

Laura Bernice Lillegard

July 5, 1926 – June 24, 2017

The Funeral Service of

Laura Bernice Lillegard

July 8, 2017 11AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN



Pre-service Music

Invocation

Opening Prayer *Psalm 130*

Family Choir: *Just As I Am*

Arr. by Alice Maxfield

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

New Testament Readings

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Hymn 595 *Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes*

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

Hymn 474 *I’m But a Stranger Here*

Sermon Text

Psalms 16:8-11 I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The Reading of the Obituary

Hymn 597 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Psalm 23 (In Unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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.

Family Choir: Benediction

Hymn 561 vv. 1, 2, 6-8: *Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide*

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Officiant: Pastor John J. Petersen

Organist: John Baumann

Pall Bearers: Nephews of Laura

Laura's family extends thanks to all who have come to be with them today. All guests are invited to gather for a lunch immediately following the service. The internment will occur following the luncheon at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery on Third Avenue in Mankato.

Laura Bernice Lillegard

Laura Bernice Lillegard died peacefully Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Pathstone Living in Mankato.

Funeral service 11:00 a.m. Saturday July 8, 2017 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Burial is at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery. Visitation Friday 5 – 8 p.m. and one hour before the service on Saturday all at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Memorials preferred to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and the ELS Seminary at Bethany. Mankato Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Laura was born July 5, 1926 in Kuling, China to the Rev. George and Bernice Lillegard while they were serving as missionaries. She graduated from Newton High School in Newton, MA. Laura then worked as a ward clerk in Children's Hospital in Boston. She moved to Mankato and attended Bethany College. Laura was the AAL Secretary of its local chapter for 18 years. Laura was a caregiver for many local families including her own.

She was an active member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church singing in its choir and taught Sunday school for 50 years. Laura was the family historian and was known for remembering each family member's birthday. She loved reading, music, playing cards and games, and socializing.

Laura is survived by sister, Alice (Daniel) Maxfield of Laurel, MD; two brothers, David (Ione) Lillegard of Sebastian, FL, Norman (Diane) Lillegard of Martin, TN; 32 nieces and nephews; many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Elizabeth Honsey, Marjorie Shelvik-Borck; brothers, George and Lawrence and spouses.

The family expresses their gratitude for the loving ministry of care given to Laura at Pathstone.

Blessed Be Her Memory