

Peace Lutheran Church

Sussex, Wisconsin

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m. April 26, 2025

Esther Mathilda Prowatzke (nee' Tiedje)

Born: August 11, 1935 / Baptized: August 25, 1935

Confirmed: June 19, 1949 / John 10:27-28 Confirmation Verse

Died in the Lord: April 19, 2025

Hymn

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Stanzas 1-4

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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, Esther Mathilda 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 by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

The funeral pall is placed on the casket as a symbol of Christ's righteousness that covers the baptized faithful.

Psalm 25 *prayed responsively using a double psalm tone.*

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 Esther, 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 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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

The Lord Is Faithful to His Promise of Salvation

Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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Epistle

Romans 8:1-4, 31-39

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

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Stand

Verse *prayed responsively*

P: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;

C: to Him be glory, power, and dominion forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-15, 24-39

In Jesus, the Good Shepherd, there is life forevermore.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth 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		464
	“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”	
Sermon		
Hymn		708
	“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”	

Stand

Prayer *after each petition of the prayers:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Nunc Dimittis *sung from Divine Service Setting 3* **199**

Antiphon of the resurrection sung by the pastor before and after the canticle:

P: “I am the resurrection and the life,” | says the Lord.*

“He who believes in Me will live, even | though he dies;
and whoever lives and be- | lieves in Me*
will | never die.” *John 11:25-26*

C: **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast 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.**

Benediction

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.

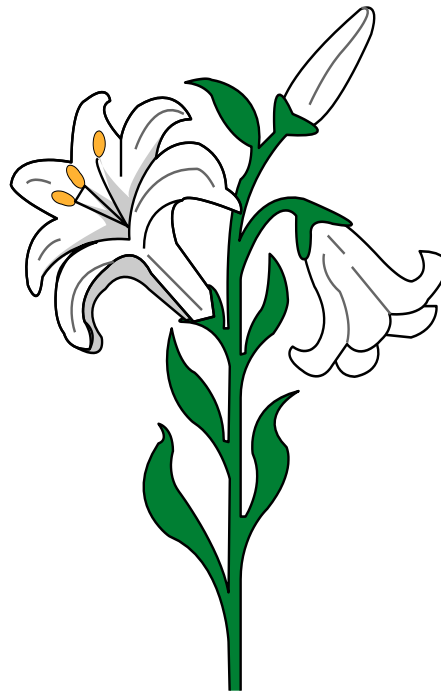
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	“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” — <i>Stanzas 5-7</i>	

Interment will be at the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Grafton, Wisconsin.

Officiant: Rev. Peter C. Bender, Pastor

Organist: Kathy May

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