

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
Sussex, Wisconsin

**Memorial Service**

11:00 a.m. January 24, 2026

**Steven William Schaefer**

Born: November 5, 1957  
Died in the Lord: January 7, 2026

✠ **Order of Service** ✠

**Invocation and Remembrance of Baptism**

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** In Holy Baptism Steven William was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his 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.**

**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 our brother Steven, for the grace bestowed in Christ Jesus, for his adoption and rebirth in Holy Baptism, and for all the good he was permitted to receive and to give. We entrust him 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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Psalms 34:1-8**

This poor man cried out and the Lord heard him.

**Epistle**

**Philippians 3:7-14**

The surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord

**Holy Gospel**

**John 3:14-18**

Christ took our condemnation that we might be saved by faith in Him.

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed** *confessed together*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.

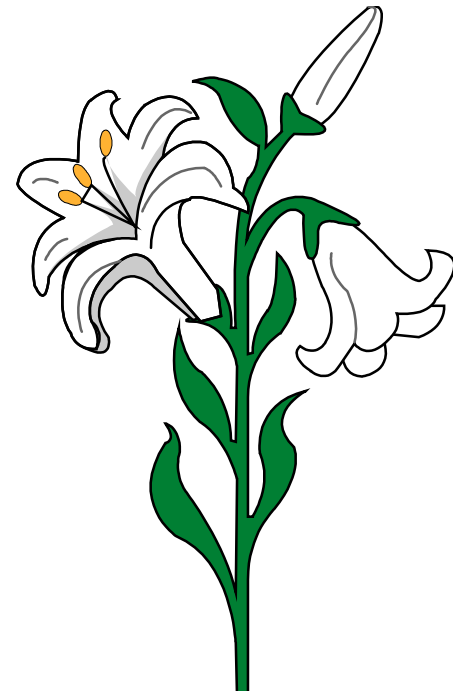
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

## Obituary

**Steven William Schaefer** of South Milwaukee found peace on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at the age of 68 years. Beloved husband and best friend of Nancy (née Bonzell) Schaefer for almost 22 years. Cherished son of William (fiancée Donna Fleury) and the late Marlene (née Merz) Schaefer. Dear brother of Ronald (Jill) Schaefer. Uncle of Courtney Schaefer (Julie Karlson), CJ (Rachel) Schaefer and Cody Schaefer and Sheri Wanke and Bobby Wanke. Great-uncle of Jackson, Joleene and Harlow. Steve is further survived by other relatives and friends.

**Officiant:** Rev. Peter C. Bender

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