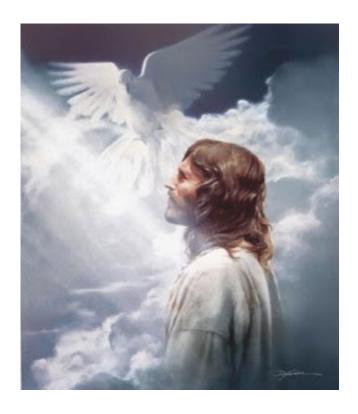
Zion Lutheran Church





April 8th, 2021 Funeral Service of Lois Sauro

Funeral Service

♣ Lois Marie Sauro ♣

Born: October 21st, 1926

Baptized: September 4th, 1927

Confirmed: June 21st, 1981

Entered eternal rest in Christ: April 3rd, 2021

Please Stand

Processional Reading

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Placing of the Pall

Remembrance of Baptism

- In Holy Baptism Lois 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?"
- 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.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 Lois 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 - Psalm 23: 1-6

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

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

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

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading - John 10:27-29

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My 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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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.
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

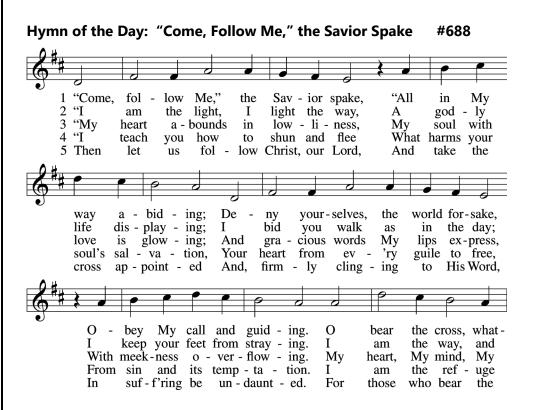
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God 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.

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Sermon





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Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** ... hear our prayer.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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,
- in the name of the Lord. Amen.

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Removal of Pall

Recessional Readings

Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Organist: Diane Strussenberg

Obituary

Lois Marie (Eperthener) Sauro, 94 years old, of Bridgeville, passed away on Saturday, April 3. Lois was the beloved daughter of A. Leo Eperthener and Clarissa Eperthener. Lois had a kind and gentle heart, which made for a natural transition to caring for children in her later years. She is survived by Lauren Sapienza, and the Sapienza family, who became her family after spending 12 years working and caring for them. She was a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville, where she sang in the choir, helped organize holiday activities and was on the evangelical and welcome committees. Lois enjoyed games and the network of friends who joined her in organizing and playing cards, bingo, bowling and board games. She was a talented artist and played the piano by ear and generously shared her artwork, crocheted afghans and songs. She was loved by many and will be remembered for her kindness, sense of humor, strength, independence, patience, responsibility and humility. She will be dearly missed. Friends received Thursday, 9:30 am to 10:00 am, at Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville, at which time a service will be held at 10 am. If desired, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Lois's name. Arrangements by Warchol Funeral Home, Inc. (412-221-3333).

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