

A Celebration of the Resurrection and Life of

Elizabeth “Beth” Ann Grunewalder

Born ~ October 5, 1953

Joined the Church Triumphant ~ October 2, 2025



S a i n t L u k e L u t h e r a n C h u r c h

Saturday, October 11, 2025 ~ 3pm

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor

Preservice Music
Bud Esper, Director of Music

GREETING

Congregation stands

OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #856

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

P Eternal God, creator of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life; we glorify you.

C **We glorify you.**

P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life; we praise you.

C **We praise you.**

P Holy Spirit, author and give of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope; we worship you.

C **We worship you.**

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we gather today to remember Beth Grunewalder. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn her loss. Illumine our lives with the light of your love, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; we pray this through your son Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING ~ ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8, 14,15

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 23

L/C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

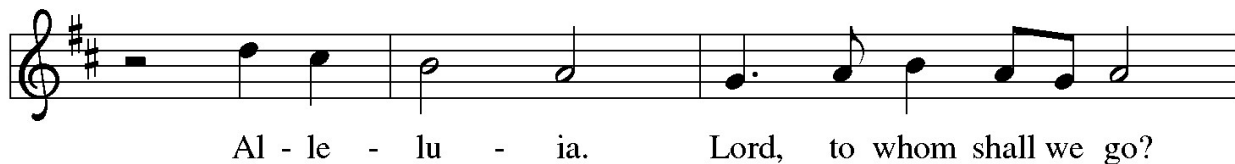
SECOND READING ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13

L ...¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151A



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN 13:33-35

P ...³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

Remembering Beth

+ **SERMON + THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTIAN EICHORN, PASTOR +**
Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I am Lord" #574

APOSTLES CREED

P Let us confess the faith of the church.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray. Heavenly Lord before whom generations rise and pass away, we thank you for all those you have given us in this life to know and to love and who showed us love. We especially thank you today for Beth Grunewalder that was good and kind, especially for her service to this church and for the love she showed to her family and friends. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P ...God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

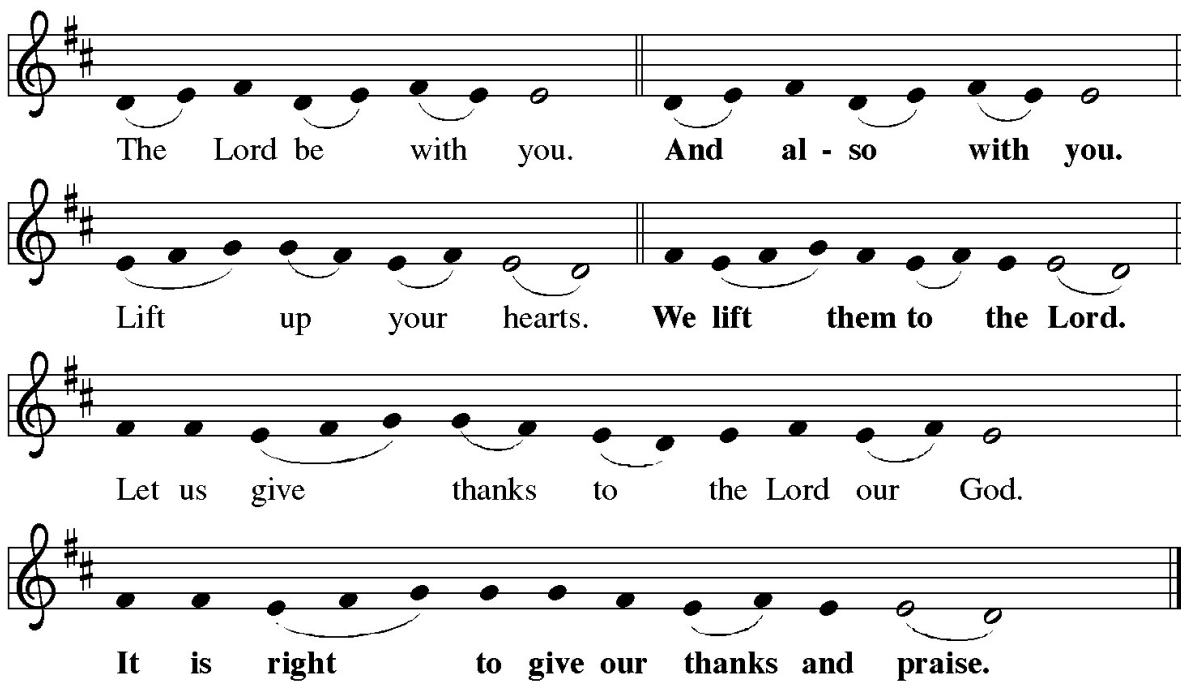
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus, Still Lead On", Jane Borthwick,
Adam Drese, St. Luke Voice Choir.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-107 P (Pastor) C (Congregation)



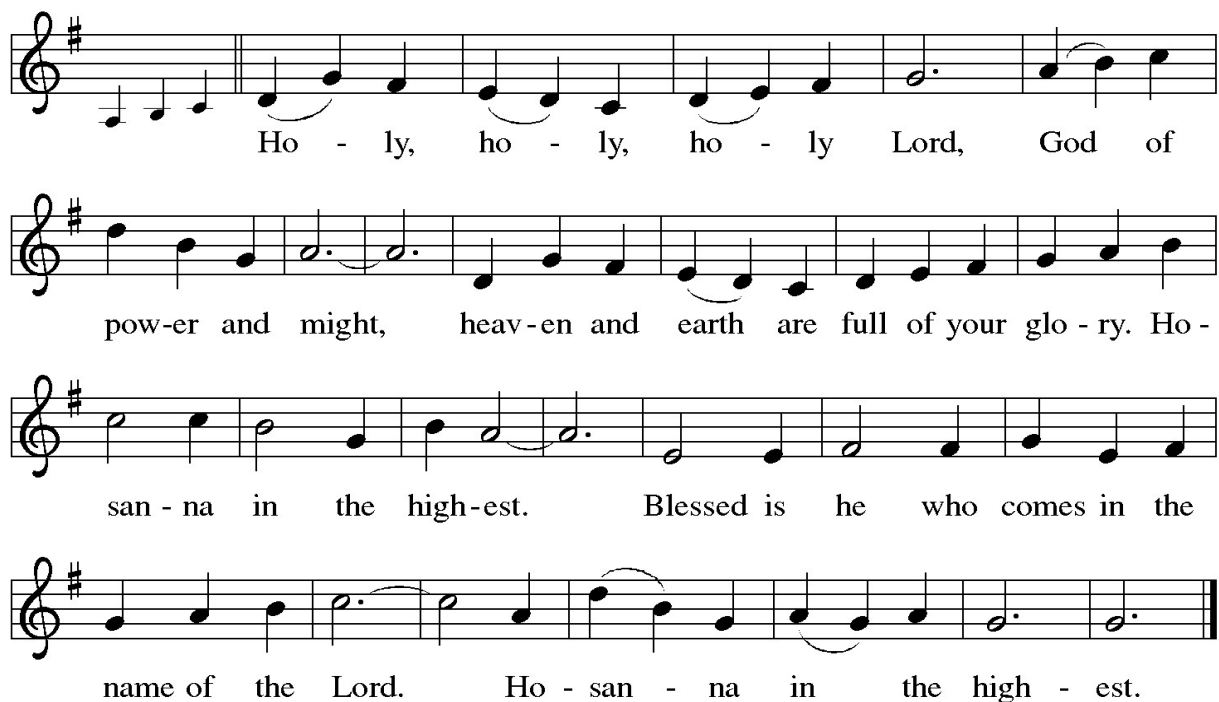
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their un ending hymn: s-108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P ...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and
glory in your holy church, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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 tres-
passes, 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.**

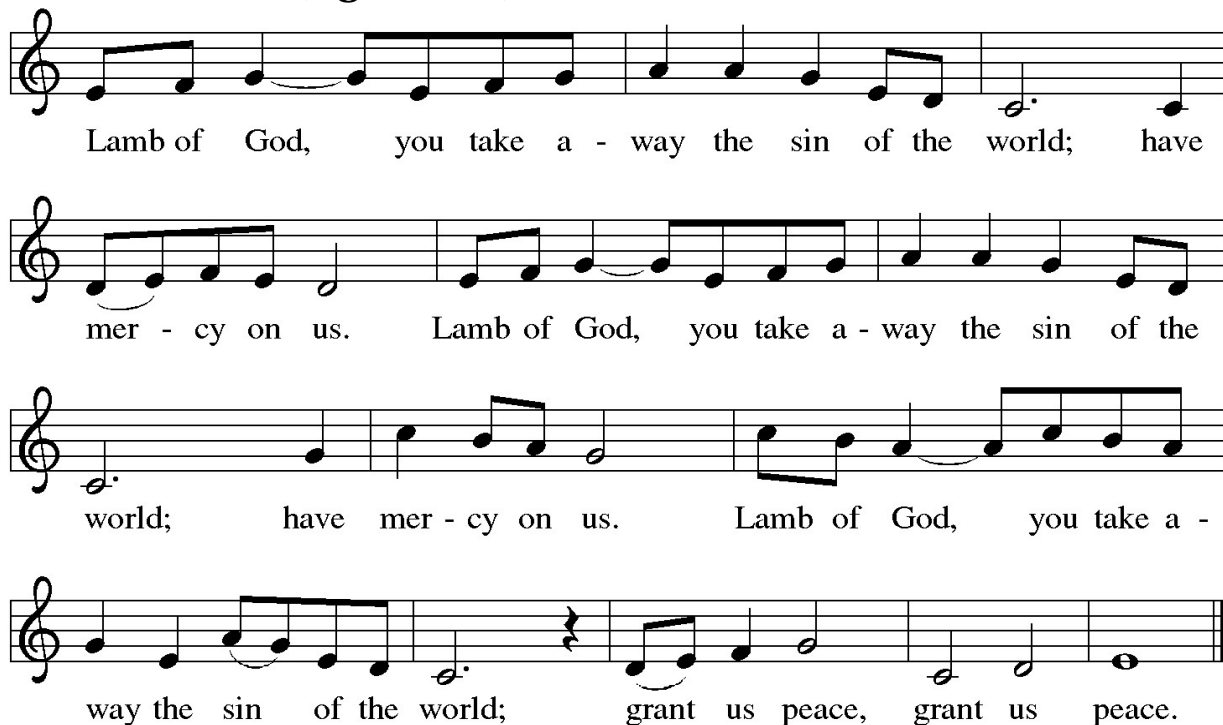
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE: Holy Communion, the
Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians who
receive Communion in their home church. All others are welcome
to come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) S-112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Take My Life That I May Be", #685

"On Eagles Wings" ~ Alice Christiansen, Soprano

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised", #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COMMENDATION

P ... Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of all your saints in light.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

HYMN “Lift High the Cross” #660

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Family of Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Grunewalder

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all of those for your love, support, and cherished friendships with Beth. Immediately following the service, please join us in the Church's Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and to honor Beth. Light refreshments will be served.

“Our Beloved Beth”

It is with great sorrow that our family announces the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend Elizabeth “Beth” Ann (Wiese) Grunewalder into the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 2, 2025 at her home in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina under the care of hospice and her loving family. Elizabeth (Beth) was born to L. Allen and Irma King Wiese on October 5, 1953 in Jamestown, North Dakota. She attended Jamestown schools where she excelled in academics, swimming and band. After high school, she moved to West Fargo, North Dakota to attend North Dakota State University. She met her husband, John “Rusty” Grunewalder there, and after his graduation they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where they married in 1976.

Beth graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS degree in Pharmacy and began her professional career at the Western Psychiatric Institution. Their next move was to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she worked as a pharmacist for a home healthcare agency. She received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin.

Beth’s and Rusty’s careers next took them to Greensboro, North Carolina where she worked for Moses Cone Hospital until she retired and they moved to Ocean Isle Beach. Beth enjoyed music, singing in both their church choir and the Ocean Ridge Singers, golf, gardening, reading, going on numerous cruises with Rusty and other family and friends, and was involved in many activities in her community. Beth also enjoyed mentoring/teaching pharmacy students. She is remembered by her family and friends as being kind, loving, thoughtful and always ready to assist others. Her warm smile and caring spirit brightened the lives of all who knew her.

Beth’s greatest passion in her life was caring for and loving her family. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Rusty, daughter Kristin (Christopher) Malone, Virginia Beach, Virginia; son Andrew Brower, Monroe, Wisconsin; grandchildren Kira and Caleb Malone and Jake and Jenna Brower; sisters Joan (Jon) Slusser, Jamestown, North Dakota and Connie (Clemens) Clooten, Fairbanks, Alaska; brother-in-law, Rodney Femrite, Ocean Isle Beach, special cousins Carol Powers and Karen Wiese, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and loyal grand puppy, Moose. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Pamela Femrite, and her in-laws, Valentine and Anne Grunewalder.

~ Thank you for being with us today ~

The following members assisted with today's
service with live streaming:

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor

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