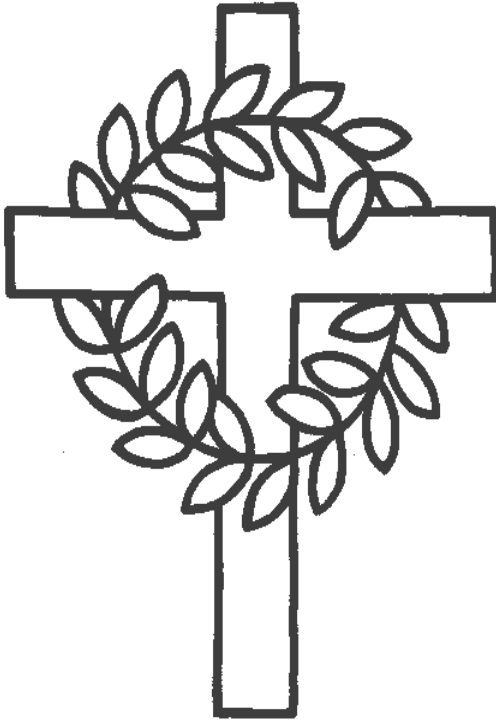


FUNERAL SERVICE FOR  
PENNY LYNN WHITE  
CHILD OF GOD



September 13, 2021  
Faith Lutheran Church  
155 Boyson Road  
Marion, Iowa

Pastor John Albertson  
Diane Lehtinen, Organist

# September 13, 2021

## Funeral

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

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

### 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.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## **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,  
Penny. 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.**

## **READING**

**Psalm 57:1, 7-10**

<sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
until the destroying storms pass by.

<sup>7</sup>My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.

<sup>8</sup>Awake, my soul!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn.

<sup>9</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup>For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;  
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

## READING

**Romans 8:31-35, 37-39**

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<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, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

## GOSPEL

**John 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



# HYMN

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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# SERMON

**Pastor John Albertson**

# HYMN

## Let Us Break Bread Together

- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Help us, 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.  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## **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**

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Penny. 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.**

## **COMMITTAL**

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister, Penny, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise her up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister, Penny.

The Lord bless her and keep her.

The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace. **Amen.**

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

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**



# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and

by de- ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we  
u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## POSTLUDE

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*The Family would like to invite you to join them for a meal in the Family Center following the service.*

# Obituary

Penny Lynn White, 65, of Marion, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2021.

Penny was born on March 26, 1956, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the daughter of Donald and Phyllis (Clouse) Weir. Penny was a 1975 graduate from Mt. Pleasant High School. On January 7, 1979, she was united in marriage to Earl Frederick White at the Open Bible Church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Penny was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, where she assisted with ushering and funeral lunches. In prior churches she led youth groups. Penny worked in production at Metro Mail and at the Millard Public Schools cafeterias in Nebraska. She loved to sew and quilt. Penny made many quilts over the years, and enjoyed gifting her handiwork. Together with Earl, she liked to go on bike rides. Penny will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Weir on August 20, 2021; brother, Danny Weir; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Penny is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband of 42 years, Earl White of Marion; two daughters, Emily Amanda White (William Owen Jr.) of Haymarket, Virginia, and Alison Lee White (Derry Albin) of Waukee, Iowa; mother, Phyllis Weir of Mt. Pleasant; and two sisters, Linda (Steve Jacobi) Weir Jacobi of Winfield, Iowa, and Renee (Jeff Fisher) Weir-Fisher of Solon, Iowa.