

# Funeral Service for

+ **Mavis Arlene Johnson** +

Thursday, March 5, 2026

b. July 8, 1942; Baptized: Aug. 1, 1942; Confirmed: Jun. 24, 1956;

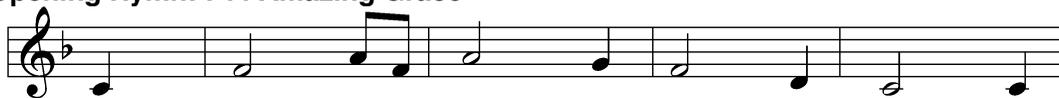
Married (Harold "Ole"): Sept. 14, 1963; d. Feb. 28, 2026

## Choral Prelude

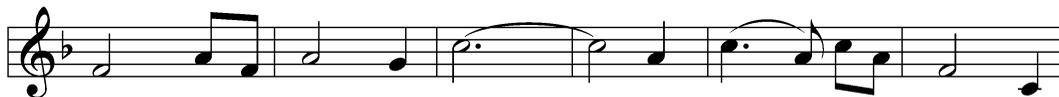


*Grandchildren: Eric, April, Luke,  
Nick, and Rebecca Johnson*

## Opening Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G** Amen.

## Remembrance of Baptism

*Romans 6:3–5*

- P** In Holy Baptism Mavis Arlene Johnson 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.**

## Psalm 103:1-18

*Read by grandson, Luke Johnson*

- L** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;



for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**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 Mavis 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 (read by son, Jeff Johnson)

*Job 19:21–27*

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has touched me!

Why do you, like God, pursue me?

Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!



**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
 2. O that old rug - ged ross, so des - pised by the world,  
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4. To that old rug - ged cross I will e - ver be true,

the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove  
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 where his glo - ry for - e - ver I'll share.

*Refrain (after each stanza):*

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

## Epistle (Read by grandson, Nick Johnson)

2 Timothy 4:6–8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse for Lent

2 Timothy 2:11b–12a

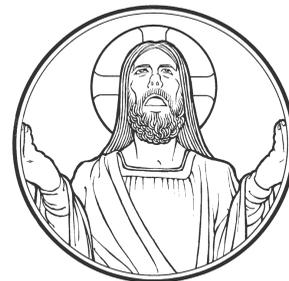
- A** If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him;  
**C** **if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.**

## Holy Gospel

John 14:1–6

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth 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 Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles’ Creed

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**C** **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.

+ Homily +

Mavis among Many Rooms: A Place for You

Hymn of the Day: 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

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- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that 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 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 the family of Mavis 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. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, 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** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Receive our thanks for Mavis 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** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, 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

*Matthew 6:9–13*

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

**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.**

### Nunc Dimittis

*John 11:25–26; Luke 2:29–32*

**A** “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.**

- A** “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.”

### **Concluding Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**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**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction and Dismissal**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

*See recessional hymn on next page. Please face the Processional Cross as it passes by (recesses to the entrance of the Nave).*

*Pallbearers: Eric, April, Luke, Nick, Rebecca Johnson, and Conner Nichols will recess behind the Cross with the casket.*

*Mavis's family will recess behind the casket.*

*Pastor Roberts will recess last.*

## Recessional Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!



*Organist for the service is Mr. Gary Schauerman.*

*Pianist for the choral anthem is Mrs. Susan Johnson and accompanied by Jeff & Susan's children ( Ole & Mavis's grandchildren: ) Eric, April, Luke, Nick, and Rebecca Johnson.*

*Officiant for the service and committal at graveside is Rev. Derek Roberts, Praise Lutheran Church.*



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**Mavis Johnson**, age 83, of Maryville was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Mavis and Ole were lifelong dairy farmers in Barronett, WI. Her son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids were thrilled to have Grandpa and Grandma J. move to East TN over four years ago so that they could go to all the concerts, sporting events and musicals. Then there was Grandma's cooking and baking, oh my! Family argued over which was best: her cinnamon rolls, cheesecake, pumpkin bars, or her seven-layer salad. Next only to her God and Savior Jesus Christ, Mavis's family was the center of her world. She was so pleased to see her three great-grandsons born in beautiful East TN.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Harold "Ole" Johnson; son, Jeff (Susan) Johnson, grandchildren Eric, April, Luke (Blair), Nicholas, and Rebecca Johnson; great-grandchildren Henry, August, and Finn Johnson; and brother-in-law, Harley Johnson. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to Praise Lutheran Church.

The family will receive friends and family on Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Praise Lutheran Church, 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801 with a funeral service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Derek Roberts officiating. Arrangements made by Miller Funeral Home, 915 W. Broadway, Maryville, TN 37801.

*Got Milk?* Enjoy a luncheon with Ole & Mavis's family in the Social Hall with plenty of dairy!

Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM today at Holston College Cemetery

Navigate to [Holston Cemetery Road](#) (Louisville, TN, a 20-minute drive from Praise Lutheran Church).