

Lord's Prayer

Simeon's Song of Departure—*Nunc Dimittis is sung* (LSB p. 199)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

Hymn 656

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Choir sings st. 2

Postlude “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” by Helmut Walcha

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Officiant: Rev. Peter C. Bender, Pastor
Organist: Kathy May
Violinist: Sarah May
The Choirs of Peace Lutheran Church

Funeral luncheon will be held in Loehe Hall at Peace Lutheran Church. All are welcome. Opportunity for reminiscences will be given.

Interment will be at the Alden Cemetery, 9500 Alden Road, Harvard, Illinois. The committal will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy Funeral Service

Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Noon

Carol Marie Bender

November 17, 1929 – June 6, 2026

*He died for all,
that those who live should live no longer for themselves,
but for Him who died for them and rose again.
2 Corinthians 5:15/Carol's Confirmation Verse*

Processional

“Elegy” by James Biery

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
Choir sings stanzas 4 and 6

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Stand

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism *prayed responsively with the pastor*

P: In Holy Baptism, Marie Rose was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
C: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

The funeral pall, symbolizing Christ's righteousness, is placed over the casket.

Sit

Hymn

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

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Stand

Kyrie *prayed responsively*

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.
C: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the days of earthly life
You granted to Carol Marie, for the grace bestowed in Christ
Jesus, for her adoption and rebirth in Holy Baptism, and for all the
good she was permitted to receive and to give. We entrust her to
Your mercy in Christ and pray for the sustaining comfort of Your
Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Hymn

Insert

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Epistle

Philippians 1:3-6, 12-14, 19-23

For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Choral Response

“Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care” by Carl 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.

Stand

Choral Alleluia-Verse

Romans 6:9/Psalm 118:24

Alleluia! Christ, being raised from the dead, will die no more;
Death has no more dominion over Him. Alleluia! This is the day which the
LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-4, 6, 18-21, 23, 27

“I Will Not Leave You Orphans, I Will Come to You.”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed *confessed together (found inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

Sit

Hymn

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“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Sermon

Choral Response

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” setting by Jonathan Kohrs

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship’s path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When the darkling heavens frown, and the wrathful winds come down,
And the fierce waves, tossed on high, lash themselves against the sky,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will when Thou sayest to them: “Be still!”
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me: “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray...

After each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The final petition concludes with “Amen!”