



Virginia (Ginny) Olson

† March 23, 2026 †

**Christian Funeral Service for
Virginia L. Olson**

Lord of Love Lutheran Church DeForest, Wisconsin

March 28, 2026

GREETING AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Ginny, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought her to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 23 (King James Version)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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.



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,
 And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,
 When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played,
 And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
 He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, "How great thou



art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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RESURRECTION COMFORT

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: **Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

M: We will be before the throne of God

C: **And serve Him day and night in his temple.**

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: **Never again will we thirst.**

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water.

C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise 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.

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23-27

²³ Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!” ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6a

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

HYMN

CW 417: I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home.
 2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home.
 3 There at my Sav-ior's side— Heav'n is my home—
 4 There - fore I mur-mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des-ert drear; Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil-grim-age; Heav'n is my home.
 I shall be glo-ri-fied; Heav'n is my home.
 What - e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.
 And time's wild, win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
 And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807-35.
 Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900.

SERMON

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

HYMN

CW 411: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a

griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his

cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-86, alt.
 Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

PRAYERS

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Ginny, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

CW 369: Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.
 Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

Serving us today:

Officiant: Pastor Joel Jenswold, Lord of Love Lutheran Church, DeForest

Organist: Sharon Freund

Virginia L. Olson

On Monday, March 23, 2026, the Lord Jesus sent his holy angels for the soul of Ginny Olson and Ginny received the crown of Life in heaven. Thus completed Ginny's earthly pilgrimage which lasted 84 years, 5 months and 11 days.

Ginny was born on October 12, 1941, in Milwaukee, WI. Two weeks later, on October 26, Ginny was born again of water and the Word in Holy Baptism at Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. Ginny was also confirmed at Atonement on April 24, 1955. She graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in 1959.

Ginny met Larry Olson while both working at Wisconsin Telephone Company and on June 13, 1964, she married Larry at Atonement Lutheran. Ginny raised her family in the Sussex and Menomonee Falls area. For 25+ years she worked for the Sussex, Hamilton School District in payroll administration. She loved volunteering in various roles at St. John's Lannon church and school. Ginny also enjoyed spending time at their cabin in Eagle River with her grandchildren and family. She was an example of love for her Savior and her family.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 61 years, Larry and her children David (Jennifer) and Lori; grandchildren, Matthew and Benjamin; brother, Ron (Dianne) Affeldt; and sister, Marilyn Affeldt. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Ginny is preceded in death by her parents, Waldemar and Leola Affeldt; parents-in-law, Jens and Dorothy Olson; brother-in-law, Roger Olson; and sister-in-law, Carol Davidson.

Ginny's body will rest and await the Lord's return and the glorious resurrection of the dead at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Leeds Township.

***Then the saying that is written will come true:
Death has been swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:54)***