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John 14.6



The Life
of
Doris Loe

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pierpont, SD

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Lord Jesus, we acknowledge what great things you have done for us. You loved us so much that You stepped off the throne in heaven and became one of us. You exchanged Your place in heaven for a straw, stuffed crib. You traded in your crown for a horrible old cross. You did all that so that we could be pardoned from our sins and have abundant and eternal life. You comfort us when we need comforting. Even at the death of Jesus' friend, "Lazarus," it is written, "Jesus wept," so God knows our emotions and is here with us in Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Let us rise as we sing, "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain. **Refrain**

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. **Refrain**

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so di-
vine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. **Refrain**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far way,
Where His glory forever I'll share. **Refrain**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Doris Loe. 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 your aid so we may see death as the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Corinthians 15:12-26 (New International Version)

The Resurrection of the Dead

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Revelation 21:2-7 (New International Version)

²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

John 14:1-6 (New International Version)

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and

the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Music by Deb Olson, Barbara Anderson accompanist

God's Message to Us

Music by Deb Olson, Barbara Anderson accompanist

Psalm 23 - A psalm of David (Said in Unison)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Help us, we pray, 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. Grant us grace to entrust Doris Loe to your never failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. We Pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

God, the generations rise and pass away before your. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died and especial those most dear to us who rest in you Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on Earth and the Church in Heaven, we ascribe in all honor and glory, now and forever. We pray this all in Jesus' name, who has also taught us to pray . . .

**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, the power
and the glory. for ever and ever. Amen**

COMMENDATION

In your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Doris Loe. 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.

Let us join in singing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Committal will follow at Homer Cemetery north of Pierpont. You are invited for fellowship and a light lunch in the basement.

Doris Arlowene Dwight was born August 5, 1916 to Clinton and Irene (Lemmon) Dwight on the farm of her grandparents, William and Laura Lemmon, ½ mile east of Pierpont. Her mother had returned from Grass Range, Mont., where they were homesteading. Her father remained in Montana for several more months to complete their homestead residence requirements before establishing their home in South Dakota. Her siblings were Roland, Leola and twin sisters Melva and Mildred. Mildred and Bill Perrenoud live in Sun City, Ariz.

Doris attended grade school in North Andover Township and graduated from Pierpont High School in 1933. She worked as a linotype operator for her uncle, C.E. (Everett) Dieter, who was publisher of the Pierpont Signal. When C.E. sold the newspaper, the linotype machine was moved to Britton where Doris continued as operator in Britton until the fall of 1935.

Braving the heat, gravel roads and grasshoppers, Doris, Wally and four other family members drove to Silverton, Ore., leaving Pierpont on July 6, 1936. They drove there in an Airflow DeSota car with no air conditioning. They hoped to get a job at a box factory, but that did not materialize.

Doris secured a job at Tacoma General Hospital where she worked until 1939. She then moved to Minneapolis and worked in a Tea Room (Café) waiting on tables.

On April 27, 1941, Doris and Wallace “Wally” came to Pierpont for a weekend where they were married at her grandfather’s, Dwight, house. They returned to Minne-

apolis after the wedding. Wally enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was stationed in Louisiana. Doris drove a 1936 Chevrolet to Louisiana to be closer to her husband. Wally was then transferred to Boston where Doris made the trek as well. After Wally was discharged, the couple moved to Pierpont in the fall of 1948.

In the spring of 1949, they moved into the house that they lived in for the rest of their lives. Doris worked with Wally as a bookkeeper at the John Deere dealership in Pierpont until 1970 when the couple sold the business. The couple traveled around the world from 1973 to 2003, before settling in their home in Pierpont. During that time, they lived at Pickerel Lake in the summer, only returning to their Pierpont house for laundry.

Doris was a member of the Baptist Church in Pierpont and was baptized in the Baptist Church in Aberdeen. Doris later transferred her membership to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont. She was a member of the Ladies Aide and Circle and belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. Doris loved to read, crochet, fish and she kept a diary while on their many trips.

Doris died on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at her home in Pierpont with her husband at her side at the age of 93 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Survivors include her husband for 68 years, Wally; one sister, Mildred and Bill Perrenoud, Sun City, Ariz.; and a nephew, Mike and Yoshie Babcock of Wayzata, Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Roland, and two sisters, Melva and Leola.