

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
North Tonawanda, NY  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**



**Funeral Service for Pat Doebler**

**LSB 461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Remembrance of Baptism**

In Holy Baptism Pat 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?"

**We were buried therefore 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.**

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Patricia and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Introit**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

    O Lord, hear my voice!

    Let your ears be attentive

    to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

    O Lord, who could stand?

    But with you there is forgiveness,

        that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

    and in his word I hope;

    my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

*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.*

### **Job 19:23-27**

<sup>23</sup> “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in<sup>[c]</sup> my flesh I shall see God,<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself,  
This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound<sup>[a]</sup> teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. <sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to Thee, O Christ***

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

**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.**

**LSB 801 How Great Thou Art**

**Message**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give to the family of Pat and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and 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,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for Pat and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will 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.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

“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 believes in Me will never die.”

**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 every 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.**

“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 believes in Me will never die.”

### **Concluding Collect**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

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.  
**Amen.**

May God the Father, who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

**Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

**LSB 744 Amazing Grace**