
FAITH
Lutheran Church
"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."
John 11:25
A Service of Christian Memorial for
Carolyn Ann (Stothard) Arias
November 5, 1951 – November 4, 2026
November 17, 2026 • 1:00 p.m.



Carolyn Arias

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Faith Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

935 South Crystal Glen Drive
Lecanto, Florida 34461

Pastor Patrick Galligar
Organist Sharron Royalty

We have gathered this day, November 17, 2026 to remember the life and faith of Carolyn Arias, to praise God for all He has given us in her, and to thank God for the gift of eternal life which we all possess by faith in Jesus Christ.

Please join the family for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Procession to the internment at Ferro Cemetery will follow the luncheon.
5955 N. Lecanto Hwy., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

PRELUDE Lift High the Cross LSB 837

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Faith Lutheran Bell Choir

INVOCATION

P*: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF HOLY BAPTISM

P*: In Holy Baptism Carolyn was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. 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 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *Let us pray: Gracious and Merciful Father in Heaven, we come before you this day torn, between the joy we feel for our brother, Carolyn Arias, who is with you now, and the sorrow we feel at her passing from our lives. We know that she is with You in heaven, not because of her efforts in this life, but because of her faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead. Help us to cherish her memory, and celebrate her life, as we reflect on the gift of heaven, and on the gift Carolyn was to all who knew her. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

HYMN: Rock of Ages LSB 761

INTROIT *Psalm 100*

P: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

C: Serve the Lord with gladness!

P: *Come into his presence with singing!*

C: Know that the Lord, he is God!

P: *It is he who made us, and we are his;*

C: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*

C: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P: *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,*

C: and his faithfulness to all generations.

KYRIE

P*: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

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 Carolyn 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-6*

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter*

C: Glory to You, O Lord

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord*
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 will 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.

SERMON HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less LSB 576

SERMON "*The Hands that Served, the Bells that Rang and the Savior Who Lives*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: *Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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. Lord, in Your mercy,*
C: Hear our prayer.

P: *Grant that Carolyn and all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,*
C: Hear our prayer.

P: *Grant that Carolyn and all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,*
C: Hear our prayer.

P: *Give to Carolyn's family and friends and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give them courage and faith, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,*

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *Receive our thanks for Carolyn and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,*

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *God of all grace, we give you thanks because by His death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection 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.*

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P*: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:*

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," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

COLLECT

P*: The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P*: Let us pray: Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever*
C: Amen.

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 shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✞ give you peace.*
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art **#801**

Carolyn was born on November 5, 1951, in Kittery, Maine, to Hazel and Alan Stothard. An only child, she later moved to Florida, where she attended Southwest High School in Miami.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, James C. Arias, and her daughters, Serena Marie Lowman and Katie Louise Arias. She was a proud grandmother to five grandchildren: Aiden Lowman, Sophia Lowman, Logan Kaelin, Allyson Arias and Emma Lowman.

Carolyn had a creative spirit and enjoyed filling her spare time with things she loved.

Music was one of her passions, and she enjoyed playing the piano. She also took the time to learn the ukulele, always enjoying the opportunity to learn something new.
She especially loved knitting, a hobby that brought her many hours of happiness. She had a special talent for creating things with her hands and particularly enjoyed knitting socks and Christmas ornaments. Each handmade piece was made with care and love, making them special keepsakes for those fortunate enough to receive them.

Carolyn had a special love for dogs and greatly enjoyed spending time training and working with them. She participated in a variety of dog activities, including agility, scent work, and obedience. She enjoyed the challenges of training and the special bond that develops between a person and their dog. Through her involvement in the dog community, Carolyn made many wonderful friendships with fellow dog lovers who shared her passion. Her dogs were more than just pets; they were companions and an important part of her life, bringing her joy and countless special memories.

Carolyn was also an active and devoted member of Faith Lutheran Church. She participated in the Bell Choir, sharing her love of music with the congregation, and took responsibility for preparing the altar for Communion. She found fulfillment in serving her church and being part of its fellowship. Her involvement reflected her caring nature and her willingness to give her time to something meaningful.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, one of Carolyn's favorite charities, in her memory. This organization was a cause that held a special place in her heart.



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