

The Celebration of the
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The Rev. Nancy Jane Rice Graumlich
April 20, 2018



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

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

GREETING

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

GATHERING HYMN: *O Day Full of Grace* (ELW 627)



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Nancy was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life; 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; Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

We glorify you. We praise you. We worship you.

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

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Nancy. 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 Savior and Lord. Remembrance

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: *Storytelling is one of the most important acts we do for each other. Through telling stories we learn about each other, what our values are, what is important to us, and more importantly to connect.*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

²³O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Word of God.

Word of life.

PSALM HYMN: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (ELW 502)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

Word of God.

Word of life.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Word of God.

Word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW 597)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into 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 Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. 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.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God: Your Only Son (ELW 336)

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus (ELW 501)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

COMMENDATION

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

Silence for reflection.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nancy. 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.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees,
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God,
go with you and be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:

Rev. Tor K. Berg

Organ / Piano:

Lucy Kay Osborne

Reader:

Richard Edmonds

Altar Guild:

Donna Hillard

Usher:

Walt Stoll & Dan Bormann

Sound Technician:

Ann Bormann

Reception Coordinator:

Nancy Funsinn

Memorials may be made in Nancy's name to:
First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or
the Toledo Museum of Art



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

A Note from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio:

Serving as a deacon in the Episcopal Church for more than a quarter of a century, Nancy was the personification of the servant ministry of Jesus. She was both gentle and firm, inspiring lay and clergy colleagues alike to live with more accountability and advocate more boldly for justice and peace. She and Al were tireless leaders of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in Ohio and treasured companions to all with whom they rolled up their sleeves in service to all of God's beloved. For all that God given us through her long life and faithful ministry, we give deep thanks.

*The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio*

The Reverend Nancy Jane Rice Graumlich August 15, 1924—April 16, 2018

Nancy Jane Rice Graumlich, age 93, died peacefully on April 16, 2018 in Bothell, Washington. Nancy was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother as well as an adventurous traveler and a spiritual leader who dedicated her life to peace and justice.

She was born to Claude and Mabel (Miller) Rice on August 15, 1924 in Toledo, Ohio. Growing up as an only child, Nancy regarded her imagination as her best friend. That friendship served her well - Nancy lived a richly creative life, as expressed in her own pursuits and by inspiring others to stretch the bounds of their imagination to fulfill their deepest dreams.

Nancy was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School and Bowling Green State University where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. On June 14, 1947, she married her high school sweetheart, Albert John Graumlich. Nancy was a beloved English teacher at Burnham High School in Sylvania Ohio. She retired from teaching to raise her three children, instilling in all of them a love of language, arts and learning.



She was for many years a member of Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania. In 1992 she was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. As Deacon, Nancy served at a number of parishes in Toledo, including All Saints, Trinity, St. Marks, and St Michaels in the Hills. She was a tireless advocate for peace and justice, serving on the National and Diocese of Ohio peace and justice committees and attending rallies and protests with her husband, Al, and Molly, her miniature Yorkshire terrier. She was a founding member of the Toledo Interfaith Justice and Peace Center, and contributed poems to its newsletter, *Linkages*, under the pseudonym “ye olde fossil.”

She moved to Bothell Washington in 2014 to be closer to her daughter’s family. She embraced life in the Pacific Northwest, never ceasing to marvel at the size of the trees and the lushness of the vegetation. She made her home at Blueberry Gardens Adult Family Home where she received expert care and lively companionship amidst lush gardens and a resident goat family. She

found a spiritual home and loving community at First Lutheran Church in Bothell

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Al, and is survived by sons Raymond (Eileen Rhine) Santa Fe, NM, John Henry (Anne Shilton, deceased) Santa Paula, CA, daughter Lisa (Linda Simonsen) Seattle, WA, grandchildren Eliza Graumlisch, Micayla Graumlisch Simonsen and Maya Simonsen Graumlisch.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to the many friends who have offered their caring support, help, and expertise in the past several months, in particular the caregivers at Blueberry Gardens. Her ashes will be scattered by her family at a later date.





Tentative Dancing

By Nancy R. Graumlich

I was the one who loved a parade,
The carousel ride, round and round.
I could smile at ducks
In flat footed rows,
But tight regimentation
No longer appeals.

No one smoothed that
Road less traveled,
As stumbling I learned to
Step out of line.
The way untrodden called out my name.

That is where the spirit beckons,
Where the wind whispers,
Where leaves and flowers
Sand and rocks
Have lived and loved before.

Ground not beaten down
Can shift, is uncertain,
Uneven, and unmapped.
One has to learn to dance,
To be light on your toes.

Spinning and twirling,
Weaving and swaying
We make peace with the path.
Peace and love lead the dance.