

In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth "Beth" P. Peroni

12/30/1948 - 2/06/2026



Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. "

- Matthew 11:28-30

St Bartholomew Lutheran Church



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God's work. Our hands.

At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.

Procession Hymn: ELW 422 “For All the Saints”

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Saints 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful

they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the

thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.
The presiding minister addresses the assembly*

P Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Elizabeth to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Beth was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

The presiding minister leads acclamation and sprinkles the casket of Elizabeth's bodily remains with water from the font as a sign of baptism.

P Eternal God, maker 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 giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C **We worship you.**

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**



Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

■ Kyrie

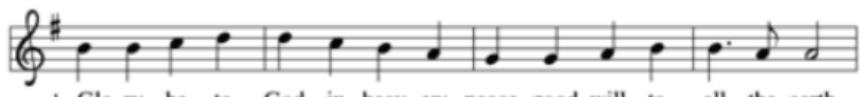


1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

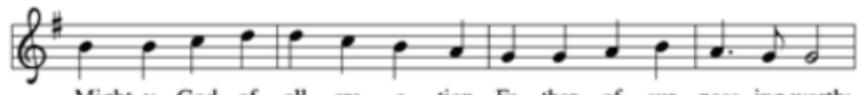


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our sister Beth.
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.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may live in confidence and hope until,
by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home
in the company of all your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Revelation 7:13-17

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The reading concludes:

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23

D The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

D He leads me beside still waters.

C **He restores my soul.**

D He leads me in paths of righteousness

C **for his name's sake.**

D Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C **I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

D your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

D you anoint my head with oil;

C **my cup overflows.**

D Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ^[a] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The reading concludes:

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stand to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel John 14:1-6

The gospel is announced.

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The gospel concludes:

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ELW 597

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Creed

The Apostles' Creed is spoken.

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

C **Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

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

D Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

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.**

Meal

God gives us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.**

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,
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection
dawns.

The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of
his risen life. 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 unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

C Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the
world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

C Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of
every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The great thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

Communion

The bread is broken for the communion. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly is seated.

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, is truly present at the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal of the baptized children of God, our Lord gives forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

You are invited to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ by eating the bread and drinking from the cup of wine. Grape juice is offered also. Children are communed or blessed, according to the practice of one's church or home congregation.

If you are physically unable to come forward, you may notify one of the ushers of your desire to receive.

If you desire to participate but cannot receive one or both of the elements, you are invited to come forward with arms folded to hear Jesus' words of promise.

We celebrate this holy communion in the confidence that Christ is here, truly present for all.

We sing.

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
There is a longing in our hearts

Here I Am, Lord



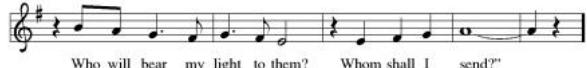
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



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 - fed.



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?"

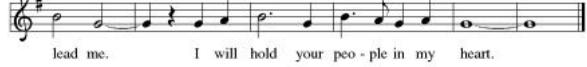


Refrain

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.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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P Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we
may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending Song: Lift High the Cross ELW 660

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Internment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery,

1800 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, NJ.

Internment

WORDS OF ADORATION

Anyone who would like to share a story is welcomed to do so now.

Commendation

The ministers take their place at the place of Elizabeth's bodily remains. The minister leads the commendation.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen**

P Any members of Beth's family who wish to take part in the commendation, please come up now.

P Let us commend Elizabeth "Beth" P. Peroni to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

The minister places a hand stretched out toward Beth's bodily remains during this prayer.

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elizabeth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech 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 the saints in light. **Amen.**

D: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace

Committal

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit Beth to her resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her.
The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace.
Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
and light perpetually shine upon her.

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, You conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with Beth, as she is now reunited with those who have gone before us.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

This concludes our service. Let us go in peace.