

*A Service
in Remembrance of*



Dorothy Faye Splawn

July 15, 1925 - December 9, 2025



GATHERING

INTRODUCTION - 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.

Please stand

GATHERING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)" ELW 504 – (Verses 1 and 4 only)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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: Let us pray. *(Silence)* O God of grace,

C: and glory, we remember before you today our sister Dot. 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

Please be seated

READING: Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 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? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

MEMORIES AND WORDS OF THANKS

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to

the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: “How Great Thou Art” ELW 856 (Verses 1 and 4 only)



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!

APOSTLES' CREED:

(In response to hearing the Word, the church confesses our shared faith. This form of the creed is often used on Sundays, after Pentecost)

A: We confess the faith of the church in the words of the 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 *(When instructed, the congregation is invited to offer up their prayer petitions)*

A: Let us pray. *(Silence)* Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people to...

After each petition:

A: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ...**C: Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE - P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty, and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER - P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION –

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in your pew. Communion will be distributed continuously at the front of the center aisle. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or the chalice containing white grape juice. You may receive only the host if you wish. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a proper way to receive the Sacrament. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as you are able.

COMMUNION HYMN: "I Am the Bread of Life" ELW 485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION -

A: Let us pray (*Silence*). We give you thanks, almighty God, **C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMENDATION:

P: Let us commend Dot to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Dot. 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION (*The presider blesses the people*)

SENDING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" ELW 485 (Verses 1 and 4 only)



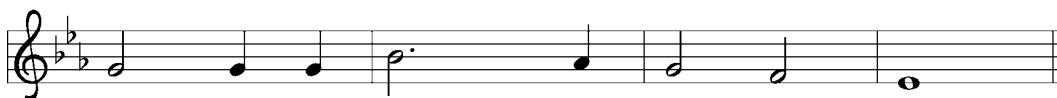
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/PREACHER:

Rev. Veronika Czutor

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

Dr. Hando Nahkur

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Eliana Katchkey

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Connie Uhri

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Betsy Lintel
Lisa Nelson

ALTAR GUILD:

Connie Uhri

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FUNERAL COORDINATOR:

Teri Kuhlmann

Worshippers are invited to a reception in the fellowship hall following the service.

DORTOTHY KRUSE SPLAWN

July 15, 1925 – December 10, 2025

Born on July 15, 1925, Dorothy (Dot) Kruse Splawn died on December 10, 2025 at 100 years old. The daughter of Dick and Lena (Wessels) Kruse, Dorothy was born in the family home near Winters (Runnels County), Texas and was the oldest daughter of six children. Dorothy and her family lived on their farm through the depression and WWI.

She graduated from Winters High School, went to Business School, and moved to Dallas. where she met the love of her life, Isaac (Ike) J. Splawn. Dot and Ike celebrated 57 years of marriage until Ike died in December of 2006. Dot and Ike adopted their son Greg in 1956 and Valerie in 1960, and their family was complete. Dorothy was a dedicated wife and mother, and was involved in school activities and PTA. Dorothy was active in the community, and was involved in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, the Dallas Theater Center Guild, The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum, the Merriman Park Garden Club, delivered Meals on Wheels, and was a member of several bridge groups (one for 50+ years), which she enjoyed for the deep friendships that formed.

Dorothy and Ike shared a deep love for God, and their family's lives were centered around their faith in their savior, Jesus Christ. They made their church home at Christ Lutheran Church for over 60 years. Dorothy was on the church counsel, a member of Deborah Circle. Dorothy enjoyed sharing the good news of Christ's through evangelism, as she reached out to church visitors and the elderly. She especially enjoyed greeting visitors to church services on Sundays and was the reason many of those visitors joined the Church.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Greg Splawn of Wills Point, daughter Valerie and husband Cliff Siverling of Richardson, and their daughters, Kathryn Siverling-Rojo and husband Luis Rojo of Dallas, and Alison Siverling of Denver, CO. In addition, Dorothy is survived by two step-grandchildren, Aaron Siverling, wife Danielle, and great-granddaughter, River, of Seagoville, and Nona Siverling and great-grandchildren, Jacob Whitfield and Kaitlyn Siverling, all of Dallas. Dorothy is also survived by her brother, Delbert Kruse of Winters, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Richard Kruse of Odessa, and sisters, Virgie Cromer of Dallas, Florence Secrest of Dallas and Ruby Lucas of Amarillo. Dorothy treasured her time with her family, nieces and nephews, attending over 50 years of the annual Dick Kruse family reunion. Dorothy often spoke of her many blessings over her 100 years, and she, in turn, was a blessing to all who knew her.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund or charity of choice. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 2:00 at Christ Lutheran Church, 3001 Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas with Reverend Veronika Czutor, or the live stream may be viewed at clcdallas.org. Burial will follow the funeral service at Restland Funeral Home.