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Memorial Service for:

Bonnie Swedal

**Celebration of Life for  
Bonnie Swedal**

May 30, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas

**PROCESSIONAL SONG**

**The Old Rugged Cross**

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain*

- So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.
- 2 Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,  
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*
  - 3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see;  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*
  - 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

**GATHERING**

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

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

## **ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: 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.

**All: We glorify you.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: We praise you.**

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

**All: We worship you.**

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

**All: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

## **REMEMBRANCES**

Michelle Swedal

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31**

Read by Michelle Swedal

**Romans 8:37-39**

Read by Stacy Swedal

**John 14:1-6**

Read by Dawn Blaney

**SERMON**

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

**MUSIC**

**Be Not Afraid**

Sung by Taylor Quinn

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

**PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **COMMENDATION**

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bonnie. 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. **All: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL SONG**

## **America The Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control  
Thy liberty in law.

*Following the service you are invited to a luncheon in the Community Room  
on the lower level.*



## OBITUARY

Bonnie Swedal, 77, peacefully passed away on May 25, 2024 at home following her battle with metastasized breast cancer. Bonnie was born in Grand Rapids, MN, on January 7, 1947 to Bruce and Patricia Scott. She graduated from Grand Rapids High School and graduated from Bemidji State University. She was married to the love of her life, Larry, for 51 years. She began working as a teacher in Spring Lake Park before moving to Elk River after starting their family. Bonnie continued her teaching in the Elk River School District until her retirement.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Bonnie enjoyed traveling, car shows, gardening, and motorhoming. She will be remembered for the caring person she was. She was always offering love and support to her family.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Swedal of Elk River and children Sheri (Dan) Haus of Clear Lake, Michael (Michelle) Swedal of Foley and Steven (Stacey) Swedal of Becker. She is also survived by her grandchildren Ellie Swedal, Brady and Cole Haus, Maria Swedal, Ethan Haus, Clara and Eli Swedal. She is survived by her brothers, James W. (Elizabeth Newton) Scott of Cohasset and Dan (Kim) Scott of Mankato and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy and her parents, Bruce and Pat Scott.