

**"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,**



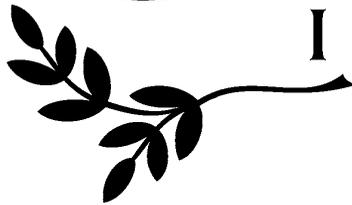
**so that where I am,
there you may be also."**

John 14:3, NRSV

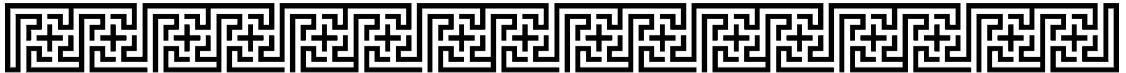


I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give you.



John 14:27



Delores Odessa Donald

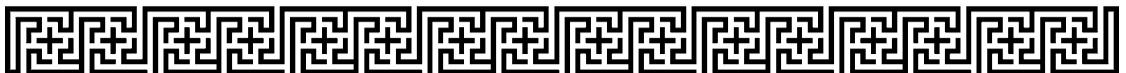
1928—2025

On January 3, 1928, Delores Odessa Donald, given life by her Creator, the child of Samuel and Nannie McDaniel, was born in Danville, Virginia, she received the gift of Holy Baptism at High Street Baptist Church in Danville. Made a public confession of her faith, confirmed in the Christian faith, and fed the life-giving Body and Blood of Jesus. Initially, she was a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran in Washington, DC (Pastor William Schiebel), then in 2004, becoming a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Pastor Peter Schiebel).

Blessed with 49 years of married life together, Delores was united in holy matrimony to Charles Donald. Through that union, two daughters were born, Jeannette and Yvonne. Delores had a rich, full life for 97 years; surrounded by many special people as she served God in her callings at home, church, work, as well as her community. On May 29, 2025, Delores' life here on earth was complete and she transitioned to her heavenly home to rest in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection of the dead.

She is survived by La Barbara James Wigfall, her niece; and is preceded in death by the following family members: her husband Charles, and daughters Jeannette and Yvonne; sister Nannie Thomasina Wigfall; brother Langston McDaniel; and brother-in-law James E. Wigfall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who has shown care and concern during this difficult time.





**The Funeral Service of Victory
for
DELORES ODESSA DONALD**

January 3, 1928 ✕ ✕ ✕ May 29, 2025

June 14, 2025

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✕ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✕

The Viewing and Visitation

10:00 AM

The Service

11:00 AM

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 809

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
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!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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The Invocation and Words of Comfort:

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C Thanks be to God.

The Remembrance of Baptism:

P In Holy Baptism, Delores was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

C We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Delores and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Psalm Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 709

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

A Paraphrase of Psalm 23



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.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

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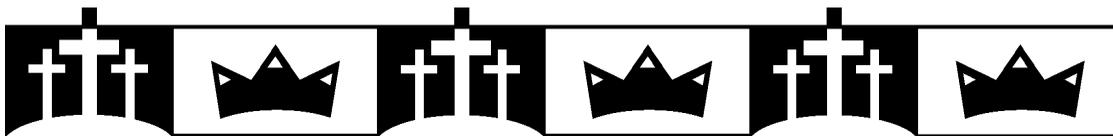
The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

- ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
 of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
 the covering that is cast over all peoples,
 the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸He will swallow up death forever;
 and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
 and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹It will be said on that day,
 “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
 This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” ...

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” ...

²⁷“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

The Congregation is seated.

A Time for Memorials by Family and Friends

The Hymn of the Day

The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 660

“I'm But a Stranger Here”

1 I'm but a stran - er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

3 There at my Savior's side
Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified,
Heav'n is my home.
There are the good and blest,
Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest,
Heav'n is my home.

4 Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35

Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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The Sermon

Safely Home

The Congregation rises.

The Prayers:

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your 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 newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy Body and Blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You that You have given Delores a long life of grace and pray that You would grant that we, too, may die in peace and receive the crown of everlasting glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give to the family of Delores and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Delores and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

The *Nunc Dimittis*:

P “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

The Concluding Prayer:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,
C in the Name of the Lord. Amen.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 671

Tune: Hymn to Joy

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

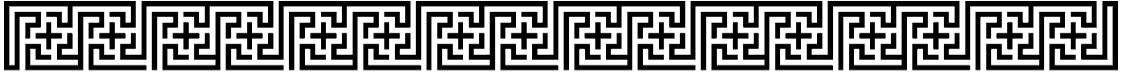
- 1 **Sing with all the saints in glory,
 Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
 To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
 Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
 Knowing everlasting peace.**

- 2 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding
 All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
 Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
 There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
 Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.**

- 3 **Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
 Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
 Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
 Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
 Saints shall stand before the throne!**

This Service of Victory will conclude with a Service of Committal on the grounds of Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland where the earthly remains of our sister in Christ, Delores, will rest until the Day of Resurrection of all flesh.

Please bring this worship folder with you for use at the graveside.



✠ **The Service of Committal** ✠

The Procession to the Graveside

Psalm 121:

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

I Know that my Redeemer lives:

P Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at the last on the earth. And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:23-27

I am the Resurrection and the Life:

P Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

The Blessing of the Grave:

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless this grave that the body of our sister, Delores, may sleep here in peace until You awaken her to glory, when she will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[The apostle Paul writes:]¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

John 12:23-26

²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Committal:

Sand is poured on the casket in the sign of the cross.

P We now commit the body of our sister, Delores, to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

P May God the Father who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

P I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”

Revelation 14:13

The 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.**

The Concluding Collect:

P Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Hymn

“Abide With Me”

- 1 **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2 **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

The Blessing:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

from Hebrews 13:20-21

C Amen.

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠



I
am the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE.

He who
believes in
me will
LIVE,
even though
he dies.

John 11:25

✠ *Those Who Serve* ✠

The Officiant:	The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
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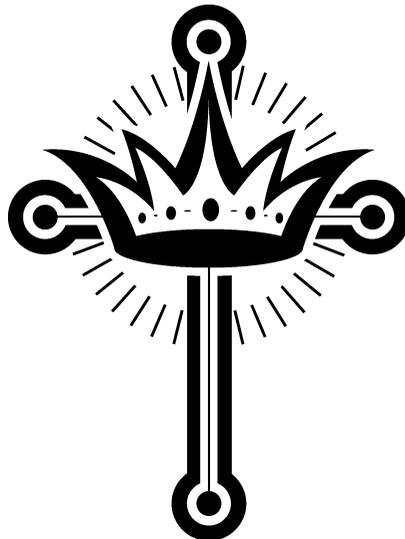
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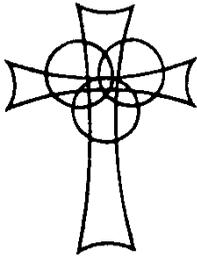
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