

*Father,*

*God of all consolation,  
In Your unending love and mercy for us  
You turn the darkness of death  
Into the dawn of new life.*

*Show compassion to Your people in their sorrow.  
Be our refuge and our strength  
To lift us from the darkness of this grief  
To the peace and light of Your presence.*

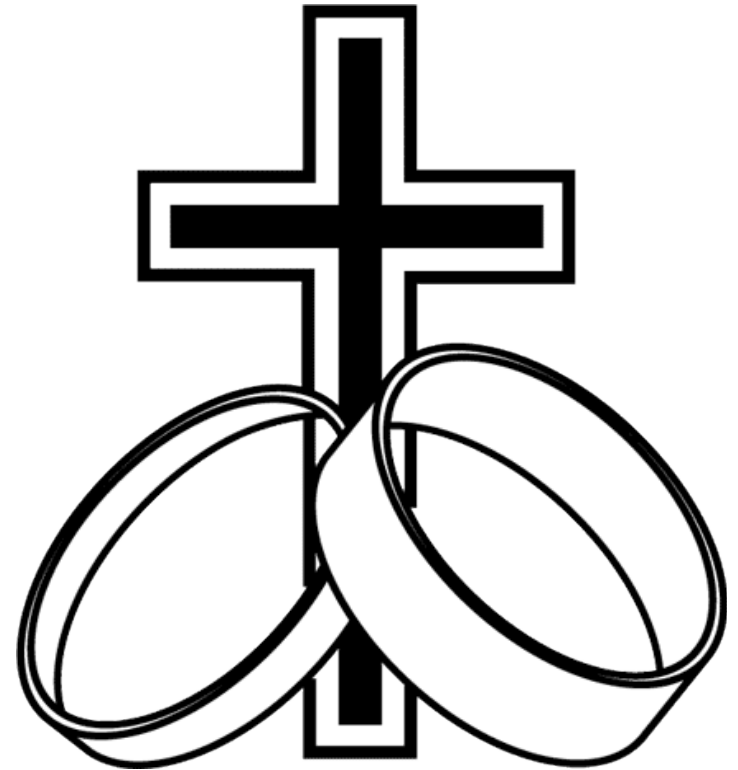
*Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
By dying for us, conquered death  
And by rising again, restored life.*

*May we then go forward eagerly to meet Him,  
And after our life on earth  
Be reunited with our brothers and sisters,  
Where every tear will be wiped away.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*The Memorial Service  
of  
Gordon and Felma  
Diehl*



*Two Lives Lived as One  
In Christ*



## PRAYER (All)

Now commit we calmly to the grave  
Those forms whereof no doubt we have  
That they shall rise again that Day  
In glorious triumph o'er decay.

And so to earth again we trust:  
What came from dust and turns to dust,  
And from the dust shall surely rise  
When the last trumpet fills the skies.

Their souls forever live with God,  
Whose grace their pardon hath bestowed,  
Who through His Son redeemed them here  
From Bondage unto sin and fear.

Their trials and their griefs are past  
A blessed end is here at last;  
They bore Christ's yoke and did His will,  
And though they died, they liveth still.

Then let us leave them to their rest,  
And homeward turn, for they are blest.  
And we must well our souls prepare  
For death may seize us anywhere.

So help us, Christ, our Hope in loss.  
Thou hast redeemed us by Thy cross  
From endless death and misery;  
We praise, we bless, we worship Thee. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## THE BENEDICTION (Pastor)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

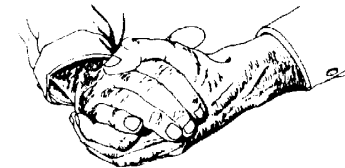
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## Closing HYMN - 644

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* \* SILENT PRAYER \* \*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

According to Gordon and Velma's wishes, cremation and burial have taken place. On behalf of the family, we wish to express appreciation for your many kindnesses evidenced in word and deed, and for your attendance at this memorial service of victory in Christ Jesus.

Please join us after the service for a light lunch in our fellowship hall.

## The Combined Obituaries of Gordon and Velma Diehl

Velma Mae Diehl was born April 9, 1920, God's gift to Les and Ruby Grimm of Orofino. She was the third of seven children, the only girl. Which meant she had to wear a lot of pink dresses, which of course earned her the endearing nickname "Pinky." Velma graduated from Lewiston High School and then went to business college to learn bookkeeping. Early on she married Russell Dodson who died in 1943 while in the service. She then married Art Woodruff, who also died. Then in 1960 the LORD blessed her with another gift in Holy Matrimony. But more about that in a minute...

Gordon Abraham Diehl was born on February 12, 1922, in Huron, ND, God's gift to Oscar and Emma Diehl. Because of the dust bowl conditions in the Dakotas, the family was forced to move and they traveled to Dixie and Walla Walla, WA. From there to Lewiston area and Orofino.

The Bible says in **Proverbs 18:24: "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD."** The LORD had a great gift in mind for these two when He brought them together in the Holy Estate of Matrimony on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1960. The Almighty blessed them with over 50 years of life and love together.

Throughout their lives, the LORD continued to provide for their earthly needs in various ways.

Gordon and Velma had several professions. Gordon loved working with wood! Velma often said "Gordon had pitch in his veins, not blood." He worked as a Sauer, a college math professor, a butcher and a policeman. The story is told of how he even once gave the mayor of Orofino a parking ticket.

Velma worked as a bookkeeper for Grey – Web Buick, and Owl Drug. She and Gordon worked together in their later lives and opened "Clearwater Saw-Shop" in Pierce, ID. Velma, of course, did the books. Gordon supplied wood for many family members, neighbors and also for his pastor's residence.

Velma was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1980, and Gordon followed suite in 1981 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lewiston, ID., the Rev. Riedel – a vacancy pastor from Spokane Valley - officiating.

Gordon and Velma were members here at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Through the years the Good Shepherd fed them with the green pastures of His powerful Word as well as the nourishing forgiveness of sins found in the real presence of His body and blood under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gordon served as the Treasurer for a number of years, and Velma enjoyed participating in the many duties of the Ladies Aid group.

As most of you know, both Gordon and Velma suffered from an assortment of illnesses, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's to name two, and it wasn't always easy. But these two had faith in their powerful God's many promises. And He didn't let them down. The LORD picked the day and time to deliver His blood bought souls from this vale of tears. On Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at St. Joe's Hospital in Lewiston, the LORD in His good and gracious timing, called Gordon to his eternal rest and reward. The length of His earthly pilgrimage was 88 years, 10 months and 26 days. Two years later, on January 11, 2013, the LORD in His good and gracious timing, called Velma to her eternal rest and reward. The length of her earthly pilgrimage was 92 years, nine months and two days.

They leave behind yet in this time of grace a son, Steve and Marie Dodson of Lewiston; a daughter, Danna Werner of Burley, Idaho; a nephew, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and even a few great-great grandchildren. Velma is also survived by four brothers, Jed, Ray and Georgia, Dal and Pat, and Earl and Barbara Grimm. Gordon was preceded in death by a brother, Galen, and a sister, Betty.

The Word of God I would lay on your hearts for this occasion is from Psalm 116:15... "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

**Exhortation of Bible Readings for funerals (short version)**

***These passages are meant for your comfort. All of us will one day stand before the judgment throne of God, where we know there will be a reckoning for every wrong we've ever done. What a blessing to hear from Isaiah that Jesus has already paid in full the price of our sin!***

Isaiah 53:5-6 He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

388:1

***From the Gospel of John we hear some wonderful promises about eternal life from Jesus, our Good Shepherd.***

John 10:14-16 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

388:2

***On this side of eternity, Jesus knows how our hearts can be troubled. Especially when a loved is separated from us with temporal death.***

***From the Psalms we hear God's perspective for our comfort!***

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.

388:3

***Without the kind wisdom from out heavenly friend Jesus Christ, we would be ignorant – unknowing about the soul sleep believers receive under His care in heaven. He also tells us about the Last Day..***

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For (as) we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the

voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

388:4

***Jesus has gone ahead of us, and He is preparing great things!***

John 14:2-3 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

388:5

***Our living Jesus, still the same, gives us a preview of heaven in the book of Revelation - a vision He sent to the Apostle John.***

Revelation 21:2-7 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

388:6

Responsive Reading of Psalm 34