

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Church on the Hill † Lohman,
Missouri



A Service in Remembrance of the Life of
Donna Marie Viles

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church - Lohman, Missouri

October 12, 2024

October 8, 1946 - September 1, 2024

Baptized: 1955 - Confirmed: 2000

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

Zola Finch

***Welcome and Invocation**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: 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.

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

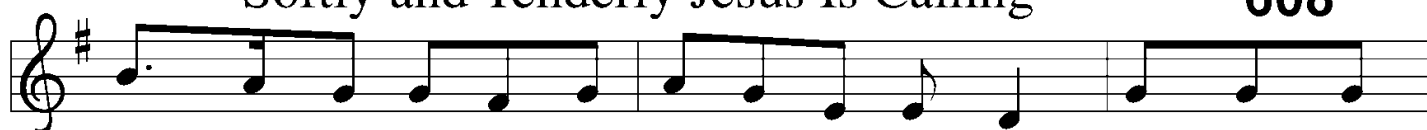
* Prayer of the Day

P: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today my wife, and our sister in Christ, Donna Marie Viles. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: All please join in singing.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Eulogy:

Alisha (Viles) Pledger - Daughter

Obituary

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:12-15, 17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel – John 6: 35, 37-40 (Glory to you O Lord)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." **(Praise to you O Christ)**

Sermon / Meditation

"The Way of Jesus"

Rev. David Viles

Hymn: All please join in singing.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear
shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright
pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 of Intercession** – Congregation's response to "Lord in your mercy" is "Hear our prayer."

*The 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.

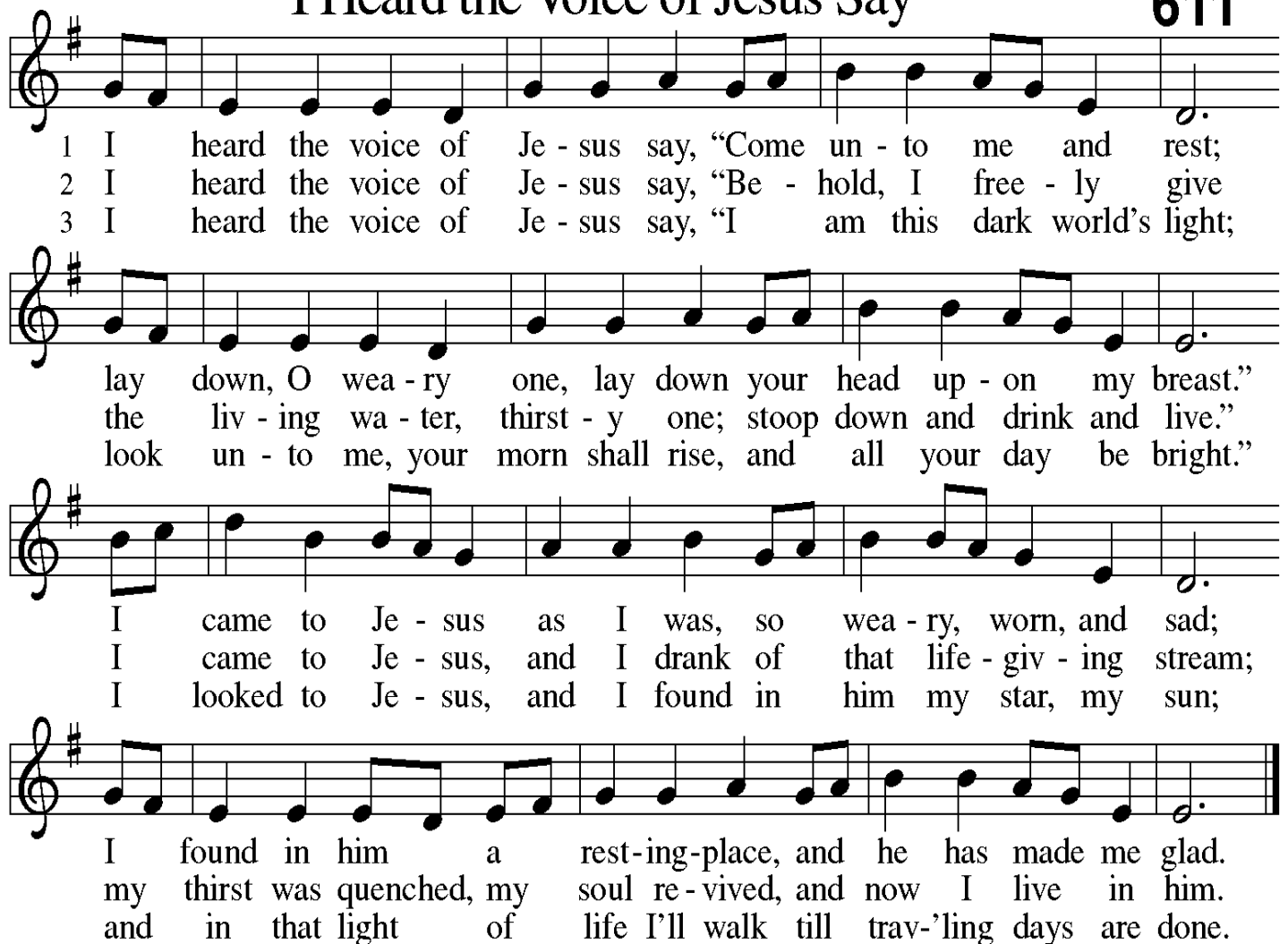
*Commendation

P: Let us commend Donna Viles to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Donna Viles. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech 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 all the saints in light. **Amen.**

Hymn: All please join in singing.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Processional and Committal

The processional will gather at the cemetery where the committal and burial of ashes will continue.

After the committal service, lunch will be served downstairs in the basement.

Officiating: The Rev. David Viles

Organist: Zola Finch

Song Leader: Kathy Meller

Audio/Visual: Dan Tschirgi

Memorial contributions: Memorials are suggested for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Donna Marie (Hutchens) Viles, 77, of Lohman, Missouri completed her journey on this earth and began her eternal life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on September 1, 2024.

She was born in San Francisco on October 8, 1946. Donna was the daughter of Ralph E. Hutchens and Joyce Marie (Standard) Hutchens who preceded her in death.

Donna is survived by her husband, Rev. David Viles of the home; a daughter, Alisha (Viles) Pledger; a son, Ernest B. Hancock; a sister, Cheryl Perry; and a brother, Ralph Hutchens. As well as two granddaughters, Berkley Stout (John); Chera Pledger; three grandsons, Rees Pledger (Emily Coder); Ian Pledger; and Joshua Hancock. A great-grandson, Remi Pledger; and many nephews, nieces, and their children.

She married David Viles on February 14, 1981. They met at a Halloween party that neither one wanted to attend but went at the urging of friends. It must have been predestined, as they fell in love at first sight and were married three and a half months later.

Donna attended Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Arkansas and obtained a Bachelor's Registered Nursing Degree. She began her career at Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith, AR in the Neonatal normal care and intensive care nursery working as charge nurse in rotation.

She then became an Area Nursing Supervisor at the Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas, supervising three Home Health offices in Van Buren, Alma, and Springdale. She supervised all personnel to promote increased productivity and efficiency. She was responsible for Quality Assurance of patient care, charts, and billing. She promoted the Agency in the Community through public speaking, and community services.

Donna's next career move was in education where she became an L.P.N. Instructor at Westark Community College. She loved teaching the students and the students all loved her.

She retired from the medical community after a few years working as a supervisor at a Nursing Home in Fort Smith, AR.

Donna was active as a committee member of the Arkansas Council on Home Health and Hospice. She volunteered time at the local college with Start Trek activities. Worked on group goals committee for Health Careers and volunteered time to Girl Scouts to do summer health physicals.

Her hobbies included drawing and reading, but she was best known for her quilting. She made most of her quilts to give away to cancer survivors. Donna had survived four primary cancers and brain surgery, and this was a way to help others through their similar ordeals. She also made quilts for her husband David's Clergy ordination as well as his stoles and made quilts for two of his seminary classmates for their ordinations.

Donna's faith in God was strong and she saw his hand at work throughout her life. In response to his grace, Donna devoted much of her life in caring for others. She will be missed, but never forgotten.