

**MEMORIAL SERVICE OF PRAISE TO GOD  
FOR  
HIS BLESSINGS THROUGH THE LIFE OF**

*Susan Haubenstricker*

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11:00 am

**Born: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1965**



**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST  
May 2, 1965**

**CONFIRMED IN CHRIST  
2002**

**DIED IN CHRIST  
June 19, 2025**

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***“There is a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance...”***

**Ecclesiastes 3:4**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE INVOCATION      C: AMEN.**

**THE PASTORAL GREETING**



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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

## THE SONG OF HOPE      **How Great Thou Art**

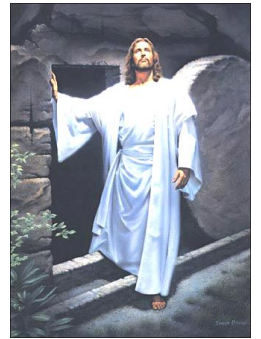
- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
     Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
     Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain
- ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
     How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
     How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
     I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
     And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
     Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
     He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
     And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
     And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

## THE PSALM      (Psalm 23) *The LORD is the Shepherd of His People*

- P: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
 He leads me beside the still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
 For His name's sake.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Yea, 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.**

P: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

C: **<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



## THE RESPONSE

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C: **HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA.**

P: Jesus, our confidence is in You.

C: **We know that You have won the victory over death.**

P: Even in the midst of our sorrow, we know Your love never fails.

C: **Grant us comfort as we trust in Your resurrection promise.**

P: No one lives to himself, and no dies to himself.

C: **Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

P: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT *Romans 8:28, 35-39* More Than Conquerors

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God  
**all things work together for good,**  
for those who are called according to his  
purpose.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of  
Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or  
persecution or famine or nakedness or  
danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:  
"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be  
slaughtered."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than  
conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor  
life, neither angels nor demons, neither the  
present, nor the future, nor any powers,  
<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything  
else in all creation, will be able to separate  
us from the love of God that is in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.

## A Time of Sharing

### THE GOSPEL READING *John 14:1-6 Jesus Comforts His Disciples*

<sup>1</sup>**Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. 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 so 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".

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**



## A Time of Encouragement

### On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock  
in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness  
your shield

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it  
shall not come

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
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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. Give Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

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.

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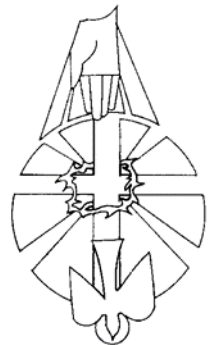
P: Grant us grace to entrust Susan to Your never failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of Your mercy, and remember her according to the favor You bear for Your people.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Solo – Paul Ventimiglia)

### **Nunc Dimittis**

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."



**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**

## Concluding Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Commendation

P: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend to Your care, your servant, Susan Haubenstricker. Acknowledge, we humbly ask You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Confident of your victory over sin and death—receive her into the arms of Your mercy.

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commit her body to its resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.


## Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## 837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

*Refrain*

### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Preacher: Rev. Christopher Fairbairn

Organist: Paul Ventimiglia

*St. Paul Lutheran Church + Northville, MI*

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Memorial donations may be made to: **St. Paul Lutheran Music Fund**

or

**American Heart Association**

You are invited for a luncheon at St. Paul Lutheran in the School Gym after the service

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## Susan Haubenstricker



Susan Haubenstricker, age 60, of Canton, Michigan, went home to be with her Lord on June 19, 2025 in the presence of her family after a courageous battle with heart disease.

Susan was the beloved wife of Tim Haubenstricker. The two were married on July 14, 2006, and shared nearly two decades of love, partnership, and cherished memories. Susan was a skilled physical therapist who thrived on helping others, especially her family. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, decorating, traveling, a good glass of wine, and good company with her friends and family.

She was the loving sister of Kathleen Thompson (Brigadier General Ret. Mark W. Thompson) and Patricia (Daniel) Fellows; and a devoted aunt to Victoria Fellows, Lillian Fellows, Emelia Thompson, Abigail Thompson, and Gabryelle Thompson. Susan also held a special place in her heart for her great-niece, Sophia Nissi Vestal Thompson.

Born to Harry Gibbs and the late Sandra Gibbs, Susan's life was marked by deep devotion to her family, faith, and community.

Beside her direct family, she provided incredible care to Tim's family including his parents Ralph and Irene, his brother Dan, and his sister Pam and her family Alan, Nicole, Kayla, and Jordan Miller.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 29th, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, Michigan (between Sheldon and Beck Roads).

A Funeral Service will take place on Monday, June 30th Instate at 10:00 AM/Service at 11:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, or to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Music Fund, Northville, in Susan's memory.