

A Celebration of the Resurrection and Life of
Doris P. Peterson
Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 11am
The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor, Officiating



DORIS P. PETERSON

Born ~ March 5, 1941

Joined the Church Triumphant ~ April 16, 2026

Confirmed ~ April 28, 1954 | Married ~ August 12, 1967

Received into Membership ~ Saint. Luke Lutheran Church March 31, 2002

Message of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy

God's message of hope extends beyond the present suffering to a future where pain and grief will be no more. In [Revelation 21:4](#), it is written, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

~ "...Joy cometh in the morning!" Psalm 30:5

~ "Peace I leave with you; Peace I give you..." John 14:27

Preservice Music

Bud Esper, Director of Music

"Toccatà" from *Organ Symphony #5 in F major*, Charles-Marie Widor.
Jonathan Scott, organ. (c) 2023 Scottbrothersduo.

GREETING

Congregation stands

OPENING HYMN "Here I am Lord", #574

(Music on next page)

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 Doris Peterson. 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 ~ Isaiah 25:6-9

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

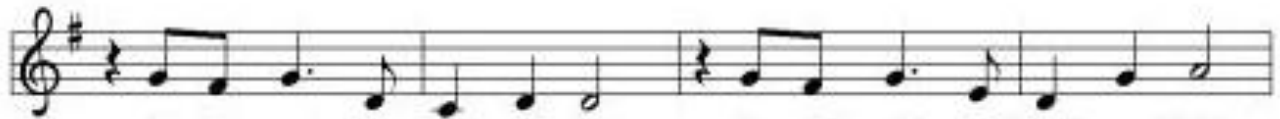
Here I Am, Lord



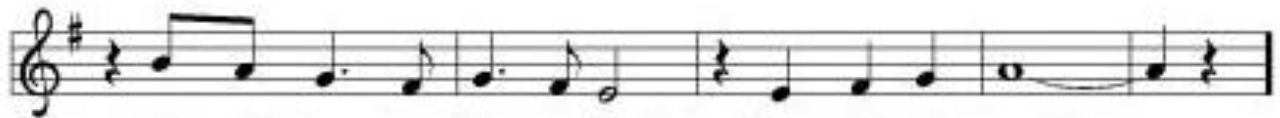
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

A READING OF PSALM 23

L/C ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

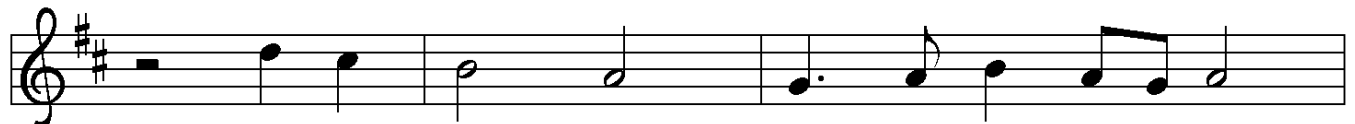
SECOND READING ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151A



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN 14:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

Words of Remembrance and Love

+ Homily ~ The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor +

Final refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

THE 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....God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P ...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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-206 (*Front of hymnal, page #206*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

P ...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **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

Our communion is open to all who are baptized. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Ushers will guide you forward to receive a wafer from the Pastor and wine/juice from assistant. Drop your empty cup in the basket at end of the first pew.

“Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)” S-154 (*Front of hymnal, page #154*)

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 “God Loved The World”, #323

(Music on next page)

God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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

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

WA Let us commend Doris Peterson to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Doris Peterson. Acknowledge we ask you a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. 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.**

WA Let us go forth in peace.

HYMN “When Peace Like a River” #785

(Music on next page)

*Please follow the family to the Columbarium
for The Committal Service*

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

THE COMMITTAL

A Reading from First Corinthians.

P ... The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord make his face shine on her and be gracious to her. The Lord look upon her with favor and give her peace.

C **Amen.**

P Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; And let light perpetually shine upon her.

P Lord, Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE INTERNMENT

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 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.**

BLESSING

P The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

WA Let us go in peace.

Immediately after the service,
please join us in the Church's Fellowship Hall
for a time of fellowship and to honor Doris.
A luncheon will be served.

'Our Beloved Doris'

Doris P. Peterson, 85, of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2026. Born on March 5, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York, Doris always proudly claimed Brooklyn as her hometown, even after her family moved to Chappaqua, New York, where she attended high school. Then on to college at Potsdam State, where she earned a degree in education. She began her teaching career in Mt. Kisco, NY, but soon moved to Willow Grove, PA, where she taught kindergarten in the Abington School District. She met the love of her life, Rod, in 1964 and they were married on August 12, 1967. They settled in South Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1969 and welcomed two sons: Paul and Kevin. Doris devoted herself to raising her boys before returning to her career within the Kenilworth, New Jersey, school system, where she taught fourth grade and volunteered to teach a Family Science program in the evenings. With Doris and Rod both being teachers, the entire family had summers off, and those summers were spent exactly where Doris loved most: at the cottage at Bayview Beach in Milford, CT. (She called it her little piece of heaven.) She had spent every summer there as a girl, and now she brought her own family to enjoy the cool breezes, walks along the sand, and the simple task of collecting white stones for the driveway. However, no summer was more memorable than their eight-week odyssey across the United States in a 27-foot motor home; a journey that resulted in stories retold with laughter and wonder for decades. In 1979, the family moved to Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, where they remained until both Doris and Rod retired from teaching. In 1999, they began a new chapter in Ocean Ridge Plantation in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, a place that quickly became a home filled with good times and dear friends. Retirement granted Doris and Rod the opportunity to see the world. They enjoyed numerous cruises: exploring Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, the Baltic capitals, and the Mediterranean, as well as beautiful river cruises throughout Europe to places like Paris to Prague. One of their most treasured experiences was a two-week safari in Africa, featuring up-close encounters with nature's most amazing wildlife. At home, Doris found joy and deep satisfaction in the "quiet chaos" of her sewing room. She was especially known for her beautiful handmade crafts for children, her colorful Christmas ornaments, costumes and clothing for her kids, and her stunning "Radiant Star" quilting decorations, which showcased both her patience and her artistry. She sold her work at local craft shows and gifted every penny to her grandchildren. It was her unique way of turning her talent into an expression of love. One of life's simple pleasures that Doris truly savored was chocolate, in all its forms. Whether it was a Hershey bar, a rich dessert, or just a chocolate chip cookie, she was never one to say no. Her most cherished daily ritual was a steaming mug of hot chocolate that Rod made for her each morning, which she regarded as the perfect way to start the day. Doris had a gift for games that was nothing short of uncanny. Whether it was a casual game of backgammon or "stones" or scat or bridge or canasta, she had a knack for most any game that always left her opponents amazed. While she usually won, what she loved even more was the togetherness the games brought. She passed that love of games on to her children and grandchildren, and some of the family's most cherished memories are playing games in the evenings, and all of the kids asking for just one more hand. Doris and Rod were both long-time members of St.

Luke Lutheran Church in Ocean Isle Beach, where they found community, fellowship, comfort, and faith. Doris is survived by her husband, Rod; her son Paul and his wife Melissa, and their children Daphne, Zachary, and Faith; and her son Kevin and his wife Kacie, and their children Connor and Allison. She treasured each of them deeply, and their lives are forever brightened by her love. And they will miss her tremendously. A memorial service celebrating Doris's life will be held at 11:00 AM on May 16, 2026, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ocean Isle Beach. Her family holds her memory close - grateful for her quiet grace, her generous heart, and the immense joy she brought into their lives.

~ Thank you for being with us today ~
The following members assisted with today's
service with live streaming:

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor
Altar Care
Marie Keating, Lori Schneider

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Ed & Marie Keating

Bulletin and Photography
Dawn Plyler, Lori Schneider

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Bud Esper, Director of Music
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