



SERVICE OF RESURRECTION
JUDITH BLOMBERG
APRIL 1, 1952 – DECEMBER 13, 2025

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church | August 22, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

How Great Thou Art

Red Hymnal #856

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there
proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Welcome

- P Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister, Judi, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrance of Baptism

- P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray together: **O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Judi. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life. May we continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Life Tributes

Angie Pinho, *sister*
Julia Russell, *daughter*
Scott Blomberg, *brother*

Solo

Hälsa Dem Därhemma

Elith Worsing

Readings

Psalms 91
John 11:21-27

read by Jana Blomberg, *niece*
read by Apollo Blomberg, *nephew*

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

Red Hymnal #781

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| 1. Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given. | 3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth. |
| 2. God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them. | 4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy. |

Creed

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in 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 your peace. **Hear us, Lord.**

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 that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Hear us, Lord.**

- P Give courage and faith to Judi's family, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Hear us, Lord.**
- P Grant us grace to entrust Judi to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. **Hear us, Lord.**
- P God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The 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 of Entrustment

- C **Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we entrust your servant, Judi. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child 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.**
- P Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Red Hymnal #660

Refrain

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| <p>Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.</p> <p>1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Deemond R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
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Postlude

Piece d'Orgue, "Gravement"

J.S. Bach

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*Judi's family thanks you for being here, and for all of your support and prayers.
Please join them for a reception following the service at the American Swedish Institute. All are welcome.*

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*God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning
and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.
—Revelation 21:4*

Judith Blomberg

Judith “Judi” Blomberg passed away on December 13, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of compassion and service to others.

Judi was born on April 1, 1952, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to George “Pooley” and Delores Blomberg. She was raised in Albert City, Iowa, where she grew up surrounded by extended family and a deep appreciation for her Swedish heritage.

Judi attended Albert City-Truesdale schools in Albert City and Truesdale, Iowa graduating as the co-aledictorian in 1970. She participated in many school activities including playing flute in the concert and marching bands. During that time, Judi also worked in the family business Pooley’s restaurant which was located across the street from the school.

She attended Drake University, earning both her undergraduate degree and her law degree. After law school, Judi moved to Houston, Texas, where she began her legal career with a major law firm downtown and eventually transitioned to a position as corporate counsel at American General. She eventually became a preschool teacher and educator at the Children’s Museum of Houston before discovering her true calling as a Shock Trauma Liaison at Memorial Hermann Hospital. She also volunteered at Bo’s Place, supporting children as they navigated grief with care and understanding.

In 2011, Judi returned to her Midwestern roots and moved to Minnesota, where she continued her life’s work in palliative care. She possessed a remarkable gift for walking alongside people during life’s most difficult chapters, ensuring they and their families were treated with dignity, respect, and kindness. Her empathy, wisdom, and calm presence touched countless lives.

Judi was a proud steward of her Swedish heritage and an active volunteer at the American Swedish Institute. She delighted in sharing the story of Swedish immigration and the Institute’s mission with visitors from around the world. She believed that immigrants were an essential part of any society and found great joy in participating in cross-cultural programs that celebrated and learned from diverse immigrant communities.

Judi was also the treasured historian of her family. She devoted countless hours to researching her Swedish genealogy, preserving family stories, and ensuring future generations remained connected to their heritage. She delighted in sharing Swedish traditions, from gathering for fika and homemade Swedish tea rings to teaching Swedish songs, hymns, and holiday customs.

No holiday held more significance for her than Santa Lucia Day which is celebrated on December 13. She lovingly passed those traditions on to her daughter, grandson, extended family, and all who were fortunate enough to learn from her.

She was also an active volunteer with Friends of Loring Park, where she nurtured her love of gardening, nature, and community. Some of her happiest moments were spent along Minnesota’s North Shore, where she found peace in solo hikes, quiet adventures, and the beauty of Lake Superior. She was also a diehard Vikings fan and could talk shop with the best of them.

Of all the roles she held throughout her life, none brought her greater joy than being a mother and, later, a grandmother. Judi was a devoted mother to her daughter, Julia, whom she raised with endless love, encouraging a lifelong sense of curiosity, adventure, and compassion. In 2024, she proudly became “Mormor” to her grandson, Zane. She embraced that role wholeheartedly, delighting in spoiling him, reading with him, and introducing him to Swedish traditions and culture from his earliest days.

Judi had a gift for building strong connections with many family members and friends. Among those connections, she valued greatly her relationships with Scott’s children Matt, Jana, and Apollo and often found time to be with them.

Judi built a community wherever she went. Whether comforting families in hospitals, welcoming visitors at the American Swedish Institute, tending a garden, or sharing stories over coffee, she made people feel seen, valued, and connected. Her warmth, generosity, and unwavering belief in the goodness of others leave an enduring legacy. Judi is survived by her daughter, Julia; her son-in-law, Sean; and her grandson, Zane. She is also survived by her sister, Angela Pinho and her husband, Antonio Pinho; her brother, Scott Blomberg, and his wife, Mary; and their children, Matt, Jana, and Apollo. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Delores Blomberg, and her brother, Gregg Blomberg.

Judi’s legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched through her compassion, her devotion to family, and her determination to preserve the traditions and stories that shaped those she loved. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and all whose lives were made brighter by knowing her. Donations can be made in her memory to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota or Bo’s Place in Houston, Texas.

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Worship Leaders

Pastor

Makayla Dahleen

Organ

Celina Kobetitsch

Vocalist

Hope Quinn