



**Giving Thanks for the Life and Faith of
Bernice Lorraine Davenport
June 1, 1939 – March 16, 2024**

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

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University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis + April 20, 2024, 10 a.m.

+Indicates the Assembly should stand as able

Spoken assembly words are marked in **boldface**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

PRELUDE	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from BWV 147	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
GATHERING WORDS		
+HYMN	For All the Saints, v. 1, 3, 5-7	ELW 422
+GREETING AND PRAYER		
REMEMBRANCES	Julie Davenport, Daughter in Law	
MUSICAL TRIBUTE	Ugestu (Fantasy in D) Cedar Walton (1934-2013) arr. Miles Davenport and Roman Barnes	
READINGS	Psalm 23 1 John 3:18-23	
HOMILY	Pastor Jen Nagel	

+HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Je - sus I have prom - ised To serve thee to the
O let me feel thee near me, The world is ev - er
O let me hear thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and
O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low

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end; Be thou for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my
near; I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I
still, A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self -
thee, That where thou art in glo - ry There shall thy ser - vant

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friend; I shall not fear the bat - tle If thou art by my
hear; My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with -
will; O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con -
be; And, Je - sus, I have pro - mised To serve thee to the

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side, Nor wan - der from the path - way If thou wilt be my
in; But, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, And shield my soul from
trol; O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guar - dian of my
end; O give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my

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guide.
sin.
soul.
friend.
A - men.

Text: John Ernest Bode (1816-74)

Music: ANGEL'S STORY. 7 6, 7 6. D. by Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

+APOSTLES' CREED

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

Following each petition:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

Using these words or what is familiar to you.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Please note that the first verse can be sung in either Swedish or English. Bernice recalled singing this verse in Swedish at Christmas and during family reunions.

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
(Sleepers wake, a voice is calling)

J.S. Bach

*Following the service, please join the family in the
lower level fellowship hall for a reception.*

Ministers Pastor Jen Nagel
 Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert
Musician Charles Kemper
Hospitality Members of University Lutheran Church of Hope

Bernice Lorraine Davenport

June 1, 1939 - March 16, 2024

Bernice Lorraine Davenport, 84, died peacefully on March 16. She is survived by her husband, Garvin, their sons Garvin III, his wife Hiromi and son Miles; Paul and his wife Tracy; and Greg and his wife Julie and their children Landon and Gabrielle. Bernice was preceded in death by her parents and her three older siblings, Wesley, Marvin and Evelyn.

Bern, as she was known to friends and family, grew up in Monmouth, Illinois. Active in 4-H, she won awards at county fairs and the Illinois State Fair for her beautifully designed and sewn clothing. In the fall of 1953, she wore one of her “formals” to the high school homecoming dance with her date, 9th grade classmate Garvin, and that was the beginning of their 70 year life-long relationship.

After high school, Bern completed a three year degree at what was then Moline Lutheran School of Nursing in Moline, Illinois which included an eye-opening internship at Chicago’s Cook County Hospital. She graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1960. In December of that year she and Garvin were married in Monmouth and lived for the rest of that school year in Grinnell, Iowa while he finished college and she worked at the Grinnell Community Hospital.

Next, they moved to Minneapolis where she served as a post-surgical RN at the University of Minnesota Hospital while Garvin pursued his doctorate in American Studies.

Their first two children, Garvin III and Paul were born while they lived in Minneapolis. In 1969, they moved to the St. Anthony Park neighborhood of St. Paul where their third son, Gregory, was born.

With three children and a large house to manage, Bern shifted from full-time employment to a position as part-time staff nurse at St. Anthony Park Nursing home and, later, as Infection Control Nurse at Sholom Home. Still later, she served as a nurse in what was then the St. Anthony Park Block-Nurse program, specializing in foot care and as an always-willing volunteer nurse for the program’s blood-pressure clinics.

Bern was a long-time active member in the SAP Antique Club and Chapter K of P.E.O. She enjoyed Wednesday morning coffee get-togethers with some of her near-by neighbors. Over the years, she proved a much-admired chef and gracious hostess for many family dinners and celebrations as well as for gatherings in their St. Anthony Park home for Hamline University faculty and staff after Garvin became CLA Dean.

She always looked forward to spending time with her three grandchildren, Miles, Landon and Gabrielle. Making cookies with Grandma, “overnights” on the upstairs sleeping porch, summer swims in various

lakes, funny family stories and board games, along with trips to “Gramma’s attic” in search of “treasures” were highlights of those many visits.

Bern loved growing flowers and vegetables in the backyard garden. A visit to Paul and Tracy in Minneapolis always included a tour of their flowers and vegetable garden, and spring visits to Virginia always included helping Garvin and Hiromi plant their flowers on their deck overlooking the backyard and woods beyond. The high point of each growing season, however, was the day when Bern’s own rhubarb crop was first ready to harvest. She loved rhubarb and her rhubarb cakes, sauces and pies were family favorites.

Swedish on both sides of her Olson/Oberg family, Bern was very proud of her Scandinavian heritage. Each Christmas season started at dawn on December 13th with Santa Lucia candles, rolls and coffee. Christmas Eve family dinners always included Christmas rice, fruit soup and Swedish meatballs. She helped organize two Olson family reunions held in the Twin Cities, both of which were attended by family members from all across the United States. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2010, she and Garvin toured Sweden and were able to find the birthplaces of her ancestors. Over the years, they also traveled in Taiwan, England, France and Germany as well as in many parts of the United States.

Today’s memorial service is being held just two blocks from the site of the tiny apartment in which Bern and Garvin first lived when they moved to Minnesota in the summer of 1961 and began their long association with University Lutheran Church of Hope.

Memorials in Bern’s memory can be given to the F. Garvin and Bernice L. Davenport Endowed Scholarship at Hamline University, the Alzheimer’s Association, Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation, Planned Parenthood or Protect Minnesota.

Bernice’s ashes will be interred near Monmouth, Illinois at a later date. This burial plot for Bernice and Garvin is shared with several generations of the Olson family.



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