

Celebration of Life Worship Service for Colleen H. Sundblad

Born January 8, 1929. Died June 11, 2026.

Thursday, June 18, 2026



At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.

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You Are Received Here, as you are

We are **partnerships, worshipping across Ishpeming** – serving Ishpeming and its surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God’s grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God. Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or joining us from a distance — **there is space for you here.**

Our services are livestreamed to extend that welcome beyond these walls. Our camera remains focused on the chancel and worship leaders. We do our best to protect the faces of children, and we ask for your grace knowing we cannot control every moment. Questions or concerns about our livestream? Please speak with a pastor or worship leader.

From the earliest days of the Church, God’s people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. Bethany and Faith share a long history of cooperation and pastoral connection — what we are living into now is a faithful renewal of a way of being church that has served this place before. As part of the ELCA and the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we join the wider church in ministries of mercy, justice, and accompaniment within and beyond our local context.

This Is How We Honor One Another Here

Being received into this community also means receiving one another with care. We are all learning together what it means to protect the dignity, image, and trust of every person who gathers here. These are not rules imposed from outside. They are the values of the Gospel, finding expression in how we treat one another every day.

We ask consent before photographing, recording, or sharing the image of any person — including children — in any public or online space.

We keep confidence. Private communications belong to those who shared them, and are not ours to forward or share without permission.

We name harm. We will not go along to get along. We extend grace to one another in learning, while holding one another accountable with honesty and love.

Honoring the Land

With gratitude and humility, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. We honor their enduring presence and commit ourselves to walk gently on the earth and seek right relationship with all our neighbors.

One partnership. Four campuses. Many gifts. One body in Christ.

Grace and peace to you: welcome.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

Please stand, as you're willing or able, in body or in spirit.

INTRODUCTION

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

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.
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.

GATHERING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take my Hand (ELW 773)



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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

Let us pray, together.

Almighty God, **source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend we who are in mourning, that, casting all our sorrow on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Romans 8: 31-39

A reading from Romans.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[a] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

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

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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The psalm will be read, responsively. With the Assembly following the reader, in the bold print.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

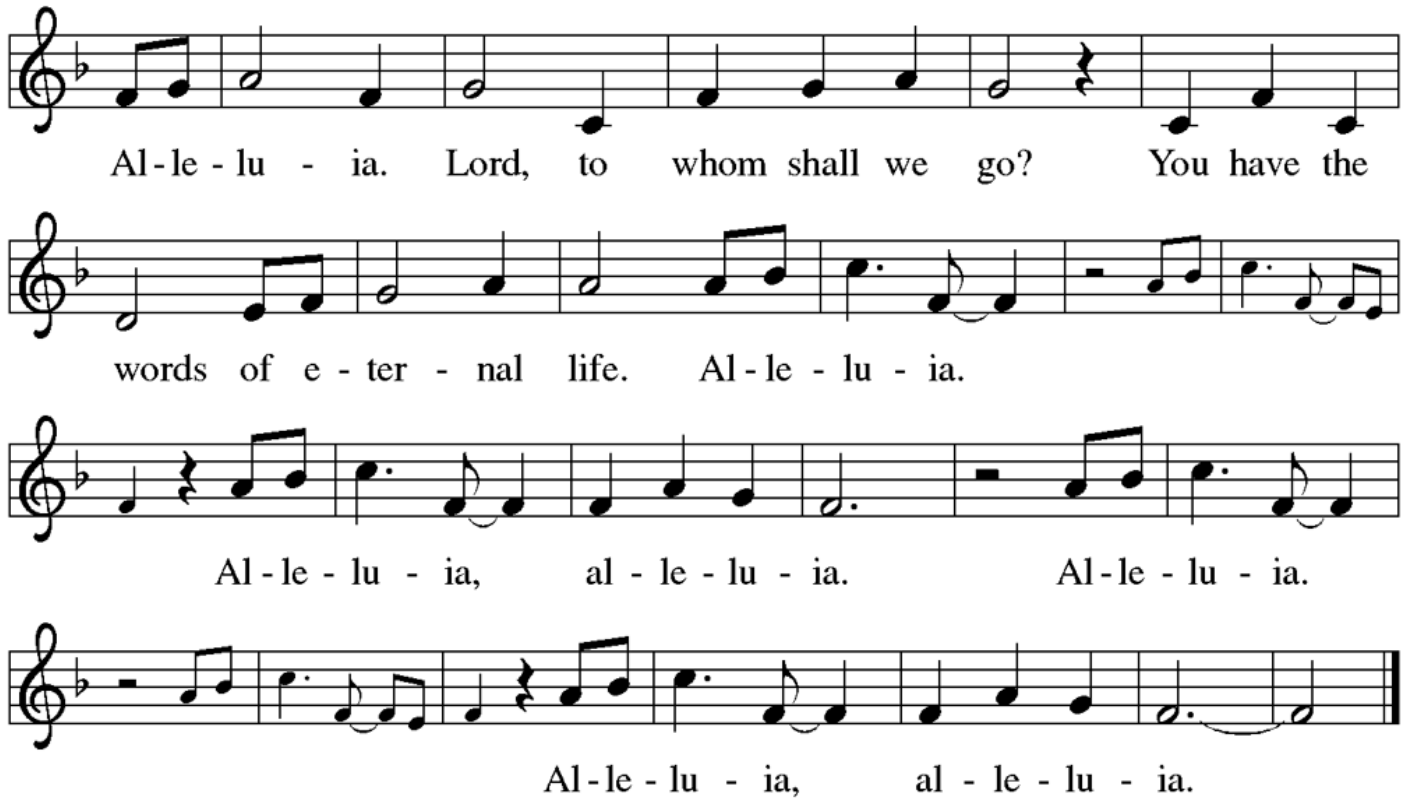
³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Please stand, as you're willing or able, in body or in spirit.



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 14: 1-7

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk With You (ELW 818)



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

CREED

Together, with all the saints, living and dead, let us proclaim the legacy of our Sibling, Colleen's, faith together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 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;**

**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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Silence is held for preparation.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



ANTHEM

In the Garden
Vocals perf. by David Leverton, accompanied by Linda Hurrell

LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord's Prayer that speak loudest to you, gaining comfort in the cacophony of Pentecost, and experiencing the rhythms of the Spirit that speak to each of us, creating both dissonance and resonance. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**Fader Vår, som är i himmelen
Helgat varde ditt namn.
Tillkomme ditt rike. Ske din vilja,
såsom i himmelen så ock på jorden.
Vårt dagliga bröd giv oss idag,
och förlåt oss våra skulder,
såsom ock vi förlåta dem oss skyldiga äro,
och inled oss icke i frestelse utan fräls oss
ifrån ondo.
Ty riket är ditt och makten och
härligheten i evighet. Amen.**

**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.**

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the
beauty of your ways in the spirit-world
above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day—the elk, the
buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the
squash, and the wild rice. All the things
we need for each day. Release us from the
things we have done wrong, in the same
way we release others for the things done
wrong to us. Guide us away from the
things that tempt us to stray from your
good road, and set us free from the evil
one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it
be so!¹**

¹ Wildman, Terry M.. First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray, together.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. We give thanks for this gathering, and the baptismal journey of Colleen. Continue to give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Colleen to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Colleen. 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 the saints in light. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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 too old, no lon - ger young,



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

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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 join 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."

POSTLUDE

The service continues at the graveside, following a time of fellowship and shared grief and celebration. The family invites you to join them in the fellowship hall immediately following this service to share in the breaking of bread and telling of stories.

Following the meal, those who are willing and able may join the family at the graveside for the committal of Colleen Sundblad, to her Creator, and the earth.

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Colleen H. Sundblad, age 97, lifelong Ishpeming resident, passed away on Thursday June 11, 2026 at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility while in the loving care of her son, UP Home Health and Hospice, and nursing home staff.

Colleen was born in Ishpeming on January 8, 1929, daughter of the late Clayton and Inez (Holmgren) Simons. She grew up in Ishpeming and was a graduate of Ishpeming High School, class of 1947. Colleen married her husband Raymond Sundblad on June 21, 1949, they shared 64 years of marriage before his passing on May 11, 2014.

Colleen was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, the Eastern Stars, Bell Auxiliary, Friends of the Library, and Jobs Daughters.

She took great joy in caring for others and will be remembered for her wonderful baking, cooking, and hospitality that she gave to others.

Colleen is survived by 4 children: Raymond Sundblad Jr., David Sundblad, Stephen Sundblad, and Charles (Jannie) Sundblad, sister: Claudette Spiroff, 4 grandchildren: Rachel Carter, Christopher (Cassandra) Sundblad, Eric Sundblad, Caleb Sundblad, 7 great grandchildren: Wyatt Sundblad Jordyn Carter, Avery Carter, Isaiah Carter, Makenna Sundblad, Marsha Sundblad, Kinleigh Sundblad, 1 great great grandchild: Karsyn Carter, close friend: Henrietta Nardi, along with several nieces and nephews.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Raymond Sundblad Sr., grandson: Aaron Sundblad, and great grandson: Isaac Carter.

Colleen's family will greet relatives and friends at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming on Thursday June 18, 2026 from 11:00am until 12:00pm. A Memorial Service will follow at 12:00pm with Rev. J.M. Mills officiating. Coffee and desserts will be served in the church hall following the service. Interment will follow in the Ishpeming Cemetery.

Colleen's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility, especially to the angels in the 300 wing for the wonderful care they gave to Colleen.