

To
God
Be the Glory

Great things
He hath done!

*The Lord hath done great things for us...
we are glad. Psalm 126:3*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Teresa A. "Teri" Wittkowski

September 26, 1949 – December 8, 2025

11:00 a.m. ~ Saturday, December 20, 2025

Faith Lutheran Church– Eldridge, Iowa

GATHERING

P 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, Teresa Wittkowski, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

ACCLAMATION

P 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

REMEMBRANCES

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Power of Your Love"

Jubilation

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalms 150

Ephesians 2:4-10

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 9-14

SERMON

Pastor Carrie Lewis La Plante

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW #856

CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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

To each petition the assembly responds:

P God of mercy,

C hear our 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.

HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

COMMENDATION

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

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Teri. 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

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

"How I Remember You"

Michael Franks

POSTLUDE

*The family would like to invite you to join them in the Fellowship Hall
for a time of food and fellowship.*

Clergy

Organist
Jubilation

The Rev. Dr. Carrie L. Lewis La Plante
The Rev. Heather Geest
Sue Becker
Neal Becker, Sue Becker, Myra Kreiter
Nina Looney, Brianna Rogers, Ida Weibel



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