



Greta Lynn Moldstad
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Peace Lutheran Church
North Mankato, MN
February 3, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR GRETA LYNN MOLDSTAD

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER

“Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—I say, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” (Psalm 130)

Amen.

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father | ELH 174

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Evangelical Heritage Version

FIRST READING God Has Redeemed His People and Called Them By Name | Isaiah 43:1-7

But now this is what the Lord says, the Lord who created you, O Jacob, the Lord who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. ²When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire. ³Because I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you, I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, because I am with you. From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, “Give them back!” and to the south, “Do not hold them.” Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, everyone I created for my glory, everyone I formed, yes, everyone I have made.

HYMN

God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:1-2

SECOND READING Baptized into Christ, We Are United to His Resurrection | Romans 6:3-5

Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:3-5

GOSPEL READING Jesus Shows His Power Over Death, Even for Children | Mark 5:35-43

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler's house arrived, saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?" ³⁶ But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid. Only believe." ³⁷ He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, "*Talitha, koum!*" (When translated, that means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!") ⁴² Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. ⁴³ Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me | ELH 179

OBITUARY (p.8)

SERMON

I Have Called You By Name, You Are Mine | Isaiah 43:1

But now this is what the Lord says, the Lord who created you, O Jacob, the Lord who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PRAYER CONCLUDING WITH LORD'S PRAYER

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, Greta, who 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 for short time on our earthly pilgrimage. In Your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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, **Hear our prayer.**

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, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and
for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-gainst us; And lead
us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the

king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for - ev - er and e - ver.

A - - - - - men.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. ²He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. ³He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. ⁴Even 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. ⁵You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

HYMN

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb | ELH 177

*The family welcomes everyone to join them for a meal following the service.
All are welcome to attend the burial service at 1:30pm at
Woodland Hills Memorial Park, 1605 Woodland Ave, Mankato, MN.*

THOSE WHO SERVED

Officiant	Pastor Ben Wiechmann
Organist	John Baumann
Meal	Peace Volunteers
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CHRISTIAN BURIAL SERVICE

GREETING

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you.

LESSON

Christ Gives Us the Victory Over Death | 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

After the lesson, the minister says:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

COMMITAL

The minister stands at the head of the casket.

It has pleased the almighty God, in his wisdom, to take out of this world the soul of our departed *sister, Greta Moldstad*. We now commit her body to the ground—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The minister may make the sign of the cross by pouring sand on the casket.

May God the Father, who created this body;

May God the Son, † who by his blood redeemed this body together with the soul;

May God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be his temple;

Keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER

Almighty God, by the death of your Son you destroyed death, by his rest in the tomb you sanctified the graves of your saints, and by his glorious resurrection you brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in him live in peace and joy. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which Christ won for Greta and for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all who wait for him on earth and with all in heaven, who are with him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

HYMN

*On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures,
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.*

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace.

OBITUARY FOR GRETA LYNN MOLDSTAD



Greta Lynn Moldstad was born on January 12th, 2024 in Minneapolis, MN at 25 weeks gestation. She was made a child of God and an heir of eternal life through the waters of Holy Baptism that same day. Her short earthly life was spent in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the M Fairview Children’s Hospital in Minneapolis. She was graciously cared for by a wonderful team of

skilled and compassionate doctors and nurses. Her parents visited daily. They especially appreciated their time holding her and singing hymns to her.

Greta is survived by her parents, Matt & Joni Moldstad, as well as her brothers, Christian, Caleb, Levi, Kedron, and Calvary.

Greta was taken home to heaven to be with her loving Savior, Jesus Christ, on January 31st, 2024. We look forward to a blessed reunion one day with her there.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14