

# Celebration of Life



# Pamela Ann Black

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Cover art by Becky Haas (Pam's sister-in-law). "I thought about Pam's bright personality, her love of color and prints, and mostly how she helped things grow: her family, students, church, and community. She lived boldly."

In Memory of  
***Pamela Ann (Morgan) Black***

January 18, 2025

Officiants: Rev. Anne Schaefer and Rev. Nathan Mugaas

Pianist: Lisa Griffin, Soloist: Noelle Epp

*I have always known  
That at last I would  
Take this road.  
but yesterday  
I did not know  
it would be today.*

*Author unknown, Japan*

**PRELUDE**

Selections by Lorie Line  
Vicki Simpson

**PROCESSIONAL SONG**

**Here I Am, Lord, ELW #574**

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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**

## **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, Pam; 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, Pam 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.**

**MUSIC****When Peace Like a River – It is Well With my Soul, ELW #781**

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:*

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)
3. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul. (*Refrain*)

**WELCOME****Pastor Nathan Mugaas****READING OF THE OBITUARY**

Pat Denny, sister

**REMEMBRANCES**

Anna Toninato, daughter

**MUSIC****Hallelujah**  
Noelle Epp, solo

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Psalm 23**  
**1 Corinthians 13:4, 13**  
**Philippians 4:7**  
Read by Ashley Chiev

**Luke 2:29-32**  
Read by Pastor Anne

**MUSIC**

**At this Table**  
Noelle Epp, solo

**SERMON**

Pastor Anne Schaefer

**MUSIC**

**You are Mine, ELW #581**

**VERSE 1**

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.

**REFRAIN**

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”

**VERSE 3**

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in  
shame.  
All the blind will see,  
The lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.  
(REFRAIN)

## **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.**

## MUSIC

## Now Thank We All Our God, ELW #840

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and  
voices,  
who wondrous things has  
done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth  
adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Pam. 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 make His face shine upon you and be gracious to unto you. The lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
**All: Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL SONG

### VERSE 1

Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King.

### CHORUS

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We're going to see the King!

### VERSE 2

No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King.

## Soon and Very Soon, ELW #439

### CHORUS

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We're going to see the King!

### VERSE 3

No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King.

### CHORUS

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We're going to see the King!

*Following the service, you are invited to a luncheon gathering downstairs  
in the Community Room.*