

A Christian Victory Service

for

Stacy Moller



**Be faithful,
even to the point
of death,
and I will give you
the crown of life.**

Revelation 2:10

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Citrus Heights, California
Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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*"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not in despair" 2 Corinthians 4.*

A prayer: *Teach us, Lord of heaven and earth, to number our days aright. Hear our prayers and open our ears to the message You have prepared for us this day. Fill our hearts and minds with the peace which can only come from You as we mourn the earthly departure of Stacy and at the same time celebrate the eternal victory she has received by Your grace. Amen.*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor: We begin this Christian Victory Service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: (spoken) Amen.

P: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You wept at the grave of Your friend Lazarus, and You consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Stacy, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise You for having brought her to faith. In Your rising from the dead, You conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with Your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with You and all the saints in glory everlasting.

A: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Abide with Me

Christian Worship (red Hymnal) # 588

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me!*

*Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea; Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.*

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee. On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.*

P: We turn our attention to these words of Psalm 121. I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

A: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

A: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

A: the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

P: The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

A: the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

A: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(sing, intro)

*I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.*

P: We hear these words of Resurrection Comfort: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

A: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: When Christ, who is our life appears,

A: Then we also will appear with him in glory,

P: We will be before the throne of God

A: And serve him day and night in his temple.

P: Never again will we hunger;
A: Never again will we thirst.

P: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

A: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

P: Let us pray. God of all grace, You sent Your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with Your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

On Eagles' Wings

Christian Worship (red) # 440

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"*

*Refrain And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear; Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain*

*For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain*

A Reading from Holy Scripture --- Deuteronomy 6:4-12

Stacy made it clear by how she lived, including by the decorations in the home, she was walking with the Lord.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. ¹⁰ When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your

fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

P: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Holy Scripture --- Ephesians 6:10-18

By the grace of God, daily Stacy put on the armor of God; leaving an example for us.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

P: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Reading of the Obituary ... See Page 10

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Musical Introduction

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Christian Worship (red) # 219

*Lord, when your glory I shall see ... And taste your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, ... My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, ... Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. ... And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought ... To stand in joy beside you.*



A Reading from Holy Scripture --- John 15:1-8

The theme continues, that of Stacy remaining connected to Jesus through the ups and downs of this life, bearing beautiful fruits of faith.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

In Christ Alone

Christian Worship Supplement (blue softcover) # 752

***In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.***

***In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.***

***There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.***

***No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.***

Further words based on Holy Scripture – Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Talking Point - "Stacy Had Strength Beyond What We Can Fathom"

A Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (...the foundation of Christian faith)

You are welcome to join the Pastor in speaking these words...

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, we praise You for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Stacy, whom You have redeemed by the blood of Your Son and received as Your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank You for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In Your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in Your mercy,

A: Hear our prayer.

P: We praise You for Your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

A: Hear our prayer.

P: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through Your Word and Sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in Your promises and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

A: Hear our prayer.

P: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

A: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



HYMN*Musical Introduction***Jerusalem the Golden***Christian Worship (red) # 214*

*Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
 The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.
 I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
 What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.*

*They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song
 And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.
 The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;
 The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.*

*There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,
 The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;
 And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
 Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.*

*Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
 Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
 Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;
 You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

A: Amen.

HYMN*Musical Introduction***Abide with Me***Christian Worship (red) # 588*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*

Following this Victory Service, you are invited to our Multi-Purpose Center for food and refreshments while reminiscing with family and friends.


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**For Further Personal Reflection:**

Psalm 103:8-17

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

...for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Romans 10:13**

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A look at Stacy's earthly journey

Stacy Ann Moller was born on January 23, 1952, to her loving parents, George and Eileen Longhway. Her older sister and lifelong best friend, Linda, was born three years prior. As a child, Stacy learned to play the piano, often filling the home with the sound of religious hymns or a favorite melody.

Due to her father's work, the family moved frequently. Stacy attended 26 different schools before graduating from Radnor High School in Radnor, Pennsylvania, in 1970. She went on to attend Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota, where she earned an Associate of Arts degree. Shortly after, she moved to California, where her life took a beautiful turn.

In 1975, while working as a hostess at Black Angus, Stacy met the love of her life, Dan Moller. Their connection was immediate, and after only two weeks, they were engaged. On November 5, 1975, just a month after meeting, Dan and Stacy were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville, Nevada. They were blessed with three daughters-Andrea, Kimberly, Jacklyn, and a bonus daughter Stacy. Dan and Stacy shared just shy of 49 years of marriage, a union rooted in faith, love, and friendship. Their bond was a shining example to their family and all who knew them.

As 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." Stacy's life embodied this verse, as love was at the heart of everything she did. Her faith in Jesus Christ was unwavering, and she lived every day as a testament to that love. She found peace, strength, and purpose in her relationship with God, which was the center of her life. Stacy made it her mission to pass on that faith to her children and grandchildren, and she was full of grace and love for everyone she met. She served others joyfully, whether by teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School or volunteering in her community. She believed in sharing the love of Christ with everyone she encountered, always seeking to serve and reflect the light of her Savior.

Stacy understood the importance of family and treasured it, knowing that not everyone was blessed with a place to call home. Over the years, she extended her heart and home to countless people, welcoming them with open arms and the same warmth she offered her own family. Stacy believed that family was much more about love than blood, and through her faith, she welcomed many into our family as if they were her own. She saw every person as a child of God, deserving of love, care, and grace. Stacy treated each person with the same compassion and kindness she showed her closest relatives, because she believed that, in Christ, we are all part of one family.

Forgiveness was central to Stacy's beliefs, and she taught that no one was beyond redemption. She believed in offering second chances freely and that true love includes both forgiveness and the courage to ask for it. Stacy's family learned from her the importance of saying, "I'm sorry," and truly meaning it, and they learned to offer forgiveness to others as well as themselves. Grace, to Stacy, was a gift from God to be extended to all.

Stacy's greatest lesson to her family was that we move as one. In times of joy, we celebrate together; in times of hardship, we grieve and bear the burden together. Whatever we face, we face it united, holding on to our faith and to each other. Her legacy of love, faith, and unity will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched.

Stacy was preceded in death by her parents, George and Eileen Longhway, and her sister Linda (Robert) Renz. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dan; her brother-in-law Ed Moller; nephew Don Moller; her cousin Kathy Setzer; her children Andrea (Aaron) Loughlean, Kimberly (Shawn) Butler, Jacklyn Moller, and Stacy (Josh) Smithee. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Morgan (Sophia), Kaitlyn, Brian, Isaiah, Halia, Jessica, and Caleb.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” – 2 Timothy 4:7

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.





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