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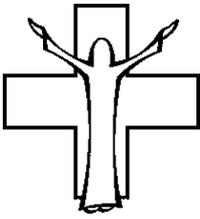
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Stand

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism Tracy 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?"

C **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.**

Sit

READING OF OBITUARY

REMEMBRANCES OF LIFE

Stand

PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: LSB 709, st. 1

Refrain

The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.

P ¹The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

C ²He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

P ³He re - | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Refrain

P ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil, for you are | with me;*
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

C ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

P ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for - | ever.

Refrain

KYRIE

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Tracy 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.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:21–27

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Job, chapter 19.

²¹Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!

²²Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–7, 22–27; 22:1–5

- P** The Second Reading is from Revelation, chapters 21 and 22.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

C 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from
heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior
blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give to the family of Tracy 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Tracy 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

- P** "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."

C 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.

P “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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

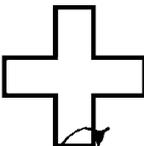
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.


Sola Gratia

GRACE ALONE

CLOSING HYMN*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461*

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Elder:	Rob Kuehl
Organist:	Bruce Rasmussen
Altar Guild:	Cindy Koller

THE CONGREGATION OF OUR REDEEMER invites you to join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the service for a luncheon.

TRACY'S FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of you who have blessed them with meals, gifts, cards, prayers, and tokens of love during this time. Thank you especially for your presence with us today as we give thanks to God for Tracy's life and faith.



+ TRACY AMBER VANDUSEN +
22 June A+D 1986 – 10 December A+D 2024

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Tracy.

Tracy Amber VanDusen, 38, of Breitung Township passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Tracy was born June 22, 1986, in Iron Mountain, MI, daughter of Russel Garrett and Michele (Moyer) Romitti. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 2004 and later, as a working wife and mother, graduated from Bay College. Tracy worked at Systems Control as an engineer assistant.

From a very young age, Tracy had a love for all animals and never went without a pet of all kinds. A compassionate, caring and wonderful person, she always took care of everyone, putting others before herself. She even helped out at the schools, effortlessly, while working full time. She was loyal to everyone and loved her family and friends. Her kids were her life, and it was most important to attend all her children's many activities. Tracy was also devoted to her faith.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis; her children, Maddex Smith, Eli Smith, Gabriella VanDusen and Vivian VanDusen; her mother, Michele Romitti; her father, Russ (Val) Garrett; her brother, Ryan Garrett; mother-in-law, Karen (Denny) Scelonge; father-in-law, Gary (Darlene) VanDusen; brother-in-law, Kevin Nora; sister-in-law, Kerry (Nora) Janquart; niece, Kalei Rittenhouse; special friends, Tara (Craig) Honkanen, Katie Burby and Ryan (Beth) Sanders; aunt, Tina Moyer; cousins, Dan (Katie) Moyer and Cheyenne Moyer; and stepbrothers, Ryan Cousineau, Matt Cousineau, and Mike Cousineau.

Tracy is preceded in death by her grandparents, Karen Hoes and Raymond and Audrey Garrett; 2 uncles, Dan Moyer and Bob Garrett; and an aunt, Pat Christensen.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our sister Tracy.