A Celebration of Christian Hope

Kathleen Louise Blaner

August 30, 1953 -August 12, 2020

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us online today.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Mary Bentley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

stand

WELCOME

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 Kathleen, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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

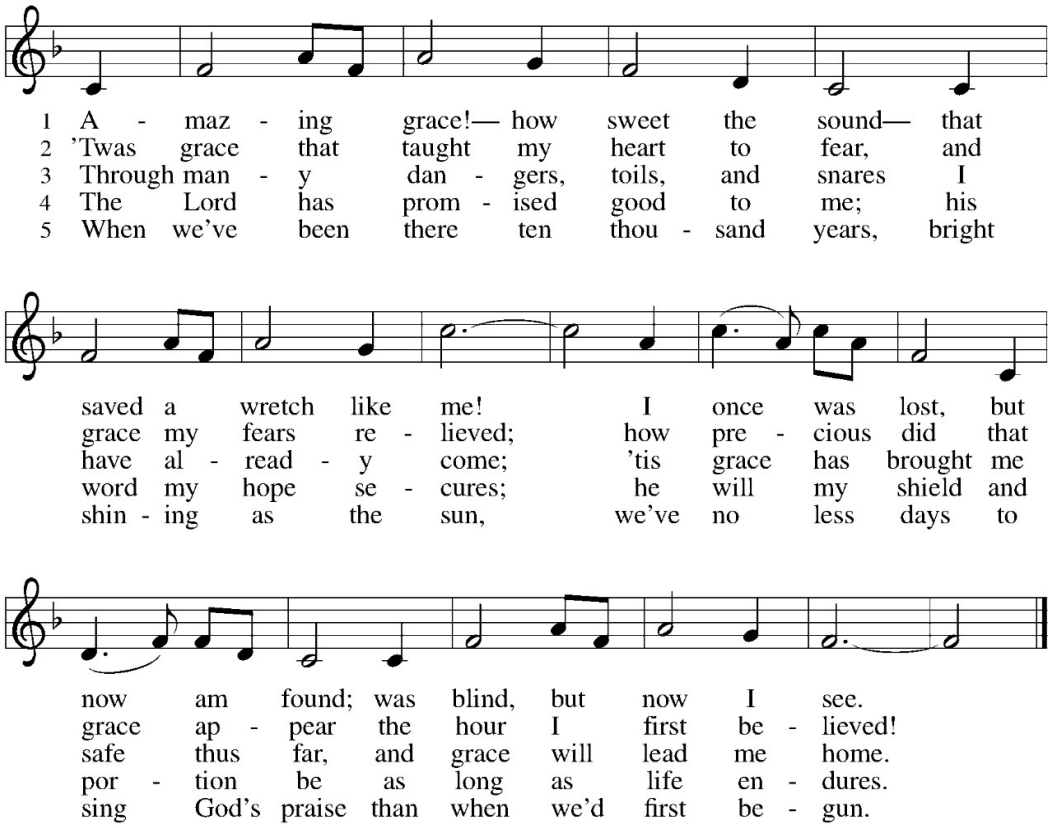
Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

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.
We praise you.

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

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

GATHERING HYMN Amazing Grace ELW 779



GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Kathleen. 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. **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCES Miriam Mendenhall, Ross Anderson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 73 *spoken responsively with the Pastor*

1 Truly, God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped;
I had almost tripped and fallen;
3 because I envied the proud
and saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For their entire lives seem free of pain,
and they have their fill to eat;
5 in the misfortunes of others they have no share;
they are not afflicted as others are;
6 therefore they wear their pride like a necklace
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.
7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds,
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
8 They scoff and speak maliciously;
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.
9 They set their mouths a- gainst the heavens,
and their evil speech runs through the world.
10 Therefore the people turn to them
and they enjoy fullness of days.

[11]They say, "How should God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
[12]So then, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
[13]In vain have I kept my heart clean,
and washed my hands in innocence.
[14]I have been afflicted all day long,
and punished every morning.
[15]Had I gone on speaking this way,
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
[16]When I tried to understand these things,
it was too hard for me;
[17]until I entered God's sanctuary
and discerned the end of the wicked.
[18]Surely, you set them in slippery places;
you cast them down in ruin.
[19]Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction,
come to an end, and perish from terror!
[20]Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord,
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
[21]When my mind became embittered,
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
[22]I was stupid and had no understanding;
I was like a brute beast in your presence.
[23]Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
[24]You will guide me by your counsel,
and afterwards receive me with glory.
[25]Whom have I in heaven but you?
And having you, I desire nothing upon earth.
[26]Though my flesh and my heart should waste away,
God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
[27]Truly, those who forsake you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
[28]But it is good for me to be near God;
I have made you my refuge, Lord GOD, to tell of all your works.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 7:7-25

What then are we to say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin that was working death in me through what is good, in order that it might be shown to be sin, so that through the commandment sin might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng

Silence for reflection

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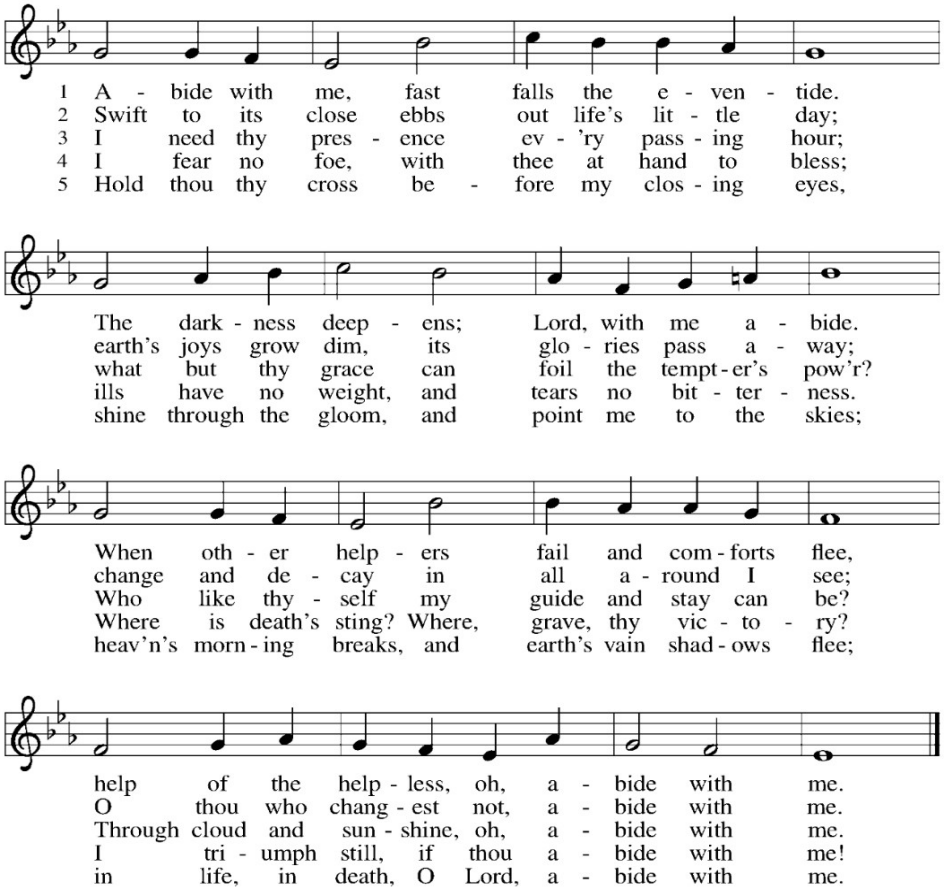
HYMN OF THE DAY Abide with Me ELW 629



APOSTLES CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 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

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

…God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

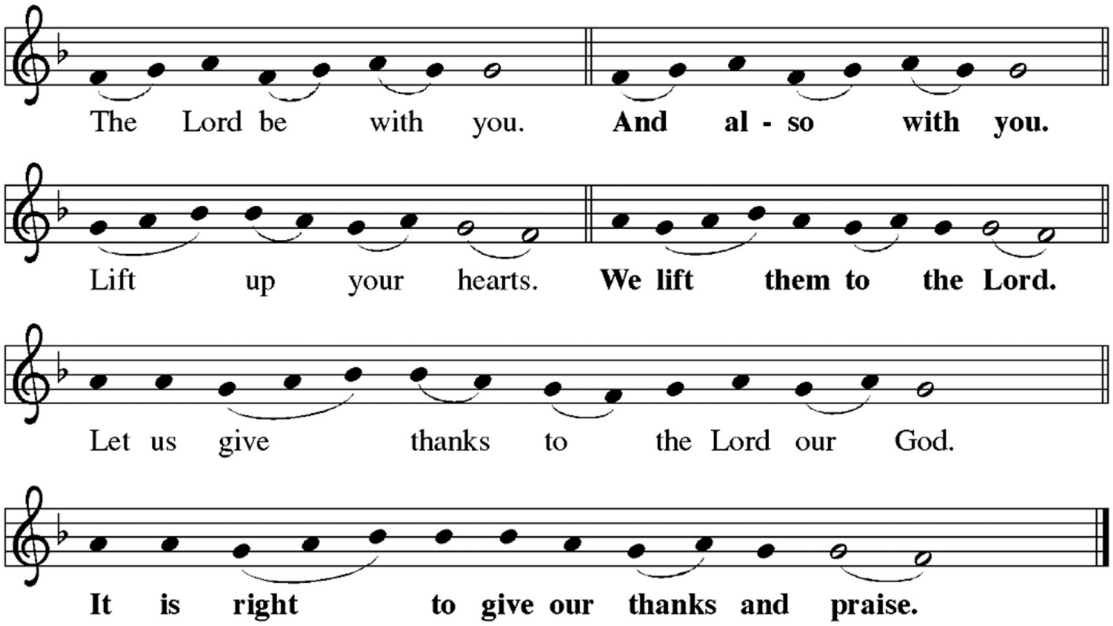
God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things 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. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

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 unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

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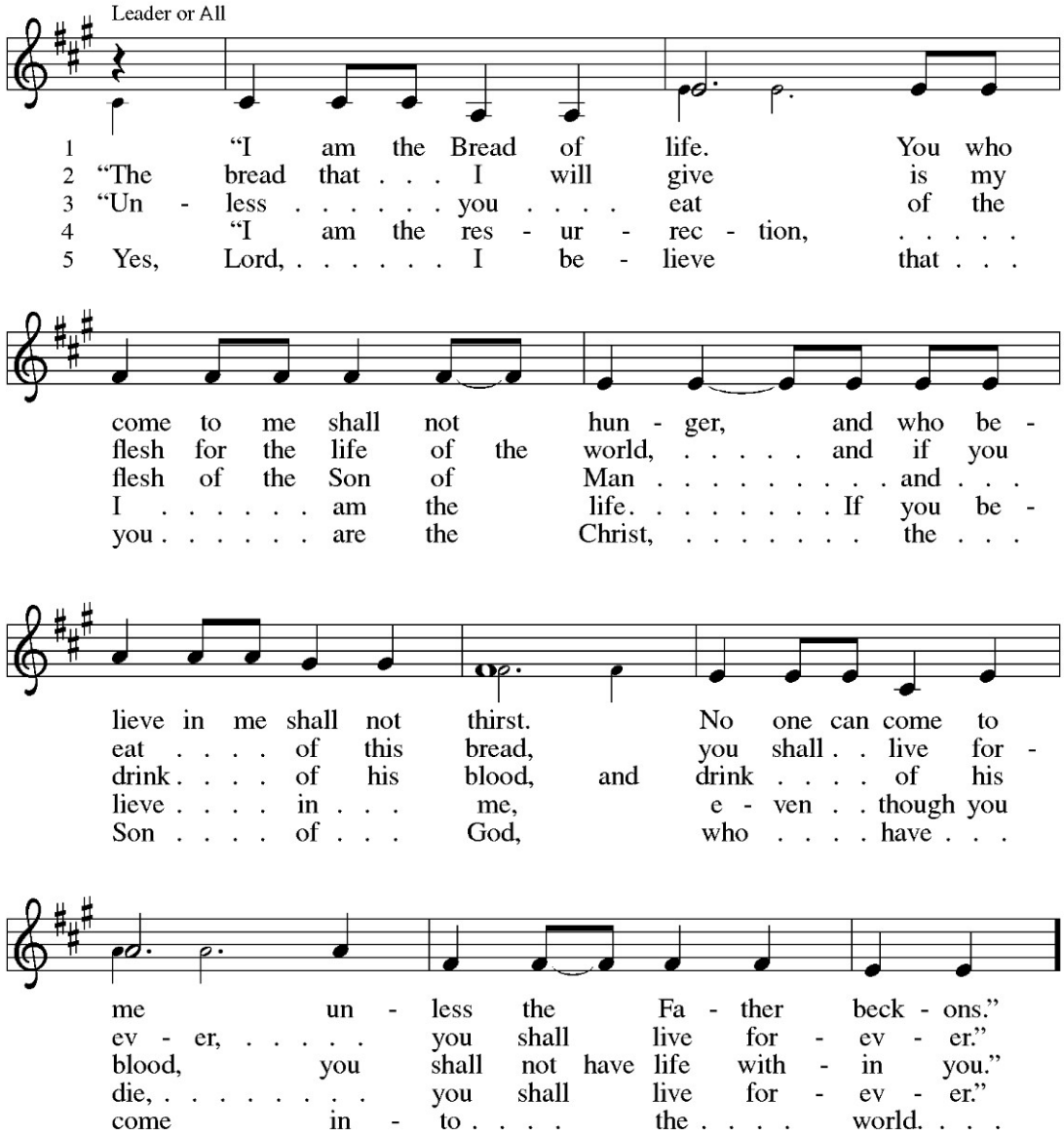
COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand or kneel, as you are able, at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns.

Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Please indicate if you need a gluten-free option. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time. Children too young to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485



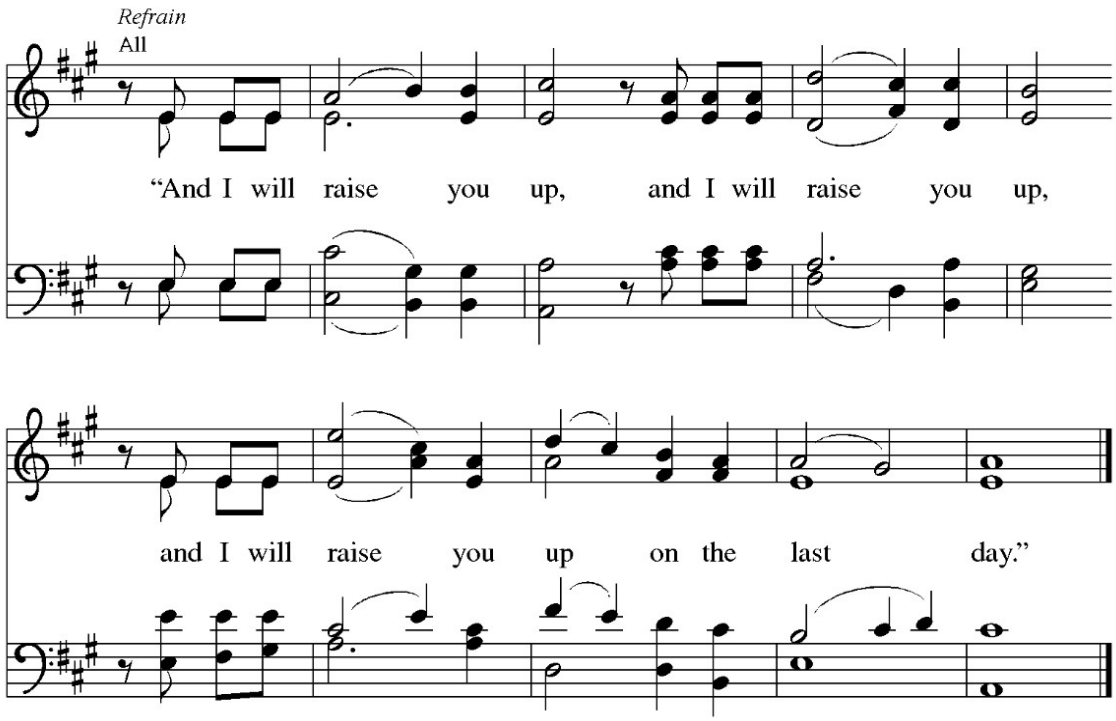


TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Bread from Heaven, Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Kathleen Louise Blaner to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kathleen. 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.**

BLESSING

As you go on your way may God go with you, may God go before you to show you the way. May God go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, within you to give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

BIOGRAPHY

Kathleen Louise Blaner, daughter of Stephen and Erna Blaner, was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on August 30, 1953. She was baptized at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Ehrenfeld, Pennsylvania, in October 1953 and was confirmed at Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, College Park, Maryland in April 1966.

Kathleen attended the Parkdale Senior High School in Riverdale, Maryland, was in the National Honor Society and International Thespian Society and graduated in June 1971. She graduated with honors in Public Communications from the American University in May 1978 and graduated with honors in May 1989 from The Catholic University of America School of Law.

Kathleen was admitted to practice law as a member of the bars of Maryland, the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. She was Legislative Counsel for liability and court reform to various corporate clients at the law firms of Kirkland & Ellis, Pepper Hamilton, and Covington & Burling, Washington, DC.

Kathleen joined Trinity Lutheran Church on December 8, 1996, served on the Congregation Council, was a Stephen Ministry Leader, and served in various other capacities.

Kathleen graduated with honors from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 2006. She served as field student under the supervision of the Reverend Llwellyn Lantz, Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, New York, from September 2003 through May 2004. From August 15, 2004 to August 15, 2005, she served as Vicar under the supervision of the Reverend Joanne Bond, Pastor, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Babylon, New York.

Kathleen Louise Blaner was called on Sunday June 25, 2006 to serve as the Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kensington, Maryland. She was ordained on July 22, 2006, the Festival of St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle, at Trinity Lutheran Church, North Bethesda, Maryland

Kathleen was married to Katherine Radzikowski on December 17, 2013.

Kathleen died on August 12, 2020 in Dunedin, Florida.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Kathleen to the Montgomery County Humane Society.

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Carol B

Cantor: Trinity Singers

Lector: Susan S

Altar Guild: Carol B

Communion Assistant: Miriam M

Usher: Ross A

Livestream Operators: Jeanine B, Mike M

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng

Guest Musician: Mary Bentley

Office: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone