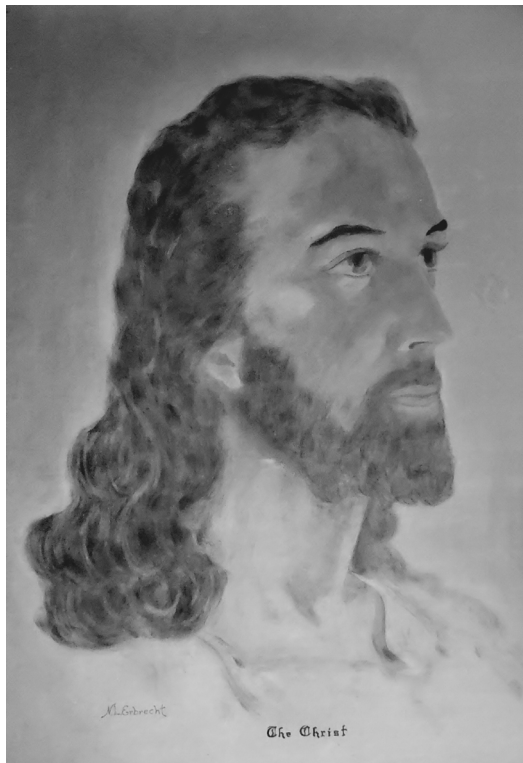


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
***Funeral Service of Helen Erbrecht***

✠ Helen Katherine Erbrecht ✠

Born: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1926

Baptized: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926

Confirmed: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1941

Entered eternal rest in Christ: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Processional with Casket**

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

**Remembrance of Baptism**

**P** In Holy Baptism Helen 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.**

**P** Let us pray.

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

# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

## **Romans 8:31-39**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

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

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 116:1-9**

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;  
I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav’nly Light”**

#### **John 3:1-15**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to thee, 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.**

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

## Sermon

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.**

### 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.**



## Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## Recessional with Casket

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## **Service Participants**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein  
Organist: Dale Hesse  
Vocalists: Adam Erbrecht and family

### **Obituary**

Helen Katherine Erbrecht, age 93, of Canonsburg, PA passed away on March 1, 2020. Born on August 29, 1926 in Cecil, PA she was the daughter of the late Adam and Catherine Kaufman.

Beloved wife of the late Norman L. Erbrecht, Sr. for 70 years; loving mother of Norman L. (Elizabeth) Erbrecht Jr. and Thomas H. (Kimberly) Erbrecht; cherished grandmother of Adam W. (Julianne) Erbrecht, Chad A. (Andrea) Erbrecht, Zachary A. (Elizabeth) Erbrecht, Renee M. (Jeff) Gunther, Sarah C. Erbrecht; great grandmother of Andrew David, Elise Catherine, Clara Isabelle, Ciera Grace, Caleb August, Lily Marie, Evelyn Frances, Gabriel Alexander Aaron, Abigail Jane, Levi Norman, Jeremy Joseph, Michael Thomas; dear sister of the late Harold, Lloyd, Floyd, Arthur, Eleanor, and Herbert; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Helen loved quilting, gardening and bird watching.

Family and friends are welcome on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at Pittsburgh Cremation & Funeral Care, 3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317, 724-260-5546. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 6, 2020 at 11:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH. Interment will follow at Melrose Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville, PA 15017.