

A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the Life of

Nancy Jane Gill

September 4, 1942 – September 12, 2026



I am the Resurrection and the Life!

PRELUDE

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We have gathered here to celebrate the life of *Nancy* and her entry into life eternal.

C **We have come to affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of the Lord, our God.**

P Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life. For God is among those who mourn just as surely as he is with those who now see him face to face.

C **We will speak and sing graciously, for God's love is over all. Blessed be God's glorious name forever. Amen.**

HYMN: Amazing Grace

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray: Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort; deal graciously, we pray, with those who have gathered here in this place of worship, to mourn those whom we love and offer to you our praise and thanks for the gifts of life, love, grace, and life eternal through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Nancy. 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 back together to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PSALM: 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

READING:

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14: 1-7

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

We sit.

HOMILY: Pastor Jeff Mikyska



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Almighty God, you have gathered us together into one holy community, spiritually united in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to the whole Church, in heaven and on earth, your light and your peace.

A brief silence.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass, with him to our joyful resurrection. Hear us, O God,

C **your mercy is great.**

- P Bestow upon us the Holy Spirit and 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. Give to us the ability to trust in your words of hope and promise, that even on this day, we may worship and serve you with a joyful spirit. Hear us, O God,
- C **your mercy is great.**
- P Bless all who are gathered here and all who mourn, with the assurance of your grace, abiding presence, and loving care, that casting all of our sorrow and grief upon you, we may know the consolation of your love. Hear us, O God,
- C **your mercy is great.**
- P Give courage, faith, and hope to all who mourn that we may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love. Hear us, O God,
- C **your mercy is great.**
- P God of infinite compassion, your grace allows us to entrust *Nancy* to your never-failing love, that same love which sustained her throughout all the days of her life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for all your people. Hear us, O God,
- C **your mercy is great.**
- P Eternal God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of the living and the rest of the blessed dead. We remember all who have lived in faith and who have died in you. Hear us, O God,
- C **your mercy is great.**
- P Finally, God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring us life! We offer to you our thanks, praise, and worship for by his death, Jesus has destroyed the power of death, and by his resurrection, he has opened the kingdom of heaven to us all. Make us certain that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nothing in all creation shall 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 Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

COMMENDATION

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, *Nancy*. 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 all the saints in light. We pray in the name of Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and awaken in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



- 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."

BLESSING

P The God of peace - who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant - make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister

Mark Kline, Organist



Nancy Jane (nee Wicklund) Gill, 84, of North Aurora, Illinois passed away on September 12, 2026. She was born on September 4, 1942, in St. Charles, Illinois, the daughter of Evert Bror and Virginia Mae (nee Peterson) Wicklund.

Nancy was raised in Batavia and graduated from Batavia High School with the class of 1960.

From a young age, she was an adventure seeker and athlete. She played softball, bowled, skied, played tennis, and loved swimming and diving. The Batavia Quarry Park held a special place in her heart, where she was known for fearlessly diving off the tower.

Some of her happiest memories were made at the family cabin in Wisconsin. She taught the kids how to fish and how to drive down dirt roads. She took them hiking, bike riding, and was sure to share her love for birdwatching.

Nancy was a nurturer. She gave her time, energy, and love to make sure others were cared for. This was evident in raising her children, her work, and when taking her father into her care the last 5 years of his life. She cared for him at her home until he passed in 1994.

Her friends and family were truly the most meaningful part of her life. A true Batavia girl at heart, adventurer by nature, and a stranger to no one. She lived a life full of love and will be remembered dearly by those who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Gill, grandchildren; Jonathan Gill, and Amanda (Michael) Gill, a great-grand daughter; Liliana, her sister Sandi (John) Wilcox, and her two brothers Larry and Tom Wicklund and was dearly loved by many nieces and nephews and their extended families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sons; Steven Gill and David Gill, and grandchildren; Stevi Anne Gill, Zackariah Gill, and Alexander Gill.