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## **The Christian Memorial Service for Kerry Turck**

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# LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Welcome Loved Ones of Mrs. Kerry Turck

Today, death is before us. We have lost a wife, a mother, a mother-in-law, a grandmother, a friend in Kerry's passing. It is a harsh reality that is compounded by the fact that we too have to deal with our own mortality, for "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

However, God Almighty, the one who made heaven and earth and each and every one of us, has a solution, one which Kerry believed. The rest of the Romans passage reads, "But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." By the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, he has taken away our sins and made us right with God so that we would live forever with him in heaven.

"The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death." (Isaiah 57:1-2)

Today, we ponder why the Lord has taken Kerry to her heavenly home. With the Word of God, the Christian church comforts the bereaved family and friends of Mrs. Kerry Turck and confesses its lasting hope in the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

**Music:** William Klein

**Acolyte:** James Klein

**Ushers:** Steve Vander Wal & Kevin Sullivan

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jonathan Klein



*Light of the Valley Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).*

# The Christian Memorial Service for Kerry Turck

*All are welcome to participate in the service as indicated. The parts of the service marked **M** are spoken by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken by everyone in the congregation.*

## Greeting and Prayer

M: In the name of the Father and the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Kerry, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought her to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

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

- 4 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.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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:** CW 451 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near, When my life is al - most gone,  
near And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

## **Resurrection Comfort**

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

M: We will be before the throne of God

**C: And serve him day and night in his temple.**

M: Never again will we hunger;

**C: Never again will we thirst.**

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

**C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

M: Let us pray: God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



*This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of humans. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.*

## **John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## **Isaiah 40:1-2, 28-31**

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for... <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## John 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



*The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth.*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**Hymn:** CW 355 *Take the World, but Give Me Jesus*



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its  
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est  
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -  
com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing  
cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.  
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.  
vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

*Refrain*



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

**Sermon**

**Obituary** (p. 11-12)



## Prayers

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Kerry, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Remove our fears as we pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

**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.**

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn: CW 411 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

*Following the conclusion of the service, everyone is invited stay for a supper here at church in the fellowship hall, which is to the left of the sanctuary. Additional seating can be found in the room to the right of the sanctuary.*

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## Kerry Louise Turck



Kerry L. Turck of Roy, Utah passed away unexpectedly at home on August 9, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She was born to Alvin and Darlene Nelson in Morris, Minnesota on December 16, 1948. She graduated high school from Morris High School in 1966 and met the love of her life in college, Gary D. Turck. They married on December 13, 1969 in Morris, Minnesota. They were married for 53 years.

Kerry graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She touched many lives with her love of children and teaching. Kerry and Gary made a home in several places due to Gary being transferred as a store manager often. For the last 29 years they have called Utah their home, but still hold strong to their Minnesota roots.

Our beloved wife and mom was active in her community. She loved playing cards with her friends at the Roy Area Senior Center, spending time with her family and friends, crafting, and traveling. Kerry was an active member at her church, Light of the Valley Lutheran Church in Layton, Utah. Kerry had the strongest of faiths and proudly proclaimed her faith in Christ Jesus. We take comfort in knowing she is having the most joyful reunion in Heaven.

Kerry is survived by her husband, Gary; her daughters, Julie Gipson, husband Wayne; Kathie Valentine, husband Stephen; daughter-in-law, Lois Turck; and grandchildren, Brandon, Alexandra, Christopher, Grace, and Grant; brother, James Nelson and his wife Linda; sister, Laurie Ogard and her husband Rod, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Gregory and Brian; and her parents.

Kerry will be interred at Litchfield Cemetery in Litchfield, Minnesota on August 19 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers Kerry requested that a donation to the American Heart Association or Kidney Foundation be made.

The time of grace God allotted to Kerry was 74 years, 7 months, and 25 days.

We who remain behind – her husband, her daughters and sons-in-law, her daughter-in-law, her grandchildren, all her friends and relatives - cling in faith to Jesus Christ, our only Savior, and await that great day when we, together with our sister gone on ahead, will rise from our grave and follow the Savior out of this life into a better and perfect one. To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his blood, be honor and power now and forever. Amen.