

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

## Memorial Service

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## All Are Welcome – All the Time!

You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to participate in any part of worship.

If you wish to take communion, we ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus.

His body and blood were given and shed for you.



Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool is a community committed to the work of equity and inclusion, bringing justice and support for all of God's beloveds. We welcome those who are seeking God's love and grace for the first time or as a life-long believer. We welcome because Jesus shows us how to welcome, regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, economic resources, relationship status, health challenges or anything else that too often divides us. It is in our welcome which we commit ourselves to being an anti-racist space, a space where we seek daily to deepen our work of inclusion in the life of our church. Our unity is in Christ. All are welcome here.

## **PRELUDE**

### **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.**

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. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

**Thanks be to God.**

### **KYRIE (sung)**

*Lord have mercy upon us.* **Lord have mercy upon us.**

*Christ have mercy upon us.* **Christ have mercy upon us.**

*Lord have mercy upon us.* **Lord have mercy upon us.**

### **PRAYER**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our Barbara.  
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.**

## **READING – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 – Read by Lisa Jacobson**

A reading from Ecclesiastes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **READING – Psalm 23 – Read by Lois Menis-Widing**

A reading from the Book of Psalms:

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 annointest 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 for ever.

*Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**“Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen – Sung by Pr. Padriag McGuire**

## **GOSPEL READING – John 14:1-3**

Read by Denise Boggs-Eisenhauer

*A reading from the Gospel of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also.

*The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.***

**REMEMBRANCES** – Daniel, Cindy, Luke and Jack Strom

**SONG: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**, *by Matt Redman*  
(Words included on bulletin insert)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul. Worship His Holy name.**  
**Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me...  
let me be singing when the evening comes. **Bless the Lord...**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing...  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Bless the Lord...**

And on that day when my strength is failing.  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending...  
Ten thousand years and then forever more.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul. Worship His Holy name.**  
**Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.**  
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## **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**

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. God of mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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. God of mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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. God of mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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. God of mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen**

## **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.

## **SONG:**

### **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, ELW #779 (verses 1-3)**

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

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

## **COMMENDATION**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Barbara.  
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. **Amen.**

## **FINAL BLESSING**

May the Lord bless and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**