

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION  
AND THANKSGIVING**



**IN MEMORY OF  
CARROL ODELL SANDERSON**

NOVEMBER 4, 1929 – JANUARY 18, 2022

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PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN 631 vv. 1, 2 & 4

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

GREETING

L: 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 consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

L: God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, our sister, Carrol. 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 your aid, 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.

**C: Amen.**

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

DANIEL SANDERSON  
BECCA SEDLAK  
THE REV. EMORY JOHNSON

BIBLE READINGS

JOHN 14:1-6

MARIE CARLSON

[Jesus said,] 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

**C: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.  
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!  
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.**

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

**C: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

1 JOHN 2:28-3:3

ELIZABETH KAN

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him. 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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

REVELATION 21:1-5

SHANI DORNER

Then 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."

SPECIAL MUSIC

WELCOME HOME

MICHAEL FARREN AND MICHAEL W. SMITH

MARAH RUNTSCH, SOLOIST AND DAN SANDERSON, PIANO

MESSAGE

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

A VIDEO REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

L: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has 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 shall be able to separate us from your love. Dry our tears; lift our spirits; give us peace. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into 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.**

COMMENDATION

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carrol Odell Sanderson. 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.**

HYMN 836 vv. 1, 3

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine.  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

BLESSING

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

RECESSIONAL

## CARROL ODELL SANDERSON

Carrol Odell Olson Sanderson was born on November 4, 1929, in Bottineau County, North Dakota. On January 18, 2022, she entered into the arms of Jesus. She was 92. Carrol was the daughter of Oscar and Clara Olson. She attended school in Souris, North Dakota, and graduated from high school in 1947. From there she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she met her future husband, Orville Sanderson. In 1951 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and Education. That summer she married Orville at Trinity Lutheran Church in Souris, North Dakota. Her new husband went on to attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they made their first home. During this time, Carrol worked as a parish worker in St. Paul. In addition to raising four children, Carrol worked as a secondary school teacher, either part-time or as a substitute, in Minnesota and Iowa. In 1980 she became the social worker at Bethany Manor Nursing Home in Story City, Iowa.

Over the years, Carrol and Orville lived in Fertile, Ellsworth, Harlan, Eagle Grove, Story City, and Ames, Iowa, as well as Bricelyn, Minnesota, where Orville served in various parishes. After Orville passed away in 2005, Carrol continued to live in Ames until 2012 when she moved to Charter House in Rochester, Minnesota. Carrol loved to quilt and do embroidery. Her designs were beautiful, and she gave away her creations to family and friends. She also donated many quilts to help Riverside Bible Camp raise money every year.

In addition to her generous spirit, Carrol was a very sharp card player and took delight in playing Whist, Uno, and Bridge with her family and friends. She loved to entertain, and there was always kringle and fresh coffee at her house. Carrol was very active in all of the churches she belonged to, doing everything from leading youth groups to conducting Bible studies. Carrol had a deep faith, and the pages of her Bible were well worn.

Carrol was an avid collector of Precious Moments figurines and was enthralled with each one's theme and message. During the last few years, Carrol became known as the "puzzle lady" at Charter House. She spent her days putting together jigsaw puzzles and joking with the staff, who came to love her unique sense of humor. Carrol never took herself too seriously and enjoyed the activities she was able to do. She will be missed by all!

Carrol is survived by her four children: a daughter, Ruth (Robert) Hoel, Rochester, MN; a son, Daniel (Naila) Sanderson, New Richmond, WI; a daughter, Miriam (Marc) Schneider, Pace, FL; and a daughter, Rachel (Dennis) Luther, Eau Claire, WI. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Shani (Brent) Dorner, Talitha (Jamie) Canfield, Rebecca (Stuart) Sedlak, Kim (Brandon) Szews, Marika (Joseph) Brown, Elizabeth (Wilbur) Kan, Joel (Bryanna) Sanderson, Marah (Nick) Runtsch, Morgan Luther, Marie Carlson, Zachary Luther, Matthew Carlson, and Vanessa Luther. Carrol had 21 great grandchildren, numerous nephews and nieces, and many, many friends.

Carrol has donated her body for scientific research at Mayo Clinic. Memorial suggestions include Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp (Story City, IA), Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN), Zumbro Lutheran Church (Rochester, MN), and the World Mission Prayer League (Minneapolis, MN).

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

OFFICIANT-PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM; KEYBOARDIST-KRISTY GIERE

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