

*A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration*

*for the Life of*

***Frances H. Farley***



*Sunday, January 29, 1928 – Sunday, March 5, 2023*

March 11, 2023  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Richland Hills, TX

**Prelude**     *Requiem Aeternam*     Bradley Ellingboe  
Sanctuary Choir

Requiem aeternam, dona eis, Domine ~ Rest eternal grant him, Lord  
et lux perpetua luceat eis. ~ and light perpetual shine on him  
Exaudi, orationem meam, ~ Hear my prayer  
ad te omnis caro veniet. ~ to Thee all flesh shall come.

**Call To Worship**

*Please stand and face the rear of the sanctuary.*

A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the  
flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows  
upon it;  
Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand  
forever.

*Isaiah 40: 6-7*

**P**     Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

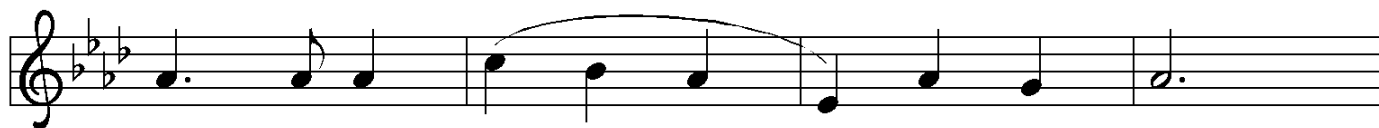
**P**     When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

# Entrance Hymn

## Earth and All Stars (ELW 731)



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 Meet - ting all needs, Loud bang - ing bed - pans  
 Nur - ses and Aids, Come tend your pa - tients  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 An - gels at night Soft sooth - ing tou - ches  
 Ban - da - ges wrap, Com - fort the sick ones  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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### Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Frances. 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 all 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.
- C **Amen.**

### **The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – Meg Acker, Narrator Toni Tharp, flute Debbie Villavicencio, piano**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Remembrances of Frances

### A reading from Ephesians 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### The Psalmody

### Psalm 16

*Cantor/Choir sings refrain; all echo & sing ff. verses*

**REFRAIN**

You will show me the path of life, the de - lights that a - wait me in your  
pres - ence. With - out you there is noth - ing; no  
joy can be com plete un - til at last I sit by your side.

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1. O God, you are my refuge, do not turn my away; I say "You are my God." Without you there can be no good. **REFRAIN**
2. I bless the Lord who guides me even in my sleep; my face is turned to God. With the Lord as my side I shall stand firm. **REFRAIN**
3. My heart exults, my spirits sings, even my body trusts in you; for you will not abandon my soul to death, nor let me sink into the grave. **REFRAIN**

### **A reading from Philippians 3:10-14**

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**P** The holy Gospel according to St. Luke 10:38-42

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Reverend Kyle Rouze

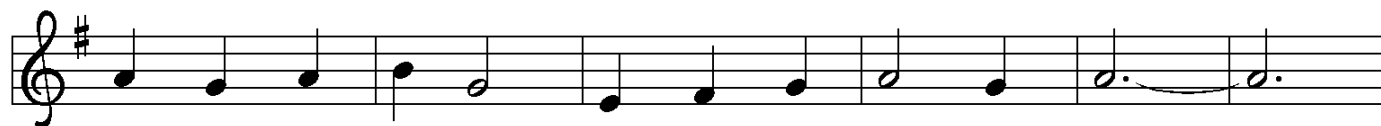
## Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



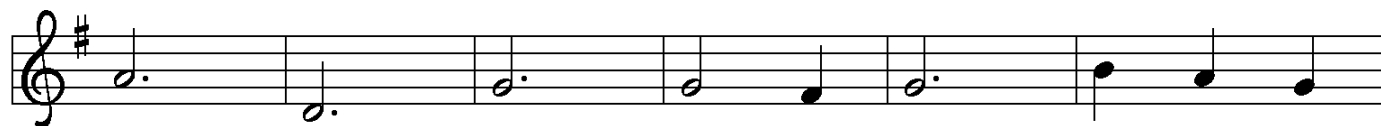
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

L We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Frances lived and the faith in which she died.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

P 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. 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 share the new life in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**



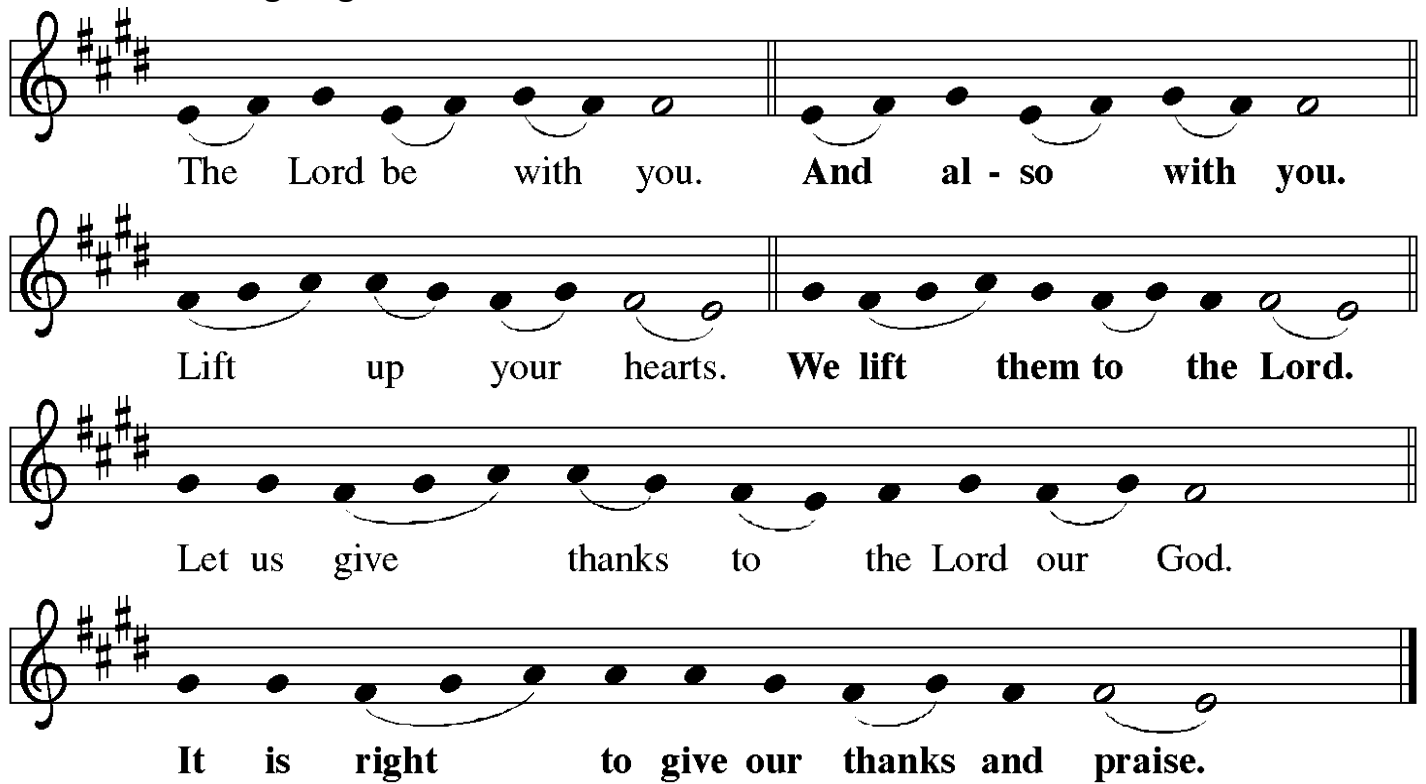
## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

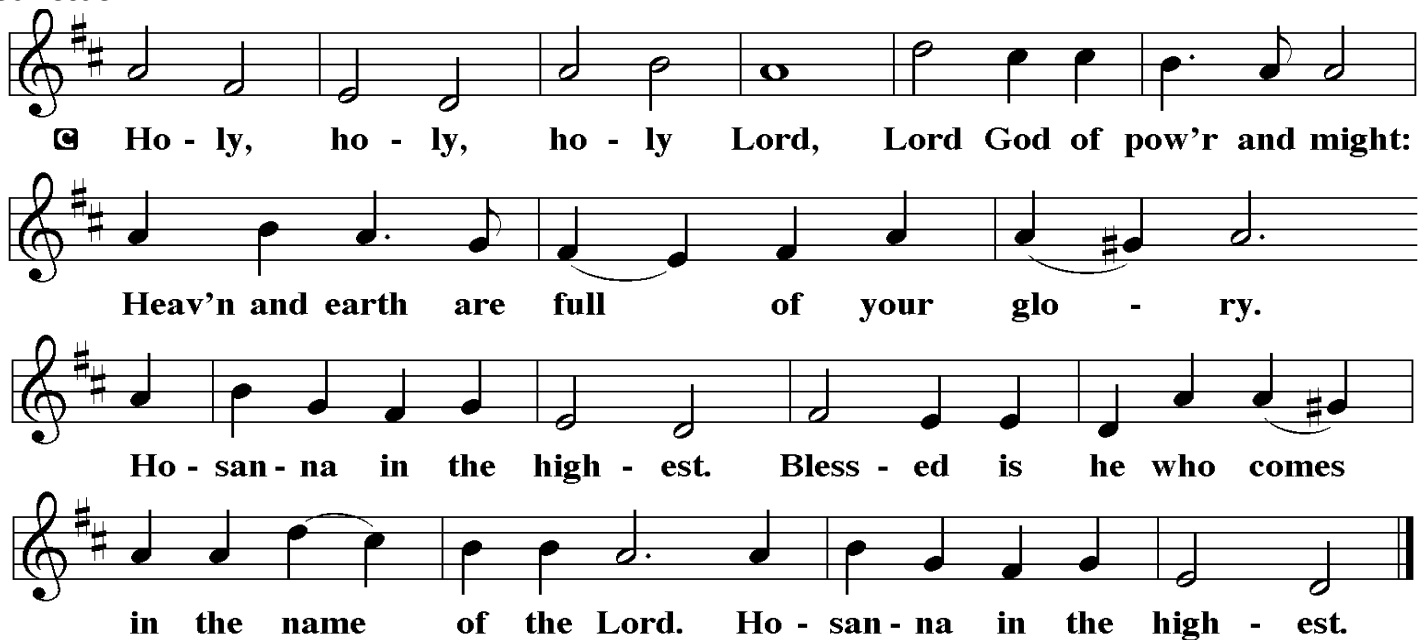
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The second staff also has a repeat sign after the first measure. The third and fourth staves end with a double bar line.

## The Proper Preface

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

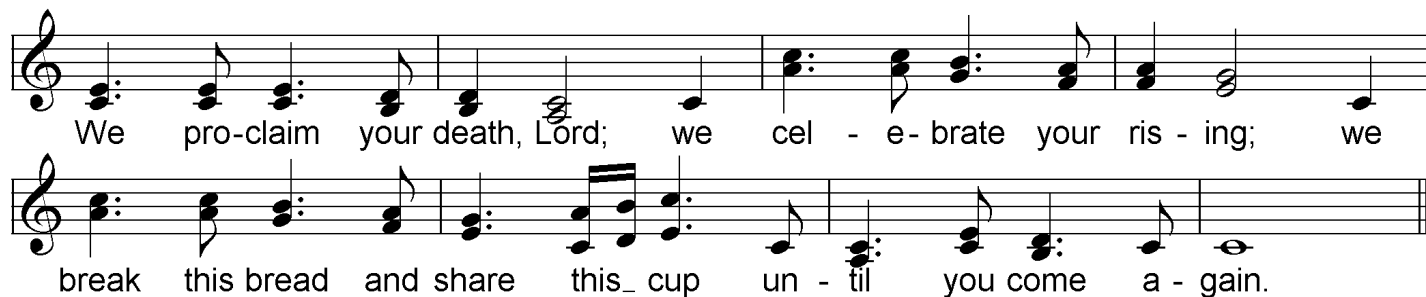
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*



**P** Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us 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.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

## The Post Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in God's grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn *Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us*





Here, with - in this con - gre - ga - tion, Trust - ting your strong word a - lone,  
Come, through word of mys - tic pow - er. Come, through wa - ter, bread and wine.  
Lord, your Gos - pel's word of free - dom let our lives, our lips re - veal  
Praise the Lamb! once slain, vic - to - rious O - ver death for - ev - er - more,

Help us build on this foun - da - tion: Christ, the liv - ing cor - ner-stone.  
Gifts of grace up - on us show - er; Chirst's pure light a - mong us shine.  
Till the long a - wait - ed king - dom comes this bro - ken world to heal.  
Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er glo - rious, Tri - une God whom we a - dore.

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## The Commendation

- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Frances. 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.
- C** **Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have everlasting rest.**

**Recessional**      *Way Over Yonder*      Carole King  
Katarina Messenger, solo

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The Reverend Phillip Heinze  
The Reverend Kyle Rouze  
Intern Pastor Thomas Johnston  
Debbie Villavicencio – organ/piano  
Viktor Andersson – Director of Music Ministry  
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## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20      *Francis's Confirmation verse*

<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

## **Obituary for Frances Helen Zschiesche Farley**

After 95 years of faithful service and steadfast faith, Frances finished the journey we call life.

She is reunited in heaven with her faithful husband of 65 years- Robert Neal “Bob” Farley, father-Herbert Herman Zschiesche, mother-Amanda Othelia Gromatzky Zschiesche, Sisters-Alice and husband, Wally Hobratsch, and Evelyn and husband, Cliff Olsen, brothers – Ollie Zschiesche and wife, Helen, Milford Zschiesche, and Carroll Zschiesche and wife, Ruth.

Loved ones left to remember her: Son-Dale Farley and wife, Pat, Daughter- Karen and husband, Pete Moxley. Daughter-in-Love: Nancy Farley. Grandchildren – Celeste and husband, Keith Larson, Sean Farley, Katarina Messenger, Erin and her husband, Tyler Strouse, Nancy Moxley and partner, David Eaglin, and Ashley Moxley and partner, Matthew Pacheco. Great-Grandchildren – Caylynne O’Dell, Bentley Moxley, Annalee Short-Moxley, Brantley Pacheco, and Briar Larson. 11 Nieces and Nephews and their children and grandchildren. A 100 year old cousin, Melvin Gromatzky, and numerous family members from the Zschiesche, Teel, and Farley families.

Frances was born on a Sunday, January 29, 1928, on a farm near Pottsville, Texas. Her parents were brought to be baptized on February 19, 1928, by Rev. E. M. Zabel at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She and her brothers and sisters attended parochial school at Immanuel. She continued her education at Pottsville High School where she showed her Bobcat Spirit on the Girls Basketball Team. She graduated in May of 1945. Her life of service began with her attending King’s Daughters Hospital School of Nursing in Temple paid for by the US Cadet Nurses Corp. She was the last to cross the stage in the last class of the school in 1948. While she worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Temple, her roommate introduced her to one of the recovering, long-term patients from the Tuberculosis Ward. Bob and Frances had their first date on Valentine’s Day in 1949. On August 14, 1949, they were married. It was so hot, sweat dripped down their faces! Service was the theme of Frances’ life. She became a stay-at-home Mom during her children’s young years - being a Room Mother, taking her children to violin and cello lessons, sewing clothes and costumes for them, attending concerts, sporting events, and church activities. After laying out of work for 16 years, she returned to nursing at St. David’s Hospital in Austin in 1969. Taking a Nursing refresher course, she worked in orthopedics as well as on the medical floor with cancer and hospice patients. Her desire to gain the knowledge and skill to care for the sickest led her to earn her Critical Care Certification. Frances worked in ICU for almost 10 years before moving to the telemetry floor. In 2000, at the age of 72, Frances retired from St David’s Hospital. She was respected and loved by her coworkers as well as her patients as told in the many notes of thanks and appreciation she received. Frances was also faithful in her service for the Lord... she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. But her passion was creating a beautiful altar at Hope Lutheran Church in Austin. Her Thanksgiving Altars were epic. The Chrismons on the tree sparkled with their Christmas message. Frances planted beautiful rose bushes and azaleas around their home on Pecos in Austin. She loved her lawn to be green to the point of being notified by the Austin Water Board that she was one of the top 10 uses! Not sure they meant that as a compliment – but her lawn was lush and green and her azaleas, irises, jonquils, and roses were beautiful. In 2010, Frances and Bob moved to Bedford to enjoy being closer to family. Frances enjoyed living in retirement communities making friends and playing Bingo and doing Yoga and Tai Chi. She loved her church family at Calvary Lutheran Church. Wednesday night at Calvary Café followed by a Bible Study was something she looked forward to each week. Frances continued her Mother’s practice of sending Birthday Greetings and Anniversary cards to all of her family. She kept up with families in 46 households. Frances’ life was filled with people she cared about and who cared about her. She attended every major milestone of every grandchild and great grandchild. If she couldn’t be there in person she would ALWAYS send a card. Her Love is steadfast and strong. In the last few months of her life, our nurse, Kortnie, from St. Gabriel’s Hospice along with her aide, Ify, and especially her amazing caregiver, Aileen, looked after Frances and her family with great love and care. She passed peacefully from this world in her daughter’s home surrounded by love.