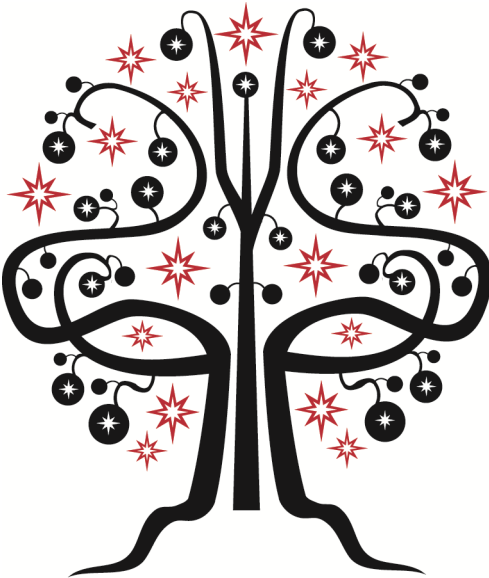


**The Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Kimberly Nymah Hunt Unti**

January 4, 2025

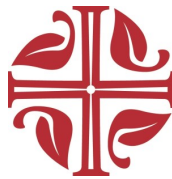


Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**The Memorial Service of
Kimberly Unti
January 4, 2025
1:00 PM**

**St. Mark's Cathedral
1245 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102**



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship

PRELUDE

*In dulci jubilo
Vom Himmel hoch*

Deterich Buxtehude and J. S. Bach
Johann Pachelbel and J. S. Bach

WELCOME

I welcome you in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Kim, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Kim was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life;

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life;

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

Day by Day

Lacey Brown

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Kim. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Vanessa Unti

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Proverbs 31:25-31

Andy Callender

- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
- ²⁹ ‘Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.’
- ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- ³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Rev. G. Lee Kluth

- ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Mark 9:33-37

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

MESSAGE

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

SONG

It is Well

Sonja Mejlaender

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
receive our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
receive our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
receive our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
receive our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
receive our prayer.

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 he 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, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Kim to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kim.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of
your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of
your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious
company of the saints in light.

Amen.

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.

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

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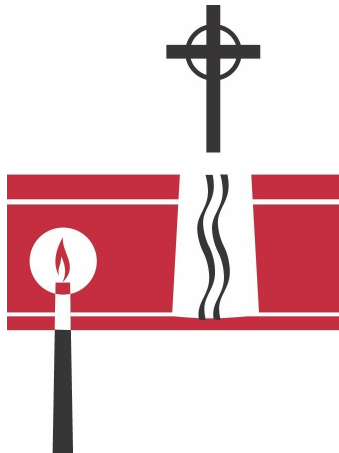
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Thank you to St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. We are grateful for your partnership and your compassion in this time.



Kimberly Nymah Hunt Unti

January 7, 1957 - November 28, 2024

Kim was the third child born to Albert and Nymah Hunt joining her older brother Nelson and sister Leslie. The family claimed Seattle as their home along with their extended Dahlquist family. Kim's father's work as the Chief Engineer for the Boeing Apollo Program would mean extended moves to New Orleans and Coco Beach. Kim loved playing on the beach and watching the rocket launches at nearby Cape Canaveral. Her childhood was filled with imaginary play, putting on plays and musicals, and getting into her fair share of mischief.

The Hunts attended University Lutheran Church in Seattle which was instrumental in shaping Kim's faith and leadership in the church. Participating in a mission trip to the poorest parts of India made an imprint on her faith. Kim went on to graduate from the University of Washington with a degree in Social Work. During college she was a delegate to the Lutheran World Federation gathering in Tanzania. During this same time she chaired the Synod's Youth Committee including organizing the Holden Village weekends. In 1983 Kim was a delegate to the World Council of Churches.

Kim met seminary intern Kirby Unti in 1977 with marriage to follow on September 9, 1978. Their first home was in Bellingham, WA where Kirby served as an Associate Pastor and Program Director at Camp Lutherwood. On May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helen's erupted forever marking the day Kirby interviewed to become pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran in Renton where they went on to serve for 33 years. Kim eventually joined the staff with a Sunday School of over 125 students, amazing VBS experiences, and her famous Sunday appearances as Peli the Pelican Puppet.

Kim's greatest joy in life was raising her own four daughters, Carmen, Seong, Briana, and Vanessa and later adding exchange daughter Wuttiporn (Lek) Taksinvarajarn. Kim also took her role as an aunt to heart. Adding to this joy were the many children she cared for in daycare and beyond.

Kim's calling and fulfillment in life was in service to the church and community. Kim's Synod leadership would continue serving as Vice President, chairing multiple Synod Assemblies with her dear friend Pam Kluth, and participating on several different committees. Kim's accident took place while working at a job she loved—Interim Director of the Renton Downtown Partnership. Her friends in Renton produced a bound note pad with a Red Cover bearing the words, "Live Like Kim."

The Unti Family is deeply grateful for the out-pouring of love, prayers, and support following Kim's tragic death.



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