

*I am the  
resurrection  
and the life*

## Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving For

++ Jerri Lynn Modrall ++

November 5, 1952 – April 1, 2026

First Lutheran Church Longmont Colorado

Saturday, April 11, 2026 11:00am

### Prelude

**Hymn** “Borning Cry” congregation sings, #ELW #732

**Processional Hymn** “How Great Thou Art” ELW #856 vss. 1,4

### Welcome

**Hymn** “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
“Tryggare kan ingen vara” ELW #781

**Welcome** We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit our Redeemer gathers us in worship. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

**Amen.**

**Recording by Rebecca Copley** “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”, Handel’s Messiah, Bethany College, 1986

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Jerri was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ’s coming, she shall be clothed with glory. **Amen.**

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life...**We glorify you.**

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life...**We praise you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope...**We worship you.**

**Cherub/Joyful Noise** “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

**Greeting** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all...**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**Hymn** “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW #765 vss. 1,3

### A brief Remembrance of Jerri

**Hymn** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ELW #502 vss. 1, 2, 6

**Scripture Readings** Psalm 100; Psalm 23; Colossians 3:1-4

**Sermon** Pastor Garrett Struessel

**Chancel Choir** “Were You There”

**Prayers followed by the Lord’s Prayer...**Our Father, who art in heaven...

**Hymn** “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” ELW #807 vss. 1,3

## **Commendation**

P: Into your hands, O merciful savior, we commend your servant, Jerri Lynn Modrall. Acknowledge her, we humbly ask 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 the saints of light. **Amen.**

## **Chancel Choir**

“Grace”

Arranged by Mark Hayes

## **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you + peace. **Amen.**

**Hymn** “In the Bulb There is a Flower” (Hymn of Promise) Natalie Sleeth

## **Sending**

P: Let us go forth in peace in the name of Christ our Lord.

## **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** “Toccata” from Fifth Organ Symphony by Charle Widor, “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Memorial gifts may be made to First Ev. Lutheran Church

Luncheon to follow in the Friendship Center

Reader: Barb Mohr

Remembrance: Rick Samson

Organist: Gary Elmquist

Pianist: Stan Elmquist

Choir Director: Sally Campbell

Joyful Noise Director: Jerri Modrall

Live Stream: Milenda Powers

Pastor: Rev. Garrett Struessel

## **“Go Tell it on the Mountain” lyrics:**

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watch  
O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.  
Refrain

2. Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent down salvation  
That blessed Christmas morning.  
Refrain

Refrain again  
Hallelujah!  
Refrain again  
That Jesus Christ Is born!

# Borning Cry

ELW 732



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 to old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see you 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 bind 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."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: John C. Ylvisaker

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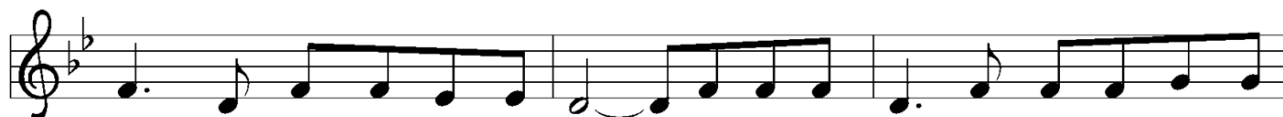
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# How Great Thou Art

ELW 856



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!"

## *Refrain*



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!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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# Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
 Lord his child - ren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
 child - ren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose

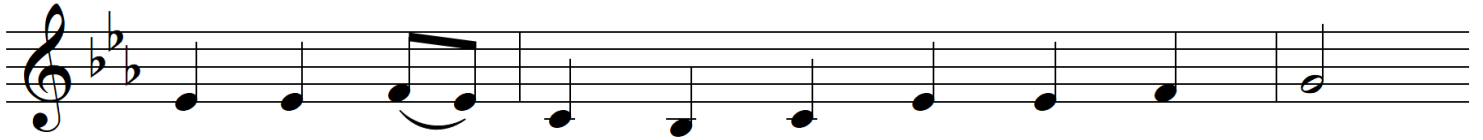
heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
 Music: Swedish folk tune

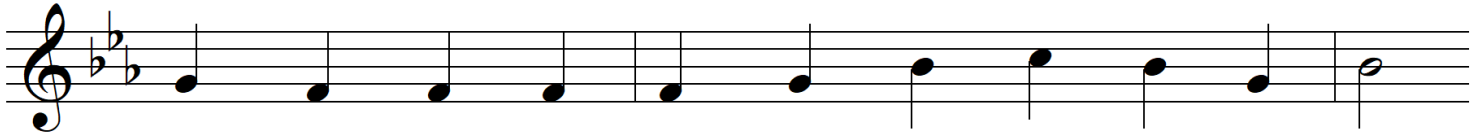
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# Lord of All Hopefulness

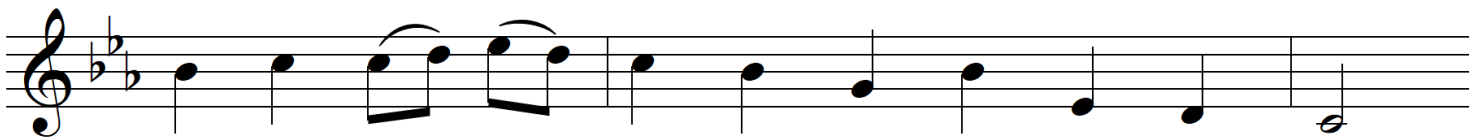
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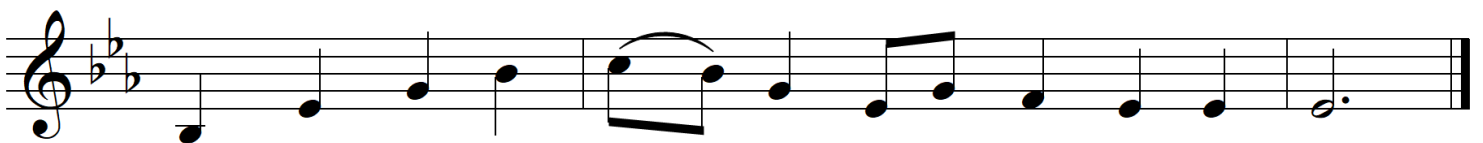
1. Lord of all\_\_ hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2. Lord of all\_\_ ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3. Lord of all\_\_ kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4. Lord of all\_\_ gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at\_\_ our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at\_\_ our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at\_\_ our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at\_\_ our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953

Music: Irish Traditional

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# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502



1. The \_\_\_ king of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my \_\_\_ ran - somed  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but \_\_\_ yet in  
4. In \_\_\_ death's dark vale I \_\_\_ fear no ill, with \_\_\_ thee, dear



fail - eth \_\_\_ nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he \_\_\_ lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he \_\_\_ sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - eb - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

## *Hymn of Promise*



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Text: Natalie Sleeth

Music: HYMN OF PROMISE, Natalie Sleeth

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**Jerri Lynn Modrall**  
**November 5, 1952 – April 1, 2026**

Jerri Lynn Modrall, age 73, died April 1, 2026. Jerri had faced many health issues over the past eight years, including lung issues, CTEPH and Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, a massive STEMI heart attack in 2020 and then leiomyosarcoma cancer in 2026. Jerri was born in Longmont, Colorado to Earl and Gwen Modrall and lived in Longmont and Frederick her entire life. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, James Modrall. She was also preceded in death by uncles and aunts, Carl and Lorraine Miller and Art and Lucy Stromquist. She is survived by her husband, Eric Doering, niece Jamie Modrall Bybee, and cousins Luke, Lorraine, Dortha, and Charlie Stromquist, sister in law, Nancy Norman, and brother in law and his wife, Tad and Mary Doering and niece and nephew, Sarah and Andrew Doering.

Jerri graduated from Longmont High School in 1970. She earned a B.A. in English/Spanish and Secondary Education, Bethany College, Lindsborg Kansas in 1974, and M.A. in Elementary Education, University of Northern Colorado in 1979. She was a dedicated Bilingual educator in the St. Vrain Valley School District 1974-2011. She loved helping her Spanish speaking students embrace their culture and heritage while learning English. She was also very active as an advocate for students and teachers through the St. Vrain Valley Education Association, as a member of the negotiations committee for 25 years, Vice President during the 1990's, and President of SVVEA from 2004-2010. In 2011 following retirement she opened a tutoring business, Wise Owl Tutoring, working with students with Dyslexia and ADHD.

Family and friends were so important to Jerri and she loved spending time with them. She always said she was blessed with such loving and wonderful parents and her beloved brother. Jerri married Eric on July 31, 1976 at First Lutheran Church, Longmont and they made their home in Longmont. Jerri was a lifetime member of First Lutheran Church and served on a variety of boards including: Bethany College Alumni Council, the Board College Board of Directors, First Lutheran committees, Eben Ezer Lutheran Home Board, Rocky Mountain ELCA, Synod Council, the Hispanic Education Foundation in Longmont, Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma. She also directed the Cherub/Joyful Noise children's choir at First Lutheran, 1974-2018, touching the lives of over 1000 children of the church through the years. She committed her life to justice, equality, and fairness for all people.

In 2001 Jerri and Eric built a home on one of Jerri's family farms in Frederick and became involved in Frederick community activities. She loved living on the "Knoll" looking out across the Carbon and St. Vrain Valleys and the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Jerri loved mowing the yard on the riding lawn mower and tending their large garden. During her illnesses her home was her haven. Jerri enjoyed travel, golf, reading, gourmet cooking, attending Bronco and Air Force Falcon football games, and spending time with family and friends.

Jerri's funeral service will be April 11, 2026, at 11 am, First Lutheran Church, 803 Third Avenue, Longmont. A reception will follow at the church. Visitation will be in the Fireside Room of the church from 10-11 am prior to the service. A private graveside service at Mt. View Cemetery will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund are appreciated. Ahlberg Funeral Home is providing assistance.