

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

151 Tremont St. W, Port Orchard WA 98366

Saturday October 17, 2026



Doreen Faye Ross

June 27, 1955 — September 27, 2026

In Nomine Jesu

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PSALM 23

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.

READING OF THE OBITUARY

HYMN – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want, #371

PRAYER

HYMN – Be Still My Soul

*1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly, friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*2 Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

*3 Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.*

*4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*



ACTS 9:36–43

Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

HYMN – Amazing Grace

*1 Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound--
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*2 The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

JOHN 11:17-27

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

HYMN — Abide with Me, #561

PRAYERS

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.

HYMN – Now the Light Has Gone Away, #570

BLESSING



OBITUARY



Doreen was born and raised in Port Orchard, Washington on the Kitsap Peninsula. From the very beginning she developed deep and lasting friendships, maintaining lifetime relationships with friends she met as early as kindergarten. She graduated from South Kitsap High School 1973 and went on to earn a Bachelor's of Business Degree in 1977 at what was then Central Washington State College.

After college, she moved to Kent and went to work for the Federal Government in downtown Seattle. Her government career included positions with GSA, EPA, and the Forest Service where she worked primarily in Human Resources helping people with benefits, payroll and other related issues. Again, she maintained lifetime friendships with many people from each of those agencies.

In 1980, she spotted a young man on the metro bus while riding to work. When she got there, she told a friend she had spotted someone new on the bus and she was going to meet him. It didn't take long. On the trip home from work he was there again sitting quietly reading a book. There were plenty of vacant seats, but that didn't stop her from asking if the seat next to him was taken. When he didn't put down the book to talk with her she snatched it from his hand and asked what he was reading. That young man was Mark Ross. Their 45 year marriage began in June of 1981.

Doreen retired from the Federal Government early when they relocated multiple times in support of Mark's career. They spent time in Dallas Texas, Winnipeg Manitoba, and Melbourne Australia. In social situations, Doreen would introduce herself as "the trailing spouse", but anyone who knew her knew she was much more than that.

First and foremost, she was a fantastic partner for her husband, Mark. Every place she lived she did volunteer work in the community. She tended to animals at local shelters, packed Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse and sewed Christmas stockings for foster children.

And yes, she developed deep and lasting friendships in each of the communities they lived.

Doreen returned to Port Orchard in 2015 after Mark's retirement. They moved into a house that they designed and built on a lot that had been in Doreen's family for decades. The house showed off Doreen's renowned design and decorating skills. Since retirement, she was able to take several trips to Europe and most recently a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. They also began to winter in Phoenix, where yes, she has many friends.

She was kind and generous, always putting the needs of others in front of her own. She could be a bit shy in larger groups, but could be the life of the party with smaller groups or friends and family. Doreen loved her dogs. She owned both American and French Brittany's, a total of five. She loved to cuddle with them and spoiled them terribly.

Doreen was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Doris Delancy. She is survived by her husband Mark, sister Adele Bainter and numerous nieces and nephews who will all miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers please direct donations to the Kitsap Humane Society or the West Sound Wildlife Shelter.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4