

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

A Service of Victory and Celebration

Deborah Louise Schoolcraft

November 1, 1951 – February 25, 2021

St. John Lutheran Church

St. James, Missouri

March 3, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

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AS WE GATHER *this morning we have come into the Lord's house to celebrate a victory of life over death. We have come to celebrate a promise that was made to Deborah, when she was baptized here in the name of the Triune God on February 3, 1952, and a faith in Jesus that she confirmed here at St. John on May 23, 1965. God kept His promise when she met Jesus in heaven on Thursday, February 25, 2021. We invite you to lift your voices together to give praise to the Lord for His faithfulness and grace.*

To God be the Glory!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were, therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.
Romans 6:3-4

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of Salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, Washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness. Lost in His love, *Refrain*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

People: *He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.*

Pastor: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: *You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

People: *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord*

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Holy Spirit.

People: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for your loving-kindness 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 rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 51-57.

INTERVENING PRAISE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives,
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives who once was dead;
He lives my ever living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
5. He lives to silent all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 28-39

SOLO *On Eagle's Wings*

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-7

SERMON HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus's blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
3. His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

SERMON **Hold On**

"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown."

Revelation 3:11 (Deborah's Confirmation Verse)

THE OBITUARY

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Pastor: For the gift of faith given to our dear sister, Deborah at her baptism. For her faith nurtured, strengthened and sustained until she was called home to be with Jesus;

People: *We thank you gracious Lord!*

**All Sing: *Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see!***

Pastor: For the goodness and kindness and great love shown us by our friend; For the memories sustained with her dedicated service and her Joy in Christ; For the deliverance and eternal life Deborah now enjoys in heaven,

People: *We thank you, gracious Lord!*

**All Sing: *The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.***

Pastor: For Your inspiration and help in Deborah's times of need, especially during her last days of difficulty as she fought cancer; For the many years of caring service that you enabled Deborah to give; For her gift of being a powerful prayer warrior, and for faithfully guiding her through this life into eternal life.

People: *We thank You, gracious Lord!*

**All Sing: *Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.***

Pastor: For the hope of our salvation and our reunion in Heaven with all the saints; For the certain hope given to all who believe in Jesus - "And on the last day we will rise from the dead and see with our own eyes - God face to face. The former things will no longer be remembered and we will know the joy of the Lord forever!"

People: *We thank You, gracious Lord!*

**All Sing: *Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.***

Pastor: Lord continue to be with us and give us joy in the and peace while we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Be with us on our journeys through life that we may walk with Jesus daily. Strengthen and deliver us from every evil and temptation; By Your Word and Sacrament sustain our faith, that we too may inherit the sure hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived, suffered, died, and rose again from the dead and now lives in victory for us.

**People: *Help us all, O Lord, by Your grace to remember
our victory is in Christ. Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in unison)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Go Now In Peace

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Officiant: Dr. David Peter, Professor at Concordia Seminary,
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Pallbearers: Aaron Schoolcraft

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Cody Garver

**Interment will follow the Service at
St. James City Cemetery**

OBITUARY

Deborah Louise Schoolcraft, 69, of Fayetteville, AR, was called to eternal life in Jesus on Thursday, February 25, 2021 in her home surrounded by her family. She was born November 1, 1951 in Safe, MO to Merel Jackson Steen and Irma Hermine (Rieke) Steen.

She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Springdale and was active in Lutheran Women's Missionary League at both Salem Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church, where her husband served as pastor. She served in many facets in ministry including Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, Vacation Bible School, the choir, and used her sewing talent to craft banners for the various churches where she and her husband served. She loved giving of her time and talent for the Lord's work and was a powerful prayer warrior.

She was preceded in death by her parents and youngest sister, Beth Edgar. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Reverend Roger Schoolcraft, one daughter, Andrea Schoolcraft of St. Louis, MO, one son, Aaron Schoolcraft and wife Megan of Chaptico, MD, four brothers, Merel Steen of St. James, MO, Duane Steen of Klamath River, CA, Joel Steen of San Jose, CA, Terry Steen of Corpus Christi, TX, one sister, Kathy Glenn of Florissant, MO, and one granddaughter, Maisie Schoolcraft of Chaptico, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607, Bible Broadcasting Network, P.O. Box 7300, Charlotte, NC 28241, or Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center, St. Louis, MO 63141.

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Celebration of Life

for



Deborah Louise Schoolcraft

*Go Home Dear Ones and Shed No Tears
For We Will Arise When Christ Appears*

