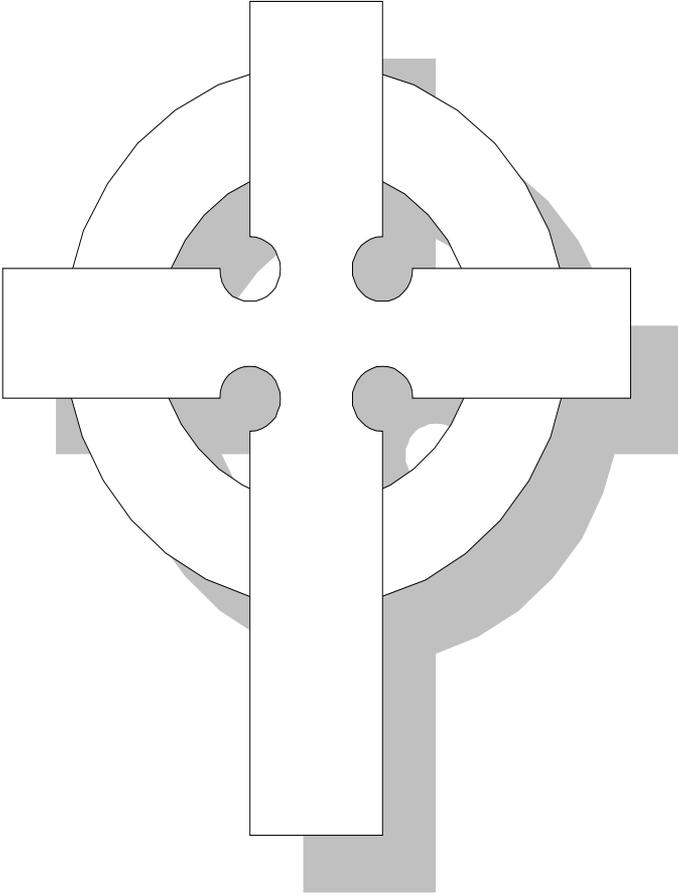
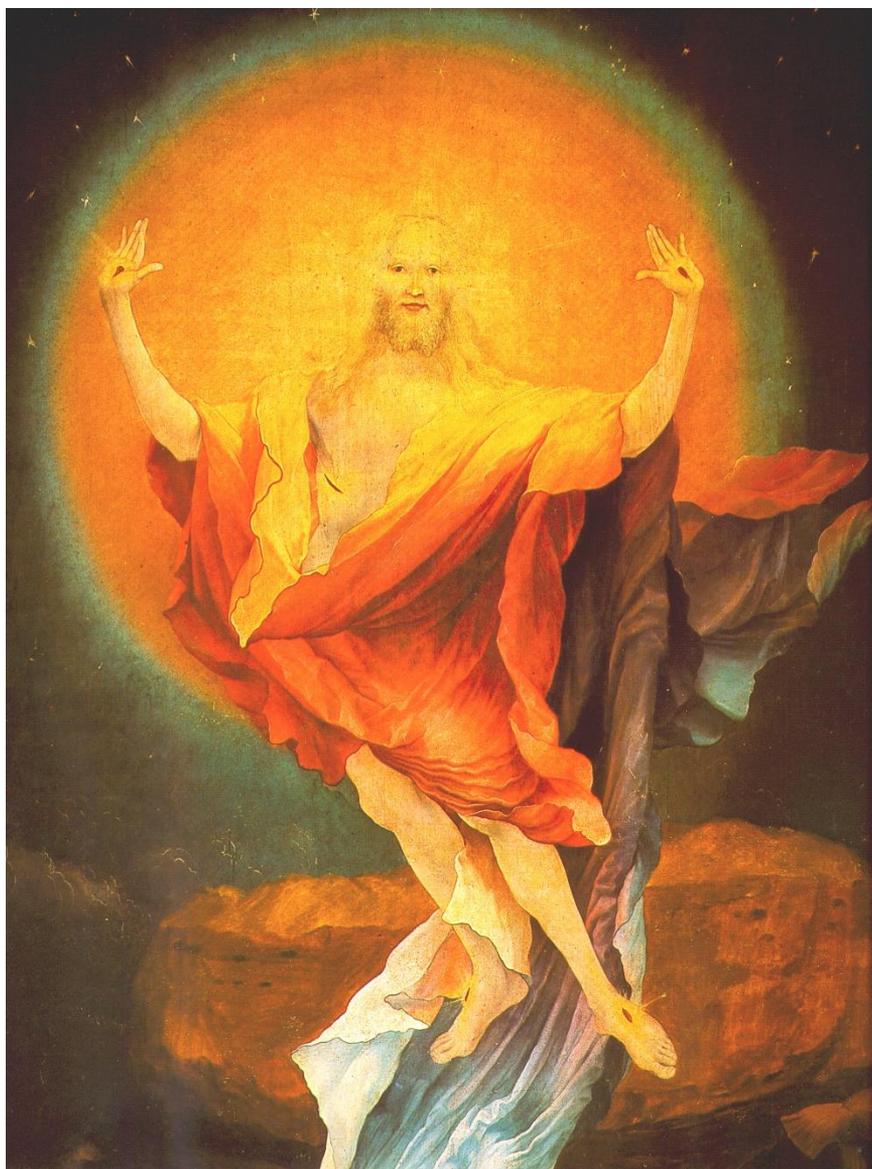


*Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
[Psalm 116:15]*



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"The Resurrection" by Matthias Gruenewald

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**Prelude**

**Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**Remembrance of Baptism**

*The casket is covered with the funeral pall.*

P In Holy Baptism Jane 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?"

**C 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.** [Romans 6:3-5]

**Entrance Hymn**

**578 Thy Strong Word**

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Jane 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.

**C Amen**

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### **Old Testament Reading**

### **Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Choral Response**

### **Surely It Is God Who Saves Me -**

Jack Noble White

## Psalm

## Psalm 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

**C From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved;

**C he who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, he who keeps Israel

**C will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD is your keeper;

**C the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P The sun shall not strike you by day,

**C nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**C he will keep your life.**

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

**C from this time forth and forevermore.**

**ALL 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.**

## Epistle

## Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He 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? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who 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. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## STAND

### Verse

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

**C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

**John 14:1-6**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C 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.

**C 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 † everlasting. Amen.**

*SIT*

**Sermon Hymn**

**676 Behold a Host**

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!  
    With palms they stand;  
    Who is this band  
Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints of glorious fame,  
Who from the great affliction came  
    And in the flood  
    Of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.  
They now serve God both day and night;  
They sing their songs in endless light.  
    Their anthems ring  
    As they all sing  
With angels shining bright.
  
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they appear!  
    Those martyrs stand,  
    A priestly band,  
God's throne forever near.  
On earth they wept through bitter years;  
Now God has wiped away their tears,  
    Transformed their strife  
    To heav'nly life,  
And freed them from their fears.  
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,  
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
    The Lamb, their Lord,  
    At festive board  
Himself is host and guest.



## **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

*The prayers conclude:*

**C Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*SIT*

## **Hymn**

### **575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

*ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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## STAND

### 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 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 and 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.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

**C in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

*SIT*

## **Closing Hymn**

## **677 For All the Saints**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Jane Frances (Nesset) Senkbeil was born to Mary Leone (Beck) Nesset and Paul Christie Nesset on January 1, 1947. She was brought to the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism early in infancy and confirmed in her baptismal faith at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lake City, Iowa in May of 1961. She excelled in academic study and pursued a career in secondary education. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society at the University of South Dakota where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1969. She earned the Master of Science in English Linguistics at the University of Arkansas in 1971. In graduate school she helped to record interviews of local dialect speakers which contributed to the Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE).

Jane was married to Rev. Harold L. Senkbeil on September 5, 1971 at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Bellingham, MN. She was his devoted wife and adoring mother to their three children: Michael (1973), Katherine (1975), and Timothy (1979), ably supporting her husband's ministries in Minnesota and Wisconsin and also serving as role model and cheerleader to many seminarians' wives at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN and hundreds of pastors' wives during the years Hal served DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care

and Counsel. Her enthusiasm, wry humor, and feisty good nature made an impact on all who knew and loved her.

Jane first began teaching part time at high schools in Mahanomen and Hancock, Minnesota. Having raised her children to school age, Jane started her full-time teaching career at James Madison Memorial High School in Madison, WI and then taught for many years in the English department at Mukwonago High School. She was delighted to instruct young people in the basics of writing and literature, introducing many of them to the great works of English prose and poetry.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Leone Nessel, and brother Dr. Michael Nessel. She is survived by husband Harold "Hal" Senkbeil; their children Michael (Virginia) Senkbeil, Katherine "Kate" Lind, Timothy (Peaches) Senkbeil; grandchildren Emma Leigh, Jonah Michael, and Eleanor Jane Senkbeil, Elijah John Lind; nieces Sarah Nessel and Anne Nessel Wogen; and countless friends and fellow professionals.

Jane and Hal were blessed to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on September 5 of this year with an open house held in the driveway of their condo attended by well over one hundred friends and family.

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the  
last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes  
shall behold, and not another."  
(Job 19:25-27)