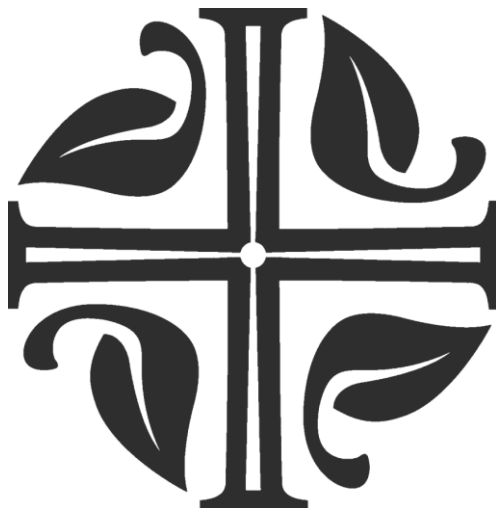




# A Celebration of Life

January 30, 2021

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## Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company.

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# **Rita Patricia Coxson**

March 17, 1928 – January 26, 2021

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## **Gathering**

### **Prelude**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Rita was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed in victory.

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.

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.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honour, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Gathering Song

#569 – The Day You Gave Us, Lord, is Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;  
2 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,  
the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.  
like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;  
To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,  
your praise shall hal - low now our rest.  
till all your crea - tures own your sway.

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Rita. 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 to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Reflections

# Word

## First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

## Third Reading

Philippians 3:20—4:1

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

#742 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feited; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

## **Creed**

With the whole church, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together in one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us, 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. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all.

Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Meal

### Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Thanksgiving Prayer

#### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Prayer after Communion**

# **Sending**

## **Commendation**

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

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Rita.  
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock, a beloved child 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.  
Amen.

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

# **Sending Song**

## **#856 – How Great Thou Art**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 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  
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;  
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!

### **Postlude**



## Committal

Grace and peace from our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister, Rita, who we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And, at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all your faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Reading

Revelation 7:15-17

### Act of Committal

*As the remains are committed to the earth...*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister, Rita, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her.

The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her with favour and give her peace.

**Amen.**

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;

**and let light perpetual shine upon her.**

### Prayer

Merciful God, you heal those whose hearts are broken and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears.

In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our sister, Rita.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing and Sending

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us go in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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