



SOUTH SHORE TRINITY

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

IN THE NAME OF JESUS
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

SHARON ANNETTE KUNZE
MARCH 28, 1952 – MARCH 30, 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
2:00PM

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PSALM 55:22

PROCESSIONAL, LSB 807

“How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o-



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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PASTORAL GREETING

P Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.

C Thanks be to God.

P The funeral pall is placed on the urn as a reminder that in Holy Baptism, Sharon Annette Kunze, 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 were baptized into Christ 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 6:3-5)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

PSALM 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved;

C he who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, he who keeps Israel

C will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The Lord is your keeper;

C the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

P The sun shall not strike you by day,

C nor the moon by night.

P The Lord will keep you from all evil;

C he will keep your life.

P The Lord will keep

C your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

All: 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

HYMN, “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

- 1 I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee. *Chorus*

Chorus

*Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be*

- 2 Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee. *Chorus*

- 3 When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore. *Chorus*

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SHARING OF MEMORIES

Janine Schimmelman, Sister to Sharon

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our sister, Sharon Annette Kunze. 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 faith and confidence, so that we may see a Christian's death as the gate to eternal life. Grant us faith to follow You, to walk with You in newness of life, until You call us home, to be reunited with all those who walked by faith, died in grace, and now live in eternal glory forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 91:1-12

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
¹²On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN, LSB 727

"On Eagles' Wings"

Verses will be sung by Dr. Jeff Burkart

Refrain (on page 5) will be sung by the congregation



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge, My _____
 Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
 thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you,
 on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!"
faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
Near you it shall _____ not _____ come.
dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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THE EPISTLE, Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL, John 14:1-6

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN, LSB 809

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
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!

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SERMON

Pastor Bob Gehrke

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 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Gathering in Your name today, may You bless our fellowship with Your love. For the food we will share, for those who have prepared it, and for those who will serve it, may all these gestures be a reflection of Your abundant compassion and love for us all. In thankfulness, we join to pray:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blessed.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise every day to newness of life, looking forward to our passage through death, that we may by grace, see our joyful resurrection. Lifting our eyes to You, we pray:
- C** **Comfort and cheer us, dear Lord.**
- P** As we are still in our earthly pilgrimage, walking by faith, grant that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days:
- C** **Guide and keep us, dear Lord.**
- P** Acknowledging Your gifts of life and breath here on earth, and Your eternal victory and heaven's reality:
- C** **Receive our thanks and praise.**
- P** Grant to all who mourn in Christ, here and everywhere, a sure confidence in Your loving care, casting our sorrow on You, that we may know the consolation of Your love. Give us courage and faith, that we may have the strength we need to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with all Your sainted souls in heaven. We humbly pray:
- C** **Strengthen our faith and lift our hope.**
- P** Help us, we pray in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting:
- C** **Our trust remains in You, our Shepherd, our Savior, and our King.**
- P** Grant us grace to accept and respect Your holy will in all matters of life and death, that we may confidently commend all matters of our bodies and souls into Your almighty, loving, and eternal hands.
- C** **Trusting in Your almighty power and eternal love, we now pray:**

All: 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 BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

CLOSING SONG, LSB 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

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The family invites you to join them downstairs for lunch following this service.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE:

Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert J. Gehrke
Pianist and Soloist Dr. Jeff Burkart
Elder Ed Lundgren
Usher George Gifford
The Live Streamer Jayne Kurpius



Sharon Annette Kunze

March 28th, 1952 - March 30th, 2024

Sharon died peacefully at her home in White Bear Lake, MN on March 30, 2024, age 72. Preceded in death by parents, Harry A. Kunze Sr. and Frances Kunze. Survived by brothers and sisters, Carolyn (Mike) Olander, Harry (Linda) Kunze, Nancy (Rodney) Johnson, Roger (Cindy) Kunze, and Janine (Bill) Schimmelman; many nephews, nieces, family members and friends.

Sharon worked with Opportunity Workshop after moving from her family home in Vadnais Heights. She worked at Red Owl for 9 years in the cafeteria in Hopkins, MN. She worked with the Rise Non-Profit Program for many years. Sharon enjoyed spending time with her family for special occasions, holidays and birthdays.

She loved small children and babies. Sharon enjoyed having a Tabby cat when she was in her own apartment. Sharon will be greatly missed by all her family. Special Thanks to AccentCare Fairview Hospice and the staff at Dunganvin of Minnesota. Memorials will be given to AccentCare Fairview.

A Celebration of Life service for Sharon will be held at 2 PM on Thursday, April 25th at SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2480 South Shore Blvd, White Bear Lake. Visitation one hour prior to service at church, with a reception afterward. A private family burial will be held later at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Mahtomedi.