

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DARLENE RUTH GILMORE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

PASTOR SIMON NIEMTSCHK

10:00 AM

On this 28th day in November, 2026 we come to remember Darlene Ruth Gilmore and proclaim her entrance to her heavenly home.

Thank you for sharing in this service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN ..... *SFH, Page 792*

"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"

✞Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P In Holy Baptism Darlene 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 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD ,*A Psalm of David.*

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

C **[2]He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

P He leads me beside still waters.

C **[3]He restores my soul.**

P He leads me in paths of righteousness

C **for His name's sake.**

P [4]Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C **I will fear no evil,**

P for You are with me;

C **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P [5]You prepare a table before me

C **in the presence of my enemies;**

P You anoint my head with oil;

C **my cup overflows.**

P [6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

C **all the days of my life,**

P and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

C **Forever.**

✞KYRE

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 Darlene 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

FIRST READING - 2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

P The First Reading is from the fourth chapter of Second Timothy.

7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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 6:35-40

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

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

35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not
hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36But I said to you that you
have seen me and yet do not believe. 37All that the Father gives me will come to
me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38For I have come down from
heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39And 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. 40For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who
looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him
up on the last day."

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY..... *SFH, Page 742*

""IN THE GARDEN"

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 Darlene 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 Darlene 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 *INSIDE BACK COVER OF HYMNAL*

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.

✞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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"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

IN MEMORY OF DARLENE RUTH GILMORE
MARCH 22, 1943 - OCTOBER 20, 2026

Into Your hands, O Merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Darlene. 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.

Darlene Ruth Gilmore

Darlene Ruth Gilmore, surrounded by family, peacefully passed away on October 20, 2026, at the age of 83 at the family home in High Rolls, NM. She was born on March 22, 1943, in Elmhurst, IL, to the late Wilhemina (Minnie) and Richard Bunker. Darlene was preceded in death by her brothers, Warren and Dick Bunker and sister-in-laws, Jan and Nancy Bunker, and brother-in-law, Howell Everett.

Left to cherish her memory is her devoted husband, Thomas (Tommy) Gilmore of 65 years; daughter, Julie Bond of High Rolls, NM and husband Patrick; son, Darrell Gilmore of Alamogordo, NM, and wife Susan. Darlene's legacy also lives on through her brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Joyce Bunker of Alamogordo, NM; sister, Dorothy Everett of Colorado; her treasured grandchildren, Candace Muncy and her husband Isaac, Steffanie Korthuis and her husband Johnny, Shelby Brazil and her husband JT, Shannon Gilmore. Additionally, Darlene leaves behind eight great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

Darlene was a woman of immense kindness and compassion, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. Throughout her life, she dedicated countless hours to caring for her cherished friends and family, providing unwavering support, love, and friendship. She was an exceptional cook and passed that passion down to her children and grandchildren. She was also an accomplished seamstress and spent hours making clothes and quilts for friends and family. She loved country dancing with her husband Tommy.

Darlene was an Alamogordo high school graduate of the class of 1961. In her professional career, Darlene worked at several furniture sale companies in Alamogordo, NM. She was soft spoken but her kind and warm approach to caring for her customers served her well. In retirement, she established Ma's Pies where she would sell homemade pies and jam at a road side stand in front of the family home in High Rolls during annual Cherry and Apple festivals. She was also active in the PEO club in Alamogordo.

In accordance with Darlene's wishes, services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alamogordo to honor her life. The compassionate staff at Alamogordo Funeral Home in Alamogordo, NM is assisting the family during this difficult time.

Darlene's memory will forever be etched in our hearts. She will be remembered as a selfless and nurturing soul, who dedicated her life to God and the wellbeing of those she held dear. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her spirit will continue to guide and inspire us all.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her caretaker, Lisa, and to the staff of Alamogordo Hospice for the kindness and compassion shown to our mother and the family.