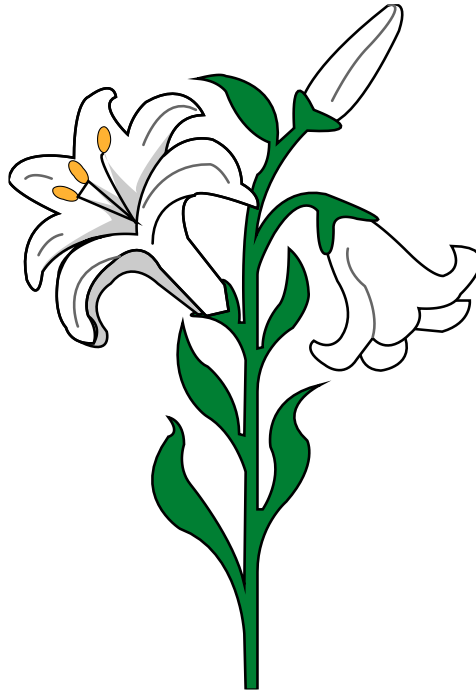


**Funeral Service
of
Reverend Doctor
Wolf Dietrich Knappe**



*Saturday, January 20, 2024
11:30 a.m.*

*Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
Sussex, Wisconsin*

Stand and face the procession.

Processional Hymn:

LSB 677

“For All the Saints”

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: Choir

Stanza 5: Women and Children

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In Holy Baptism Wolf Dietrich Knappe 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.

The casket is covered with a funeral pall.

Psalm 103 *Prayed responsively with the choir double psalm tone by double psalm tone.*

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, great Shepherd of Your flock, it has pleased You to call Wolf Dietrich Knappe, a pastor to Your people, into Your glorious presence. We thank and praise You for all the blessings and mercy You bestowed on Your departed servant, especially for the years You permitted him to be Your undershepherd. We praise You for having kept him faithful in the face of trials and difficulties, for having given success to Your Word which he proclaimed, for having built Your temple in the hearts of many through his ministry, and for having given him a blessed death and reception into the kingdom of Your glory in heaven. Comfort all who mourn his departure and help us gratefully to remember all who have spoken the Word of God to us as we await our joyful reunion in heaven, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace.

Choral Response

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Text: *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith, 1784; Setting: Elizabeth Poston, 1905-87

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We grieve in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and return of Christ in glory.

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Stand

Alleluia—Verse

All they from Sheba shall come;
 and they shall bring gold and incense,
 and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.
 Arise, shine, O Jerusalem,
 for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!
 We have seen His star in the East and are come with gifts to worship the Lord. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Epiphany of Our Lord

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **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.**

Sit
Hymn

LSB 604

“I Bind unto Myself Today”

Sit
Sermon

Solo

Pie Jesu

Sung in Latin from Faure’s Requiem

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.
Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

Stand
Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon – *Sung*

- P** I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live;
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”
- C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev’ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live;
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

Concluding Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- 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.**
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Hymn to Depart

LSB 395

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Officiant: Rev. Peter C. Bender
Organist: Mrs. Kathy May
Flautist: Kayla Kütemeier
Choir: The Choirs of Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
Soloist: Angela Christopherson

Funeral Luncheon will take place in Loehe Hall immediately following the service. All are invited.

The Committal Service will take place at 1 pm on Monday, January 22 at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove, Illinois (2905 N. Thatcher Rd.).

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