



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SARAH LYNN CLARK

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

PASTOR WARREN GRAFF

11:00 AM

On this 28th day in May, 2026 we come to remember Sarah Lynn Clark and proclaim her entrance to her heavenly home.

Thank you for sharing in this service.

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“GOD’S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT”

✠Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P In Holy Baptism Sarah was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

✠PSALM 121

P ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P ²My help comes from the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P ³He will not let your foot be moved;

C **he who keeps you will not slumber.**

P ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel

C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P ⁵The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,

C **nor the moon by night.**

P ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C **he will keep your life.**

P ⁸The LORD will keep

C **your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

✠KYRIE

P LORD, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

LORD, have mercy upon us.

✠ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The LORD be with You.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

All: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Sarah and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING - JOSHUA 1:1-9

P The Old Testament Reading is from the first chapter of Joshua.

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

P This is the word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING - EPHESIANS 2:4-10

P The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Ephesians.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠THE VERSE

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL - JOHN 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O LORD.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the

Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

✠ **APOSTLE’S CREED**

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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“ON EAGLES WINGS”

SERMON

✠ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the family and friends of Sarah and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

P hear our prayer.

P Receive our thanks for Sarah and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her, we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the LORD. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C LORD, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C "I am the resurrection and the life," says the LORD. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

✠ CONCLUDING COLLECT

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **LORD God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

✠ BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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“GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING”

IN MEMORY OF SARAH LYNN CLARK

APRIL 27, 1997 - MAY 14, 2026

Into Your hands, O Merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Sarah. Acknowledge, we humbly ask 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.

Everyone is invited for a luncheon following the service in the Great Room

here at Trinity

SARAH LYNN CLARK

If you'd never met Sarah in person and only heard about her life from the outside, a word you might think to describe her is "intense". And you wouldn't necessarily be wrong. Her drive to be the best version of herself in every circumstance might seem a little intimidating. From excellence on the high school volleyball court to working 2 and 3 jobs as she blasted her way through an accelerated nursing program to quickly making a reputation for herself in the nursing field all over New Mexico, she drove herself to excellence.

But once you met her, that impression of intensity would quickly fade under the glowing warmth of the real person. She was immensely caring; providing respectful and loving care to every patient she treated. After exerting heroic efforts to create a situation that positively impacted dozens of people her response was "I'm just doin' my job". Her sly humor that was accompanied by a little half-smile and twinkling eyes as she shared a joke were priceless for her family and friends. Her capacity to see the humanity in people in the worst circumstances allowed her to help every patient that came into her orbit. And if you thanked her for a favor she'd quickly reply, "Yup yup".

While we could not have foreseen how little time we had with her, we do know that up to the end she was doing what she loved and even though we mourn the loss of her in this world, she is able to trust and rest in the words she is hearing from our Lord "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Sarah Clark

Born to the Church Militant: 27 April 1997

Ascended to the Church Triumphant: 14 May 2026

If you are moved to offer a financial gift in memory of Sarah, please make a donation to your favorite nonprofit: local church, volunteer fire department, domestic abuse/mental health program, animal shelter.

Remember that no matter how hard things are or how poorly you think you are handling things, "You're doing great"