

**A Celebration of
Life Service
Helen Vogel
5-22-2021**

**IMMANUEL
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CHURCH**



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9:00 AM
Worship Service**

**10:30 am
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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**Office Hrs, M-F
8am to noon**



**Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.**

(Psalm 23:6)



Celebration of Life Service - Helen Vogel

† April 29, 1920 - May 15, 2021 †

Baptized May 23, 1920 ✕ Confirmed: May 27, 1934

Confirmation Verse:

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

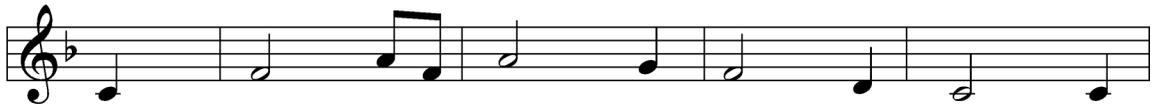
WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Prayer Upon Entering Church— O Lord, our saving light and our shelter in the day of trouble, turn us not away in anger because of our sins. Calm our hearts, strengthen our faith, and lead us in Your straight paths until we see your surpassing goodness in heaven with all those who live in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

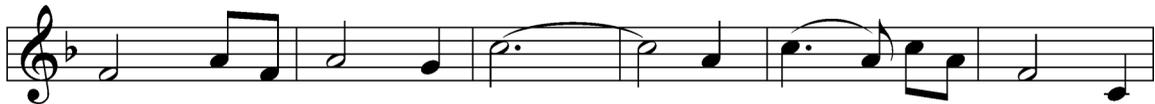
OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
2 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our dear sister Helen 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?*"

People: 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.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you all.

People: And with your spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Helen 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.

People: Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Revelation 7:14-17

"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:27-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel from St. John chapter ten

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

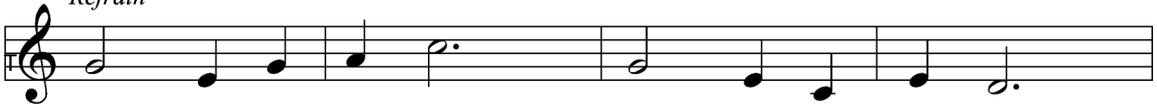
People: Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

SERMON "That My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."**John 15:11****PRAYERS**

Pastor: 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to all of Helen's family comfort in their sadness 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give courage and faith to all believers in Your Son, Jesus, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Helen 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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

Pastor: "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."

People: **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.**

Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Let us pray: 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

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**



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!"



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!

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Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord. Amen

Serving in Today's Service

Officiating minister: Rev. Ed Weber

Organist: Doris Pickering

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Helen Twenhafel Vogel, 101 years old passed away to be with our Lord Saturday, May 15, 2021 at T.L.C. Assistant Living in Harlingen, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Mercedes, Texas born April 29, 1920 in Mercedes, Texas. Helen is survived by her son Donald (Shirley) Vogel of Mercedes; daughter Lynn Vogel Davis of Houston; and her beloved sister in-law Mildred Twenhafel of Mercedes. She has seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grand children including many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband Herbert E. Vogel married for 58 years; her parents Albert & Katherine Brixen Twenhafel; her daughter Carol Vogel Pace and son in-law Kemp Pace of Longmont, Colorado; her son in-law Ray Davis of Houston; her brother Erwin Twenhafel of Mercedes; and her sister Kathleen Petrone of Tennessee.

Mrs. Vogel graduated from Mercedes High School in 1938. On June 7, 1939 she married Herbert E. Vogel where they made their home near Mercedes, Texas; they engaged in agriculture and grew citrus, vegetables, cotton, and started the first Red Brangus cattle ranching in the Rio Grande Valley. She was active with her husband in the Red Brangus Association and the Rio Grande Valley Old Machinery Club and American Legion. Helen received the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Service award in 2002.

Raising her children in a Christian life she also taught this to other children in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. For more than 60 years, Mrs. Vogel has been a Dorcus Society Member serving in all the offices. She was a lifetime member/historian at Immanuel Lutheran Church where services will be held. We would like to give a special thank you to Erika, Norma, Ana, Vicky, and Mari for all the loving and special care they gave Helen Vogel while she was at T.L.C. Assisted Living.

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mercedes, Texas. Visitation will be Friday, May 21, 2021 from 2 p.m. - 7p.m. with a devotional service at 6:00 p.m. conducted by Pastor Weber at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes, Texas. Burial will be at Highland Memorial Park in Weslaco, Texas where she will rest with her husband, her parents, and brother Erwin Twenhafel. Pallbearers are: Dustin Vogel, Oscar Riojas, Oscar Ivan Riojas, Jeremy Bonds, Mark Twenhafel and Jay Dillon. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church at 703 W. 3rd Street, Mercedes, Texas, or charity of choice. Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

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