gospel, according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.  
On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him  
were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this?  
What is this wisdom that has been given to him?  
What deeds of power are being done by his hands!  
Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses  
and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?”  
And they took offense at him.  
Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor,  
except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”  
And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands  
on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching.  
He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,  
and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.  
He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff;  
no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals  
and not to put on two tunics.  
He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house,  
stay there until you leave the place.  
If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave,  
shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”  
So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

This is the good news.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

# Hymn

## *“Give Thanks for Life”*

Tune: Nancy M. Rene.

Text: Shirley Erena Murry



1. Give thanks for life, the mea - sure of our days  
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays  
caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,  
that lies in dark - ness does its life re - tain



Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,  
Who touched the truth, who burned for what was right,  
A love not changed by time or death or dread,  
In res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Commendation**

Let us commend Judy Halverson to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.  
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Judy.  
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.**

## **Blessing**

God bless you and keep you,  
God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
God look upon you with favor and give you peace + now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Climate Change Carol

When morning gilds the skies  
it comes as a surprise;  
the coal fired plant has closed.  
We knew that it was wrong;  
the protest lines were long;  
now we can see the sun.

*adapt. Judy Halverson*

Let all of human-kind  
in this their concord find:  
please do not pump the gas.  
From that we should recoil,  
let's leave it in the soil,  
no transport pipes unwind.

*All are invited to stay on this Zoom connection to share stories, songs, remembrances.*

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### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding: Laurie Eaton

Preaching: Martha Schwehn Bardwell

Reader: Nathan Blumenshine

Accompanist: Tom Witt

Cantor: Mary Preus

