

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA 11 AM WORSHIP APRIL 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion



*Please text Prayers to “Text in Church” # 314.329.0487 to be lifted today*

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING PROCLAMATION** ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! **ALL: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**Psalm 133**

*Worship Asst:* <sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

**GATHERING SONG** *Immortal, Invisible*

**Immortal Invisible** CCLI Song # 5114962 CCLI License # 1787498

**Chorus**

You're the God of forever and ever amen  
The Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
We sing hallelujah  
We worship in awe  
Immortal invisible God

**Verse 1**

Immortal You are not like a man  
That You change Your mind  
Or change Your plan  
Invisible our human eyes can't see  
The depths of Your majesty

**Verse 2**

Immortal You are not bound by death  
You're the living God my very breath  
Invisible You are not bound by space  
But Your glory is filling this place  
Yes Your glory is filling this place

**Verse 3**

Immortal yet You once died for me  
To pay my debt to set me free  
Invisible You will not always be  
'Cause You're coming to reign as our King  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection...

... By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, now and forever. **Amen.** *The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song**

### **KIDS' MESSAGE "HOW DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS IN NEED?" &**

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35** - Read by Pastor

A reading from Acts.

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2** - Read by the Worship Asst.

A reading from 1 John.

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have

an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

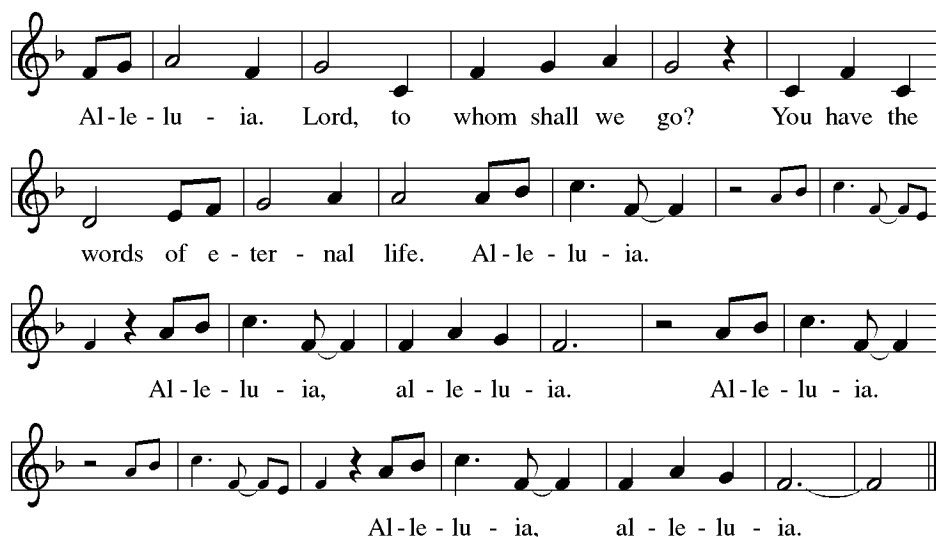
*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**



### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **APRIL'S SERMON SERIES: 'BE a PART OF / BELONG / BELIEVE'**

### **TODAY'S MESSAGE – DEFENDING the DOUBT!**

## **Holy Baptism**

### **Presentation**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

I present Eleanor Ruth Tappmeyer for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:*

Ben and Ellis – for Eleanor, Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eleanor baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,  
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,  
so that Eleanor may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *her* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Eleanor Ruth Tappmeyer and pray for *her* in the new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.  
The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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*\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

*Gather around the font*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, Risen Christ, for these waters where You make use new,

**All: leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, Risen Christ, that Your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

**All: like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on Your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with Your mercy and forgiveness.

**All: Send us companions on our journey as we share Your life.**

Make us one, Risen Christ.

**All: Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

To You be given all praise with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. **Amen.**

### **Baptism**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

Eleanor Ruth Tappmeyer, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit  
you give your daughters and sons new birth,  
cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain Eleanor with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Eleanor, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

### **Welcome**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child)*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

*The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Thy Word* (Baptismal Song Chosen by Eleanor's Family)**

CCLI Song # 14301 CCLI License # 1787498

<b>Chorus</b> Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path <b>Verse 1</b> When I feel afraid And I think I've lost my way Still You're there right beside me Nothing will I fear As long as You are near Please be near me to the end	<b>Verse 2</b> I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side I will love You to the end
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - PRAYED BY WORSHIP ASST.**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid.

**Sionie Elavsky,**

**Vika** (Yelena Barnhart's aunt, recovering at home on oxygen),

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Myron and Patsy Holm,**

**Adam Jackson,**

**Betty Kent,**

**Wayne Mosher** (cardiac issues),

**Scotty Larson,**

**Leah,**

**Lloyd Campbell** (lung cancer),

**Jack Hamill,**

**Pastor Greg Eidell** (migraine issues),

**Shari Clay** (in rehab following stroke, friend of Darlene & Steve Kuhlman),



**Linda & Eva** (undergoing medical tests, friends of Jayne Kastens),  
**Tammi Briggs** (Merry Franklin's daughter-in-law is having health problems),  
**Sue Tresback** (diagnosed with aggressive multiple myeloma, friend of Lola Nosker),  
**Alexander Lucas** (blood clot in leg, Donovan's uncle)  
**Christine Benson** (Marcus' mom - prayers for a speedy recovery),  
**Eileen Franco** (friend of Joan Paul's, in hospital with sepsis following giving birth),  
**Simone** (suffering from depression),  
**John Parulo** (who is suffering with a skin disease),  
**Carl Quicksall** (friend of David Haas, is battling Stage 4 Lung Cancer)

**Pat Schwan**

**Bud Niebling** (leg pain)

**Those with COVID:**

**Bob Engelken** (friend of Mike & Peachie Prange)

**MEMORIALS:**

**The Family of Susan Morrell**, a former member of Holy Cross.

**The Family of Margaret Johns**, John Hanson's aunt.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and with many others. Also - Bless the other faith communities who will soon be meeting in the Holy Cross Chapel (New Song and the Woori Korean Presbyterians.) Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered through Text-in-Church by the Pastor.*

*Pastor:* You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

**OFFERING** *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God*

<http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>

*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.*



<p><b>Verse 1</b> There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well</p> <p><b>Pre-Chorus</b> Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won He is risen from the dead</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> (And) I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain I will rise on eagle's wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise (I will rise)</p>	<p><b>Verse 2</b> There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb</p> <p><b>(REPEAT)</b> Worthy is the Lamb</p>
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**OFFERING PRAYER** *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos and encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light and nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

**[For Home Communion, please RAISE UP your Communion Elements]**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (newer version)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

The Risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied!

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.*

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Capital Campaign Update

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG** *Raise a Hallelujah* CCLI Song # 7119315 CCLI License # 1787498

<b>Verse 1</b> I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me <b>Chorus</b> I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive <b>Verse 2</b> I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me	<b>Bridge</b> Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) <b>Bridge</b> Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me <b>(REPEAT)</b> Sing a little louder <b>Ending</b> I raise a hallelujah
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#### WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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Donna Jackson - In celebration of Paul & Donna Jackson's 34th wedding anniversary