

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JACKIE LYNN OKUN (MONROE)**  
April 27, 1955 to April 29, 2022

**A Service of Thanksgiving & Praise to Our Gracious God**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brandon, Florida  
May 14, 2022

*Officiant: Rev. Dan Ritter*  
*Organist: Kathy Hogue*

**THE WELCOME**

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Do you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection, (Romans 6:3-5)  
*He that believes and is baptized shall be saved!*

Pastor: Let us pray

## INVOCATION

Pastor: We gather today to give strength and comfort to one another in the name of our living God-Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Let us share and speak the Word of Life to one another.**

Pastor: You give us the gift of life, Almighty Father, and so we live. You love us and so we are your people.

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, new life in the God made known through Jesus, the Christ.**

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from him Who is, Who was, and Who is to come, from the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and Ruler of the kings of the earth.

**All: To Him Who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father-to Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen**

**Hymn: #744 “Amazing Grace”**

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven’s joy and peace.

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## GOD'S WORDS OF COMFORT

### Old Testament Reading – Job 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup> “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

### Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, 56-57

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

<sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel Reading – Mark 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

<sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

<sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

<sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

<sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **SERMON HYMN – LSB #575 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

#### *Verses 1 & 4*

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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## A MESSAGE OF COMFORT

**Pastor Dan Ritter**

*Job 19:23-27*

### **LSB #677** “For All the Saints” *Verses 1, 4 & 7*

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## THE LITANY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

**Pastor:** Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid,  
nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go.

**All:** **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

**Pastor:** God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help  
in trouble.

**All:** **He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads  
me beside still waters.**

Pastor: May the God of all grace, Who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you.

**All: Even 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.**

Pastor: For I consider that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

**All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

Pastor: But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### 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.**

**CLOSING MUSIC: LSB#770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**  
*Verses 1 & 3*

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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**BENEDICTION**

- Pastor:** The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- All:** Amen.

***Please join the family in the Family Life Center (Gym) for a Celebration of Life Reception of food and fellowship. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Tampa YMCA Campo Campaign <https://secure.gqiv.com/for/jomf/>. There will be an envelope at the Welcome Center and checks can be made out to Campo YMCA; please note at the bottom Jackie Okun.***

## Obituary



Jackie Lynn Okun (Monroe) was called home by the Lord on April 29, 2022 in Valrico, Florida in a tragic running accident. Jackie was born to John and Elrene Monroe on April 27th, 1955 in Niagara Falls, New York.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her nephew Jason Monroe. Survived by husband Terry and daughter Cara both of Valrico; her mother, Elrene Monroe of Pendleton, NY, her siblings Larry Monroe (Ex Diane Getty Snickles) of Lockport, NY, Darcy Whitsett (Dan) of Leesburg, VA, Susan Driggs (Jim) of Jacksonville, FL, Dennis Monroe (Holly Hagedorn) of Lockport, NY, nieces and nephews Danny Whitsett, KC Whitsett, Aubrey Monroe, and John Monroe, and cousins Diane, Gary, Darryl, Crystal, Jeff, Tammy, Andy, Donna, Marilyn, Kathy, and John. Through marriage, Ronnie Redmon (Don), Randy Okun (Debbi), Alan Okun (deceased), nieces and nephews Connie, Danny, and Jordan.

Jackie was born and raised in Western New York. She attended Starpoint Central High School and spent many summers at Camp Pioneer both as a camper and on their staff. Camp Pioneer holds a special spot in the hearts of those who have experienced it. Jackie graduated from Concordia College, Bronxville, NY in 1977. She began a 36-year career teaching Kindergarten at Saint Michael Lutheran School in Fort Myers. She met Terry in 1981 and they began their married journey together in 1982. They moved to Tampa where she continued her dream to teach the little ones at Immanuel Lutheran. She realized how long she had been teaching when she recognized the parents – they had once been her students. After retirement Jackie pursued her love of running, sewing, crafting, gardening, and most recently swimming. She was fortunate to have travelled with her lifelong friend Linda Nye. Her family is grateful for the deep friendships forged at the YMCA and various running groups she participated in, including her "Runners Church".



Some of her proudest achievements are her running trophies accumulated for often placing first for her age group, completing the Disney Marathon, and swimming 1000+ miles. She recently swam 67 laps on her 67th birthday. Friends and family hold dear the heirloom quilts she made.

Jackie always did as told, so when her father who was teaching her to drive said "Back Up", she backed right out the driveway and across the street into the field. You see, he didn't say how far to back up!

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday May 14th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brandon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Tampa YMCA Campo Campaign

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/jomf/>.

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## *Prayer of Sympathy*

*For all those who woke this morning  
to the loneliness of bereavement--  
the empty bed or chair,  
an unaccustomed quietness,  
a life now incomplete --  
may they know Your presence  
in the stillness of the day,  
and through the love of friends  
who offer their condolence.  
And in the darker moments  
may they reach out to hold your hand  
and feel the warmth of the One  
who has already passed from  
death to life  
to welcome others into God's Kingdom.*

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**Pastor**

Rev. Dan Ritter, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Jr., Hispanic Pastor

Kathy Hogue, Music Director

**We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**Sunday Worship:**

9am Bible Study and Sunday School

10am Communion Service

10:30am Estudio Biblico and 10:30am Escuela Dominical

11:30am Santo Servicio