A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
and Thanksgiving for the Life of

Gail Forstie

May 24, 1939 - November 23, 2023
Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Prelude

Gathering

Introduction

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and to remember before God our sister Gail, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.

C: We glorify you.

P: 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.

C: We praise you.

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

C: We worship you.

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

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW #759

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Gail. 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.

C: Amen.

Word

Solo	"Ashoken Farewell"	Kerstin Suby, violin
Words of Remembrance		Pastor Glenn Monson
First Reading	Ephesians 2:8-10	Eleanor Forstie
Psalm	Psalm 100	Matt Forstie
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	Pastor Glenn Monson
Sermon		Pastor Glenn Monson
Hymn	"Will You Come and Follow Me"	ELW #798

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

C: 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

After each petition:

P: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

SENDING

Farewell

P: Gail, our companion in faith, we entrust you to God. Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you, in the mercy of Jesus who died for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.

C: May you rest in peace and rise in glory, where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours forever.

Commendation

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Gail. 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.

C: Now, Lord, 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. Amen.

P: Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
C: and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Blessing

P: The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn "We Are Called" ELW #720

Postlude

Following the service, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon.

Service Participants	
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck
Soloist	Kerstin Suby, violin
Readers	Eleanor Forstie, Matt Forstie