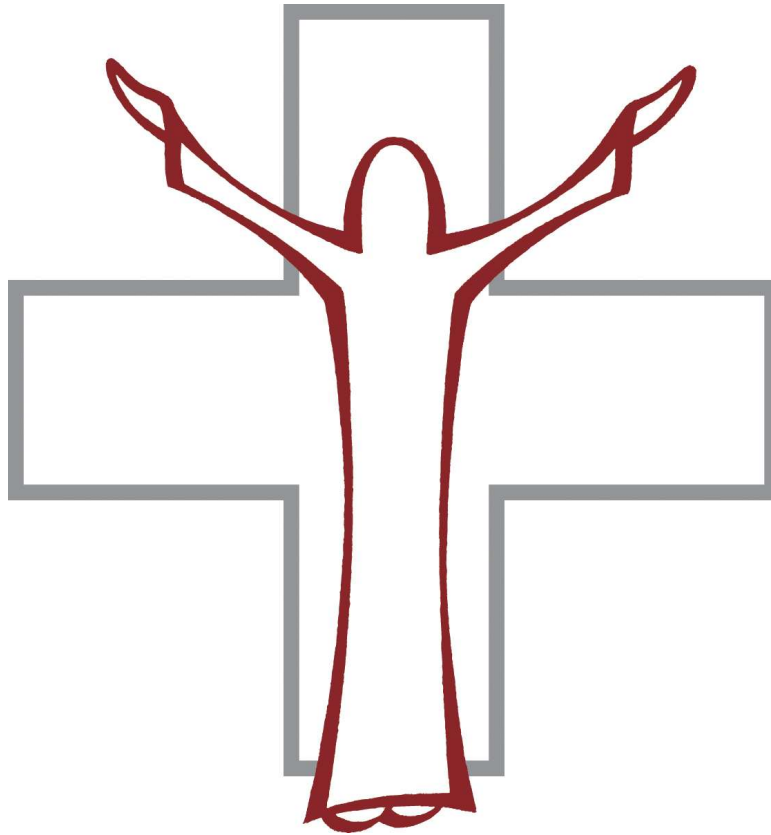




**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
DORIS CUNNINGHAM**

February 25, 1935 – June 26, 2026

**St. John Lutheran Church
10:30am Thursday July 9th, 2026**

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Dan Kletke
Organist: Angela Bellantoni

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Doris was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
G We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of

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.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

G Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Doris and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:22–23

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 23

¹**The LORD is my shepherd;**
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**
He leads me beside still waters.

³**He restores my soul.**
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

⁴**Even 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.

⁵**You prepare a table before me**
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Epistle Romans 8:31–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Verse

A Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

G to Him be glory and power forever.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 10:27–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁷“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life $\dagger$ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: I'm But a Stranger Here

LSB 748

1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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Sermon

Hymn of Response: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

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.

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.”

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.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

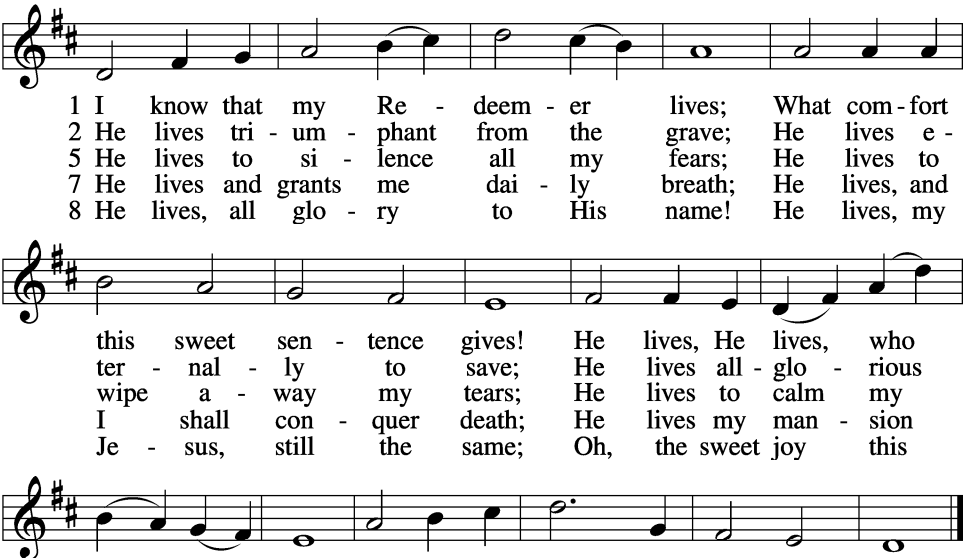
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Closing Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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*Following the service the congregation is invited to Mountain Vale Memorial Park for the interment.
There is no police escort, so please follow all traffic laws.*

*After the interment, a luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall.
Everyone is welcome to stay and share memories of Doris.*

DORIS IRENE DUENSING CUNNINGHAM

February 25, 1935 – June 26, 2026

Doris Irene Duensing Cunningham was born in Thayer County, Nebraska, on February 25, 1935. She was baptized on March 10, 1935, and confirmed in her faith on April 10, 1949. Doris grew up in Eden, Idaho, a place she always held close to her heart.

In the early 1960s, Doris moved to Denver, Colorado, where she met and married Richard Cunningham on October 1, 1961, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Together they built a life rooted in love, faith, and family. After the birth of their son Brian in 1965, Doris began providing daycare, a calling she continued for many years.

At age 65, Doris and Richard retired to Cañon City, Colorado, where they proudly built their first brand-new home. In 2023, Doris returned to the Denver area to be closer to family as her health needs grew.

Doris enjoyed bowling, pinochle, cribbage, and later in life, jokers and marbles—games that brought joy and connection to her days.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Scott) Kieffer and Brian (Laurie) Cunningham; her grandchildren Lindsey Moore, Dan, Nick (Brooke), Beau, and Cole (Molly); and her great-grandchildren Greyson, Lyla, and Beckett. She is also survived by her sister Lilly Hintz as well as her nieces and nephew, who each carry cherished memories of her love and warmth.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Richard Cunningham, her sister and brother-in-law Lorna and Richard Wright, and her brother-in-law Harlan Hintz.

Doris will be remembered for her kindness, her quiet strength, and the deep love she held for her family.

Memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church: 790 Greystone Ave. Canon City.

In lieu of flowers, cash donations can be made to St John Lutheran Church in Canon City please designate the Fellowship Hall Mortgage www.stjohnscanoncity.org

