

A Celebration of the Resurrection and Life of Joyce Susan Arle Reidy Rivenburgh



Born ~ August 27, 1944
Joined the Church Triumphant ~ May 16, 2026
Baptized ~ September 17, 1944
Confirmed ~ March 22, 1959
Married ~ September 10, 1993 (Harold Rivenburgh)
Years of Service to Saint Luke Lutheran Church ~ 2002-2026

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 ~ 2pm
The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor, Officiating

“Our Beloved Joyce Susan Arle Rivenburgh”

Joyce Susan (Arle) Reidy Rivenburgh, lovingly known as Joyce, was born on August 27, 1944 in Bristol, Connecticut, to Emil and Marie (Sonstrom) Arle, the youngest of six children. She passed away in Wilmington, North Carolina on May 16, 2026 at the age of 81. Joyce grew up in Bristol and graduated from Bristol High School. She began her professional career at Aetna Insurance in Hartford, Connecticut, where she worked for many years. She was predeceased by her parents, Emil and Marie Arle; her husbands, James Reidy and Harold Rivenburgh; and her brother, Emil David Arle of Fallston, Maryland. Joyce is survived by her beloved son, Timothy Reidy of Albany, New York, who was the greatest joy of her life. She is also survived by her siblings: Marie MacDermid of Plymouth, Connecticut; Norman and Pat Arle of Enfield, Connecticut; Linda and Bill Duval of Westfield, Massachusetts; and Arthur Arle of Novato, CA. She also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will fondly remember her cheerful notes, kind spirit, and warm presence. After marrying James Reidy, Joyce lived in several Connecticut communities including Hartford, Barkhamsted, and Amston. She also resided in South Windsor, Rocky Hill, and Bristol, Connecticut. Later in life, while her son was away at college, she met Harold Rivenburgh, whom she happily married in Bristol. Together they retired to Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, where Joyce became active in her church and community. She enjoyed bowling, card games, and spending time with friends and neighbors. Joyce's warmth, kindness, and joyful personality touched many lives. A Memorial Service in honor of Joyce will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5869 Ocean Highway, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina 28469. Memorial donations may be made to St. Luke Church.

Message of Hope, Peace, Love & 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

GREETING

Congregation stands

OPENING HYMN “Beautiful Savior, #838 (*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 Joyce Rivenburgh. 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 ~ Job 19:25-26

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Beautiful Savior #838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

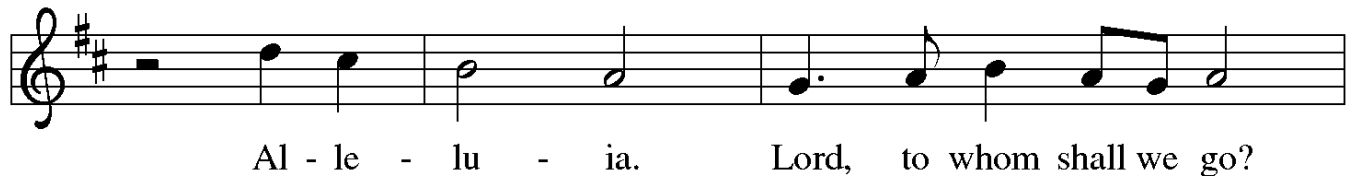
light of my soul, my joy, my crown,
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing,
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia” S-151A



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

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 +

Congregation stands

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. 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 Joyce for all that was good and kind in her, 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 ...and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 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.**

COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Joyce Rivenburgh to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Joyce Rivenburgh. 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.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #856 (*Music on next page*)

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

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.**

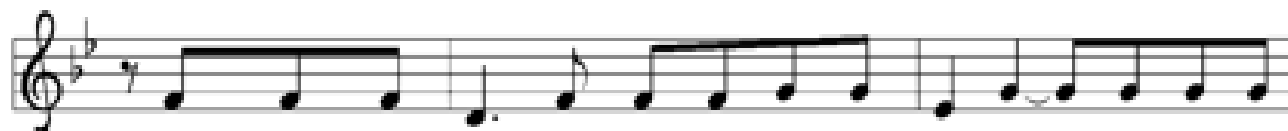
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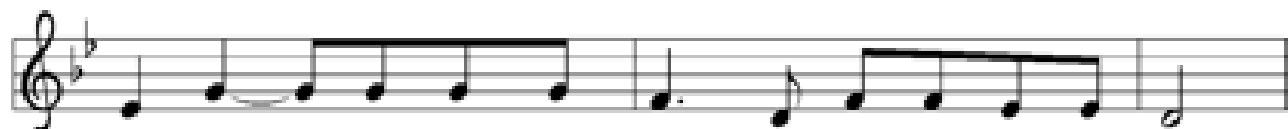
How Great Thou Art #856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

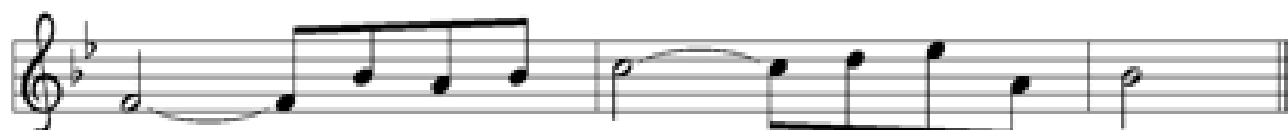
Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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.**

P 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 Joyce Rivenburgh.
Light refreshments will be served.

~ Thank you for being with us today ~

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