



# Lynda Marian (Johnson) Tidemann Minnick

May 19, 2026

May 9, 1937  
birth

June 1, 1937  
baptism

April 25, 2026  
death

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

**A** **And also with you.**

**P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

**A** **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.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"For All the Saints"

(hymn) 422  
verses 1, 2, 3 & 7

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our sister, Lynda Marian.  
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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,  
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence

until, by your call, we are reunited  
with those who have gone before us;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** **Amen.**

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Morning Has Broken"

Gaelic Tune

## WORD

### READINGS

Each reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."  
Please respond "Thanks be to God."

First Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31; 43:1-3a

Second Reading

Psalms 139:1-14

Third Reading

Romans 8:35-37

### GOSPEL HYMN

(hymn) 796

"How Firm a Foundation"

Gospel

John 11:21-27

### SERMON

### HYMN

"There in God's Garden"

(hymn) 342  
stanzas 1, 2 5 & 6

### CREED

**P** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**A** **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.

#### THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end "God of mercy,"  
Please respond "hear our prayer."*

#### PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**A** And also with you.

## HOLY COMMUNION

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**A** And also with you.

#### LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

- A** 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.

#### Communion

*All are invited to receive these gifts of God.*

Musical Reflection

"The Bird's Song"

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Communion Hymn

"Eat This Bread"

*(hymn) 472*

#### Prayer after Communion

#### REMEMBRANCES

#### MUSICAL REMEMBRANCE

"There's a Man in the Hills"

*Richard Ho Lung*

## SENDING

#### FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Lynda, our companion in faith,  
we entrust you to God.  
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.
- A** May you rest in peace and rise in glory,  
where pain and grief are banished,  
and life and joy are yours forever.
- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant, Lynda Marian.  
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.

**P** Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;  
**A** and let light perpetual shine upon her.

### BLESSING

**P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing  
that you may abound in hope.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit  
bless you now and forever.

**A** Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

**A** In the name of Christ. Amen.

### HYMN

(hymn) 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

### POSTLUDE

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### THANK YOU

The family thanks you for joining us today to celebrate Lynda’s life and love and care for all of us. We also thank the Folkestone community for your care and the way you supported and surrounded her after Mac’s death and during her illness. We especially thank the administration and all the staff of the Transitional Care Unit at Folkestone for your love and care for Lynda and for her family. Please join us for a luncheon and a time to reminisce and enjoy pictures and items that defined her life.



### SERVING TODAY

Reverend Kari Parsons, <i>niece</i>	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>preaching</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>hospitality</i>
Connie Toavs, <i>sister</i>	<i>reader</i>
Peter Tidemann,	
Christopher Tidemann, <i>sons</i>	
Reverend Orin Cummings, <i>friend</i>	
& former Guyana Youthsinger	<i>remembrances</i>
Robin Helgen	
Reverend Orin Cummings	<i>soloists</i>
Joel Bolen	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

**MEMORIALS** may be directed to:

ELCA World Hunger  
Lutheran Partners in Ministry – [lutheranpartners.org](http://lutheranpartners.org)  
designated into Friends of Mwangaza

### INTERMENT

At Union Cemetery, Long Lake, Minnesota on May 20, 2026, at noon.

*This service is being streamed live on the internet. [www.centralmpls.org](http://www.centralmpls.org)*



## Lynda Minnick

1937 – 2026



Lynda Marian Tidemann Minnick, daughter of Arthur H and Esther M Johnson, was born May 9, 1937 (Mother's Day) in Minneapolis. After living briefly in St. Cloud and Robbinsdale, the family moved to Wayzata where Lynda started elementary school. In 1945, the family bought a home in the Minnetonka area formerly known as Oak Knoll, where Lynda lived from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through college. She graduated from Hopkins High School valedictorian in 1955 and from

Gustavus Adolphus College in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She met her first husband, Paul Tidemann at Gustavus. They were married in 1960. Lynda taught school for 5 years before shifting her teaching skills to ministry at All Saints Lutheran Church in Mason, Michigan. Their first son, Peter, was born in 1966. Next they accepted a call to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Niles, Illinois where she directed children's, youth and adult choirs. Their second son, Christopher, was born in 1970.

In 1974, the family accepted a call to develop an ecumenical extension seminary in Guyana, South America and pastor a Lutheran congregation in Georgetown, Guyana. At the request of the congregation's youth, Lynda developed a 50-voice youth choir known as the Guyana Youthsingers. The choir sang extensively in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and did a month-long Journey in Mission from Guyana to the U. S. performing in churches from the East Coast through the Midwest.

After returning to the U. S. in 1978 Lynda went back to teaching for a time at Sacred Heart-St. Mary's in St Paul. Paul and Lynda divorced but maintained family contacts and friendships until his death in 2014. In 1981, Lynda became an Associate in Ministry and on staff at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Her experiences there representing the church on month-long journeys in East Africa, China, Southeast Asia, and India and Nepal led her to accept a position in the Global

Department of the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and that meant a move to Chicago. She worked to establish Global Mission committees in synods in the northeast, southeast, and upper Midwest. Later she became Area Program Director for East Africa, Papua New Guinea and South Pacific. She traveled to these areas many times to meet with church leaders and supervise mission personnel. She met Rev. Mac Minnick during her work in the Chicago office. They married in 1995. Mac became interim pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, Illinois and Lynda immediately became involved in Global Mission efforts there. She has many long-term friendships and ties to St. Luke's.

Lynda was a founding board member and 30-year supporter of Friends of Mwangaza, an organization partnering with synods and dioceses in Tanzania and the U. S. focused on education, particularly teacher education, exchange training programs, and safe spaces for girls' education. She continued to support the efforts as the organization recently joined with Lutheran Partners in Global Mission to continue and strengthen their mission in Tanzania and other parts of the world.

Lynda retired in 2002 plunging into her favorite pastime, gardening. She turned their Chicago backyard into a glorious garden which was once included in a garden tour. Always wanting to learn, she earned a certificate in ornamental plants and completed the Master Gardener program at the Chicago Botanical Garden. Other interests included walking, hiking and their annual trips to the North Shore of Minnesota. In 2015, Mac and Lynda made a major move from Chicago to the Folkestone Community in Wayzata, Minnesota. This was coming home for Lynda and allowed her to live close to both her sons. She and Mac quickly became active members of Central Lutheran where Lynda once again involved herself in global outreach and loved singing in the choir. Lynda often said the move to Folkestone was the best decision they could make because they immediately found community there. Lynda was involved as participant and leader in many groups and activities at Folkestone. She sang in the choir, was active in exercise class, meditation, book club, discussion groups and was well known for her daily 3-mile fast walks in Wayzata.

She is survived by son Peter Tidemann and his partner Janean Byler, son Christopher Tidemann, sister Connie Toavs, niece Kari (Max) Parsons, and nephew Kyle (Jennifer) Toavs and their families.

Mac preceded Lynda in death last May. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them both.



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