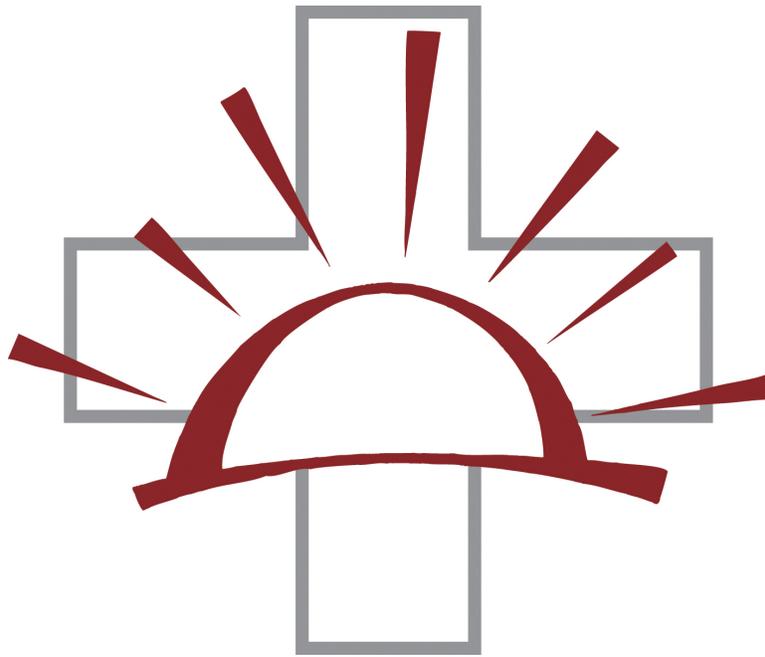


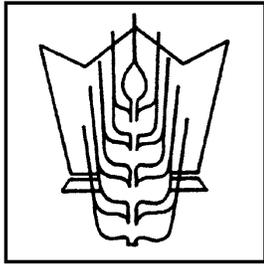
Trinity Lutheran Church



Betty Jeanine Johnson Onken

July 18, 1929 - February 28, 2026

*To be absent from the body is to be present
with the Lord*



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Funeral

Betty Onken

February 23, 2026

Order of Service

Reading from Portals of Prayer

I believe Jesus died for me personally. I'm right with God, not because of what I do; it's a pure gift of God. I don't trust an organization but in Jesus alone. I'm deeply loved by God. Therefore, I am secure and have peace and joy. I know I have eternal life, and I am sure that by God's grace I will go to heaven.

Placing the Pall

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In Holy Baptism Betty Onken was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. Saint Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: 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 the 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.

**Entrance
Hymn**

Blessed be the Tie that Binds

LSB 649

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Betty 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.

C: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament

Lamentations 3:22-26 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 121 (ESV)

Antiphon vs 8

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**C: My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**C: The LORD will keep your going out and
your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**All: 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.**

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Solo *It is Well With My Soul* Ms Judy Onken LaBoda

P: If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him;

C: If we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* LSB 711

Sermon *Hear, O Israel* Mark 12:29-31

Prayers *Prayer of the Church*

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen 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.

C: Hear us, O 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 gate of death and the grave we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, your Holy Spirit that he may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

C: Hear us, O 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 that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will 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.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

P: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

**C: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.;**

**C: My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every
people:**

**C: a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**All: 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.**

P: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious
to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn to Depart *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Organ only

Reception

The family invites you to join them for a meal in the church basement after the interment.

Participants

Officiant Rev Dr Jeffrey B Williams
Organist Mrs Kathy Schwartz
Soloist Ms Judy Onken LaBoda
