A celebration of the life of

Nancy Carol Stroessner

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Bloomington, Minnesota
November 20, 2026
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, ….
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.
We glorify you.
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. **We praise you.**
Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.
To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN ***Shall We Gather at the River*** **ELW 423**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.**
Let us pray. O God …through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EULOGY Samantha Heaton, daughter & Linda Strom, sister

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shelter from the Storm* - Bob Dylan
Poem Daniel Gruner, son

READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19 Samantha Heaton
Psalm 118: 1-2, 21-24, 28-29
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Linda Strom
John 10:11-16

SERMON

HYMN ***Abide with Me*** **ELW 629**

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS
Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy…"
Congregation responds **"…hear our prayer."**

LORD'S PRAYER
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.

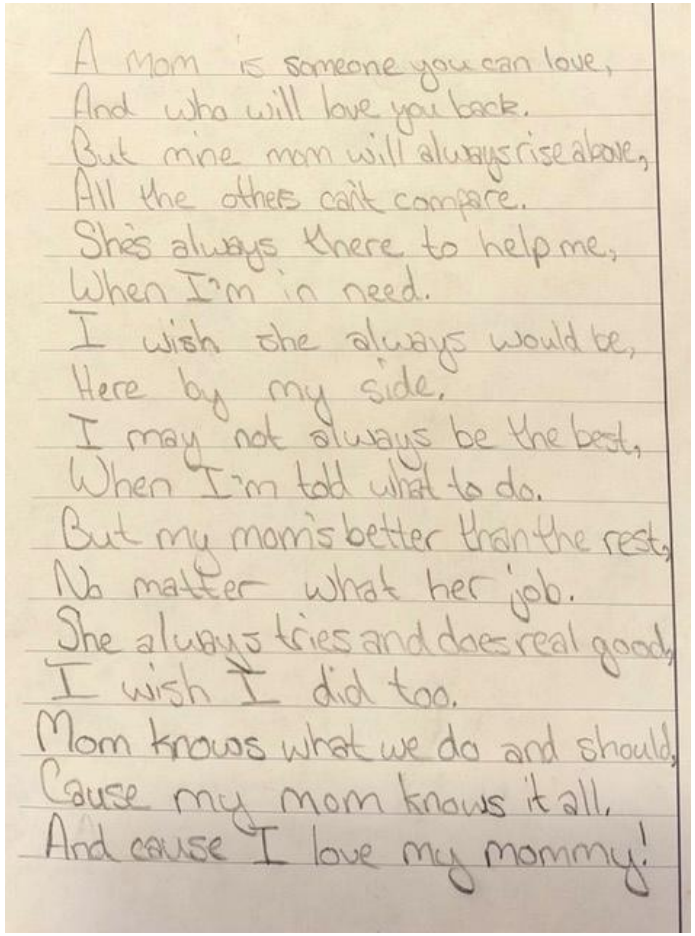
SPECIAL MUSIC *Gymnopédie No. 1* - Erik Satie
a favorite of Nancy's

COMMENDATION

CLOSING HYMN ***Beautiful Savior*** **ELW 838**

DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE

Participating Today
Preacher — Pastor Per Halaas
Pianist — Jeffrey Patry



A mom is someone you can love,
And who will love you back.
But mine mom will always rise above,
All the others can't compare.
She's always there to help me,
When I'm in need.
I wish she always would be,
Here by my side.
I may not always be the best,
When I'm told what to do.
But my mom's better than the rest,
No matter what her job.
She always tries and does real good,
I wish I did too.
Mom knows what we do and should,
Cause my mom knows it all.
And cause I love my mommy!

A Poem written by daughter, Maggie Gruner, as a child



Nancy Carol Stroessner

July 12, 1955
November 15, 2026