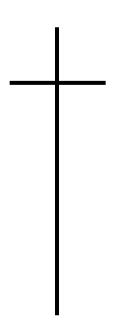
Memorial Service of Holy Communion

for

Carolyn Ruth Hager Martin

November 2, 1931 – June 20, 2022



August 27, 2022 ■ 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Twelfth Week after Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church

River Forest, Illinois

+ GATHERING +

FOR AS MUCH as Carolyn departed this life in the Christian faith, we her brothers and sisters in Christ are gathered to worship, express our mutual grief, and seek comfort in the hope of the resurrection. We gather to worship the Lord of Life, who keeps us in fellowship with the saints of every time and place, particularly as God gathers us together in Holy Communion.

IN THE LORD'S SUPPER the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. We welcome all baptized Christians to the table where Christ himself is host. For those who find it difficult to walk forward for the distribution, please contact an usher so that Holy Communion may be brought to you.



PRELUDE

If You but Trust in God to Guide You Before the Throne of God Above

Michael D. Costello Joel Raney

We stand and face the entrance to the nave.

ENTRANCE RITE

- P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.

 He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- 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: If You but Trust in God to Guide You



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P 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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Carolyn. 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.

G Amen.

We sit.

REMEMBRANCE

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:28b-31

his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: It is the Lord who watches over you. The Lord watches over you.

- L I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
 from where is my | help to come?
- My help comes | from the LORD,*
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- L He will not let your | foot be moved* and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
- **B**ehold, he who keeps watch | over Israel* shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- L the LORD himself watches | over you;*
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,
- so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,*
 nor the | moon by night.
- L The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;* it is he who shall | keep you safe.
- **G** The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,* from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15

Robert Hobby

They are before the throne of God, worshiping day and night within the temple, and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25–34

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON Pastor David R. Lyle

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **☑** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

- A Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Help us, we pray, 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. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- A Grant us grace to entrust Carolyn to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light.
 We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has 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 shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord. We sit as the table is prepared.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

VOLUNTARY: Shall We Gather at the River

Margaret Tucker

OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 19:7–8 Richard Hillert

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory:

for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory:

it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen bright and pure

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

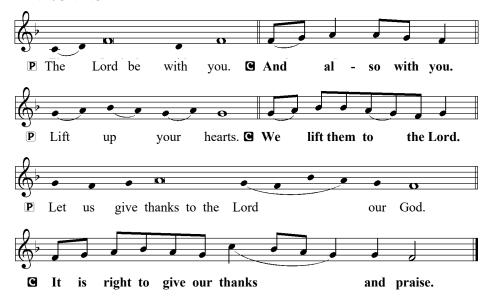
- A Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- **Q** O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

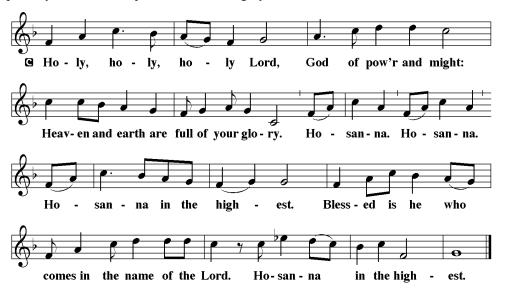
and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of his glory.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;

you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving Passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,

we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought, but as we are able;

and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,

and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine;

that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son

may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,

and have our portion with all your saints.

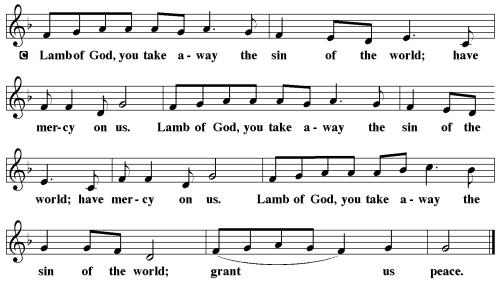
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.
- P The gifts of God for the people of God.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

Carl F. Schalk

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,

To love and serve thee is my share, and this thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey:

If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms than he went through before,

He that unto God's kingdom comes must enter by this door.

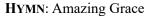
Come Lord, when grace has made me meet, thy blessed face to see;

For if thy work on earth be sweet, what will thy glory be!

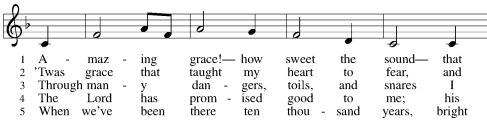
My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;

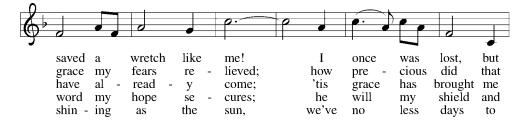
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with him.

Richard Baxter, 1615-1691



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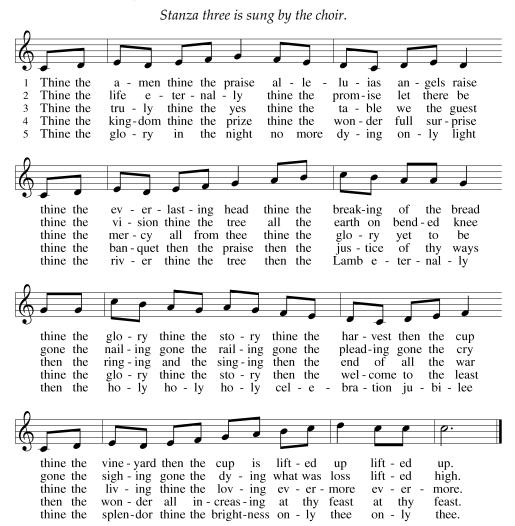




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HYMN: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Carl F. Schalk



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk 1929-2021

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- Amen.
- **A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal, where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

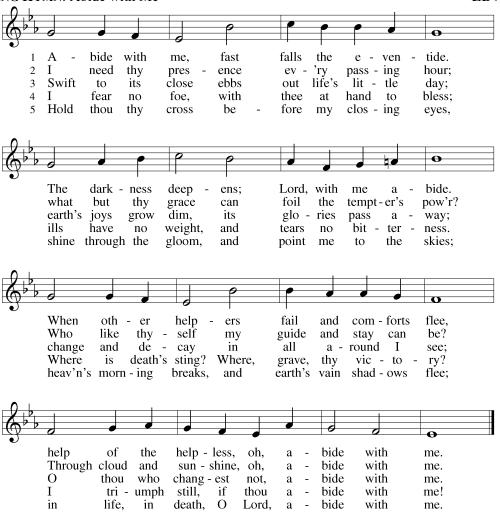
+ SENDING +

COMMENDATION

- P Let us commend Carolyn to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. *Silence is kept*.
- P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carolyn. 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.

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Michael D. Costello

All are invited to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall can be accessed by exiting the Sanctuary through the door next to the pulpit and walking down the ramp and to your left.

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CAROLYN RUTH HAGER MARTIN



Carolyn Ruth Hager was born on November 2, 1931, in Hepler, Kansas, into a family with deep roots in historic Kansas. Carolyn's great grandfather, John Thonaff, was a Civil war veteran and farmer. When the first railways pushed westward across the prairies, he homesteaded land around the track, protecting the railway construction workers in sometimes hostile conditions. Her grandfather, Christopher Selle, was a farmer and also the carpenter who built the country Lutheran church which became the center of his family's lifestyle for generations.

Carolyn's parents, Paul and Christine Hager, knew everyone in town. Her dad was a mail carrier and part owner of the only gas station in Hepler. His mail duties took him to surrounding farms, where he would check in on folks, lend a hand, and offer rides to town. He and Christine had one of the few homes with a basement, and

everyone was welcome to head down to safety when Kansas tornadoes threatened. Christine was a teacher, having taught in a rural one-room schoolhouse, and there was always both a cake and a pie on the table for after-church visitors on Sundays.

Christine and Paul welcomed three children: Lowell, Carolyn, and Gordon. There was extra incentive for the children to behave at school since it was right across the street, and the kids were quite certain that their mother could see them from the kitchen window. All three excelled as students, and Carolyn was forever proud of her brothers, who became renowned scientists in genetics and biology.

After graduating as valedictorian of her high school class, Carolyn went to Valparaiso and then University of Kansas, where she received her bachelor's degree in home economics. Following in her mother's footsteps, Carolyn taught elementary school in a one-room Lutheran school, enjoying dinners at the parsonage with the Pastor's family. She had also become an expert seamstress, making her own clothes in her spare time.

In 1953, Carolyn accepted a teaching position at Lutheran High School Central in St. Louis, so she packed her bags and headed to the big city. Before she even had a chance to move in, her suitcase, containing her precious, handmade wardrobe, was stolen. It was then that she met the art teacher, Walt Martin, who would later quip that she needn't have been so upset – she would have looked quite fine in a burlap bag with a rope tied around her waist!

Carolyn and Walt married in December 1956 and moved to Chicago. Walt joined the art department at Concordia Teacher's College, and Grace became their church home. Walt's continuing education took them to live in Greenwich Village, and eventually, they and their three daughters, Lori, Sharese, and Jeanette, settled in River Forest. Walt became Chairman of the Concordia Art department, and Carolyn returned to school, receiving her master's degree in library science from Rosary College, now Dominican University. She served as a librarian at an elementary school, for Planned Parenthood, and for over fifteen years at Maine West High School.

While Carolyn and Walt loved the theatre, music, and art of Chicago, they were continuous students of the world. A six-month sabbatical took the entire family on a camping trip throughout Europe to visit cities, mountains, coasts, museums, and seemingly every cathedral on the continent. Later, Carolyn and Walt visited Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Thailand, India, Nepal, Egypt, and Israel. Like Walt, Carolyn had an artistic eye. She enjoyed photography and documented their journeys on film. She excelled at all fiber arts, including dressmaking, tailoring, upholstery, and drape making. One of her creations was her mother-of-the-bride dress fashioned from sari fabric she found in India. Carolyn was adventurous, parasailing in Mexico, swimming with dolphins in Cancun, and even taking a beginner drawing class at the Art Institute. In true Martin fashion, her art was framed and admired in the hallway right beside Walt's.

Carolyn and Walt were inseparable for 63 years. When Walt passed away in October of 2020, Carolyn moved into his room at Park Place, as her fondest wish was to feel close to him. She covered the walls with his work and her own – a visual testament to their mutual inspiration and love for each other. On June 20, 2022, with her family by her side, Carolyn joined Walt in their heavenly home.

Carolyn is survived by their daughters, Lori Martin (Fred Potter), Sharese Damiri (Frank Reese), and Jeanette Hammond (Steve Hammond). Her beloved grandchildren include Christine (Joe Shafer), Jessica, Rebecca, Ryan, and Caroline.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorials to Grace Lutheran Church.

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