Joan Mae Bieber

September 25, 1932 - April 23, 2026

Joan Mae Bieber Memorial Service

June 6, 2026 at 11:00 am

The Reverend Calvin Konop, Presiding Minister

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | 417 First Avenue West | Grand Marais, MN
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Note: Print in **bold** denotes Congregational response. Hymns are found in the Red Hymnal.

PRELUDE ***Karina Roth***

FAMILY PROCESSION **Beautiful Savior** **ELW 838**

GATHERING

Welcome 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, Joan Bieber, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.
Thanks be to God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 Creator, 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.

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. **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. **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. **We worship you.**

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

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Joan Bieber. 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**

HYMN	**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**	ELW 773
REMEMBRANCE		***Denise Murray, Daughter***
THE WORD	**Psalm 100**	***Pastor Tom Murray, Son-in-law***
	Romans 8:38-39	***Pastor Tom Murray, Son-in-law***
GOSPEL:	**John 14:1-6**	***Pastor Calvin Konop***
SERMON:		***Pastor Calvin Konop***
HYMN OF THE DAY:	**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**	ELW 733

THE 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:

Conclude each with... ***P:*** Lord, in your mercy. ***C:*** **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On Eagle's Wings ***Grand Schneider, grandnephew***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joan Mae Bieber. 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. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace, **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **ELW 858**

(Please sit until ushers dismiss you)

POSTLUDE ***Karina Roth***

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Urn Bearers: Lauren Murray, Alex Murray & Sydney Bieber, Grandchildren
Ushers: Kathy Bolstad & Teresa Chmelik, Quilting Friends
Musician: Karina Roth
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Joan M. Bieber, age 93, of Grand Marais, MN, died on April 23, 2026, at North Shore Living Care Center in Grand Marais, MN. Interment of the urn will be in Ellsworth Cemetery, Darwin, MN, on June 8, 2026.

Joan Mae (Werner) Bieber, the daughter of Richard and Ruby (Condon) Werner, was born in Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, MN, on Sunday afternoon, September 25, 1932. She grew up on a farm south of Darwin and Dassel, MN. She attended District #24 Elementary School and then Dassel High School, graduating in 1950. Joan became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) after graduating from the Charles T. Miller School of Practical Nursing in St. Paul. On June 8, 1955, she was united in marriage to Norman Bieber at the First Lutheran Church in Dassel, MN. Joan and Norm had three daughters, Debra, Denise, and Lori. Norman died on December 20, 1968.

Joan held various positions in nursing, working in hospitals, medical clinics, and nursing homes. She was a volunteer at the Wells, MN, ambulance service. She retired from nursing in 1997 and moved from Wells to Grand Marais to be close to family. In her retirement, she worked in the Trailside Quilt Shop in Grand Marais, where she loved cutting fabric, making quilts and learning quilting tips from friends and co-workers. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking, baking, bird watching, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. She was especially known for her delicious caramel rolls, bread making and desserts. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she was active in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women (BLCW), the Rebecca Circle, and the Quilters Club.

Joan is survived by her children Debbie Bieber (Kitt Bjornson) of Las Vegas, NV, Denise (Tom) Murray of Grand Marais, MN, and Lori Bieber (Gina Franklin) of Sparks, NV; three grandchildren, Lauren Murray, Alex Murray and Sydney Bieber; sisters-in-law Mary Bieber, Judy Schmeling and Janet Werner; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Richard and Ruby Werner; husband Norman Bieber; sister, Jane Larson; and brothers Dale Werner and Roger Werner; brothers-in-law Myrwin Larson, Milbert Bieber, Doug Schmeling, Wilton (Bill) Johnson; and sisters-in-law Lois Werner, Gardella (Della) Johnson.

Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or to North Shore Living Care Center Activities Department, Grand Marais, MN.

Mom Joan's Flavorful Herb Bread

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup warm milk (80-115°F)
- 2 tsp active dry yeast
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 2 Tbsp oil or soft butter
- 1/4 cup dried minced onion
- 1 to 2 Tbsp dried parsley flakes
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 3-1/2 cups all-purpose (or bread) flour

(from Taste of Home Cookbook)

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients together, except the flour.
2. Add flour.
3. Knead soft dough.
4. Cover and let dough rise to double in size.
5. Form dough into a loaf and place in a greased bread pan.
6. Let formed dough rise again to double size.
7. Bake in preheated oven at 350°F for 30 minutes.
8. Remove from oven and while bread is still warm, brush top with butter.

Note: Good served with lasagna or spaghetti!

Mom Joan's Almond Bars

INGREDIENTS:

For the crust:

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

For the filling:

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp almond extract (or more)

For the frosting:

- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1-1/2 Tbsp milk
- 1 tsp almond extract (or more)
- Sliced almonds

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. To make the crust: Combine flour and powdered sugar in a bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly. Pat into a greased 9"x13" pan. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes.

3. To make the filling: Beat softened cream cheese. Gradually add sugar, eggs and almond extract. Pour over warm crust. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes. Cool.

4. To make the frosting: Beat frosting ingredients (except sliced almonds) until smooth. Spread over cooled bars. Top with sliced almonds.

Yields: 32 bars

(from Hayward Lutheran Church Cookbook)