

The Funeral of
Jowann Lenore Fleming
Grace Lutheran Church
Champaign, Illinois

October 4, 2024

Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us as we gather to be encountered by God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as we commend Jo Fleming into God's eternal care. We believe that God is at work here through Word and Sacrament to create and sustain faith in God's promises of life for Jesus' sake so that we may be comforted in our sorrow and empowered to be agents of God's grace in the world around us. This stands at the center of all we do as a community of faith.

If you are visiting us for the first time, the following information may make your visit easier:

- Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Restrooms are down the hall to the left of the entrance, on the right across from the elevator.

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Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*The ministers and family gather at the font for the Welcome and Thanksgiving for Baptism.
The assembly stands and the presiding minister greets them.*

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.

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.

We worship you.

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

Amen.

*The procession continues to the front as the hymn is sung.
The assembly remains standing.*

Hymn

For All the Saints

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Jo.

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.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

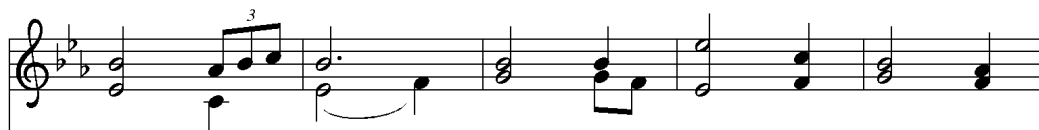
Psalmody

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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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 8:31-35, 37-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He 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? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who 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. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

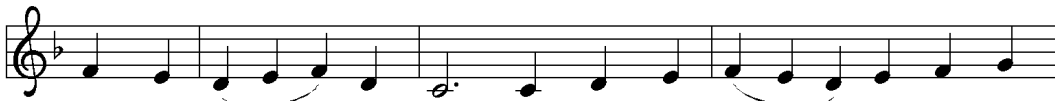
Hymn:

O Blessed Spring

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1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

The assembly stands.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

The assisting minister leads the prayers. Each petition concludes:

... God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. After the Peace, the assembly is seated.

Meal

Bell Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Grace Handbell Choir
arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

The assembly stands.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

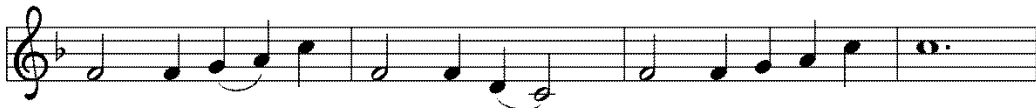
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

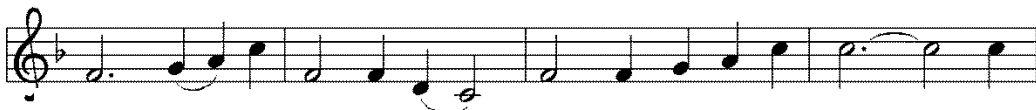
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



† Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Communion

We welcome to the Lord's table all Christians who are baptized and who normally commune in their home congregations. We believe that Christ is truly present for us in the bread and wine, forming us into his body for the sake of the world. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please hold this bulletin in your hands as a sign to the pastor that you would like a blessing. Please notify the ushers if you or someone else needs to have communion brought to the pew.

To receive communion, please join the line on your side of the aisle. Proceed to the Pastor to receive the bread. (Please Note: gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free wafers are available. Just ask the Pastor.) To receive wine, take an empty glass from the acolyte (pre-poured glasses of grape juice are also available from the acolytes). Place your used glass in the basket provided near the stairs on the side you leave.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

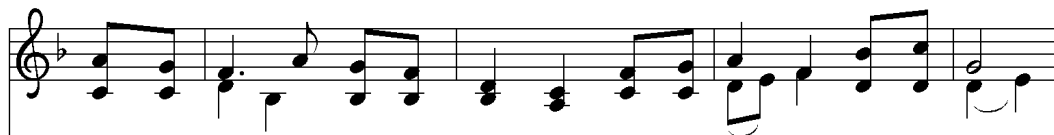
Here is Bread

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1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain
In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



The assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Commendation

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

Silence is kept.

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

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

Sending Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress

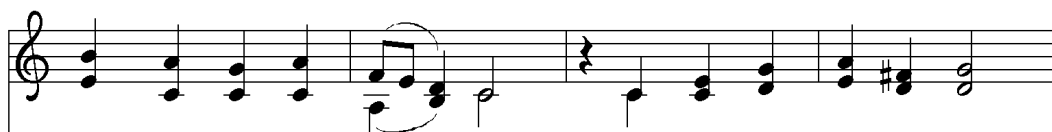
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weapon - s of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Postlude

Worship Support

The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

Presiding Minister and Preacher:	Pastor Chris Repp
Assisting Minister:	Hele Repp
Deacon:	TBD
Readers:	Rachel Bass Guennewig
Altar Care:	Ruth Anderson
Organist:	Dana
Director of Music:	Nick Pierle
Sound Technician:	Kevin Vail
Livestream Technician:	Dave Brown



Jowann Lenore Fleming, 81
October 24, 1942 – September 29, 2024

Jowann Lenore (Haak) Fleming, was born in Fairmont, MN, the oldest surviving child of Rudolph Albert and Lenora Alvina Marie (Becker) Haak of Guckeen, MN. The family lived on the Haak family farm until Joey (as she was called when she was young), was four years old and they moved to Cibecue, AZ where her parents worked for a year as teachers within the Apache Indian community. After this the family moved to Springfield, IL and then to Chatham, with her father's job as a Missouri-Synod Lutheran pastor. As the eldest of six children, Jo learned to be adaptable, responsible, and helpful, and was open and eager for new experiences and opportunities.

Jo attended high school in Chatham, IL until her senior year when she transferred to Concordia High School in Seward, NE where her natural high spirits and vivacious and outgoing energy had a chance to shine and blossom. After high school graduation in 1960, Jo decided to continue her education and become a teacher. She enrolled as a student at Concordia Teacher's College in Seward, NE where she met and married Arden Dale Grotelueschen in 1962. Jo enjoyed teaching 6th grade until Teresa was born in 1964, followed by Drew, born in New York, NY in 1967, and Hans, born in 1969 in Urbana, IL. As was common at that time, Jo took care of the children and ran the household while Arden pursued opportunities related to his role at the University of Illinois where he was an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology. In 1970 Jo graduated with her Bachelor of Education degree from Concordia Teacher's College. In 1971 the family faced a difficult time when Drew became ill and then died from cancer in 1972. In 1974 the family adopted William, Bonny, Tammy, and Violet Hurren of Nipawin, Saskatchewan, CA. After several years in of living in Urbana, in 1977 the family of eight moved to Oakland, IL to begin a new adventure with farming including berries, apples, and black angus cattle. In 1978 they became a family of nine when they were joined by mother-in-law Hilda in the new log house on the farm. As if raising a large family and managing a family farm weren't enough, Jo proved adept at running Festival Sausage for thirty years, specializing in producing delicious old-world sausage and smoked meat products.

In 1996 Jo married James Earl Fleming—a man with many skills—including farming, meat processing, and a talent for small engine repair. They resided in Oakland, IL until they moved to Mahomet and then Champaign, IL in 2008. Jo did bookkeeping work for YG Financial, and was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, serving as financial secretary. She sang in the choir, and, together with Jim, helped with the food pantry. She was an active volunteer for Empty Tomb, Orphan’s Treasure Box, and was proud of her new job making waffle cones at Oberweiss Dairy. Jo had many diverse interests throughout her lifetime including modern dance, theater and drama study, painting, yoga, gardening and horticulture, northern lake fishing, horseback riding, running and winning 10K races, and artificial insemination of cattle. Throughout her life she has been actively involved in her church families wherever she has lived. She enjoyed travel and made it to many destinations in North America, Europe, Australia, and Africa.

In August of 2024, Jo was diagnosed with anaplastic thyroid carcinoma. As her doctor said, other than that, she was vibrant and in perfect health.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents Rudie and Lenora, her son Drew Grotelueschen, her brother Richard Haak, and her sisters LaDonna Haak, Jolene Haak, and Jeralyn Fischer. She is survived by her devoted husband Jim Fleming; her siblings Robert Haak, Jon Haak, and Dorene Jennings; her children Teresa Westman and Hans Grotelueschen; Jim’s children Cathy Wallace, Doug Fleming, and Melissa Browning; Jo’s grandchildren including Ray Westman, Annika Westman, Hayden Grotelueschen, Hadley Grotelueschen, and Greyson Grotelueschen; and Jim’s grandchildren Jarrett Wallace, Skyler Browning, and Jaden Browning.

Her extended family includes many others—in-laws and “outlaws,” relatives of various degrees of separation, cousins, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and a myriad of family, and friends—who love her and will miss her fun spirit, her willingness to try anything, her sense of style, and her loving and “can do” attitude about life.

Jo wants us to remember her as happy, having lived a full life. Her near-term goal was to set up an art studio in her home to explore her interest in painting.





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