

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR  
HIS BLESSING THROUGH THE LIFE OF:

✠ Patricia Mary Simko ✠

Born: July 25, 1941

Died: April 11, 2024

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia Michigan

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Saturday, April 27, 2024 ~ 11:00am

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTORAL GREETING

**P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

**P** In holy Baptism Pat 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 were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C** **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.** *(Romans 6:3-5)*

LOVING MEMORIES

Mary O'Connor

OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

- 1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## RESPONSIVE READING OF RESURRECTION COMFORT

- P** Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."  
Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!
- C** **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P** When Christ, who is our life appears,  
**C** **Then we also shall appear with Him in glory.**
- P** We will be before the throne of God  
**C** **And serve Him day and night in His temple.**
- P** Never again will we hunger;  
**C** **Never again will we thirst.**
- P** For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd.  
He will lead us to springs of living water.  
**C** **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### READINGS

Psalm 23  
Isaiah 40:28-31  
Romans 8:14-23  
John 10:11-16

### OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

**P** God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ Jesus. 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.**

### SERMON HYMN

"On Eagles' Wings"

LSB 727

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"**

***Refrain:* And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

***Refrain:*** And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

4. For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

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## SERMON

## PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken by the Congregation)*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

***Refrain:*** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

**Officiating:** Rev. Dean M. Davenport  
**Organist:** Tom Schroeder  
**Elder:** Chris Trapp

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*Please join the Simko family for a luncheon immediately following the service in the gymnasium at the west end of the building.*



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## *In Loving Memory ~*

Patricia Mary Simko, 82, of Livonia, Michigan, died April 11, 2024 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan. She was born on July 25, 1941 in Detroit, MI to James and Lillian (Frederick) Simko. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Owens, brothers James Simko and Tom Simko, daughters Mary O'Connor, Colleen O'Connor, sons Jim O'Connor, John O'Connor, Tim O'Connor and Patrick (Lisa) O'Connor, and 8 grandchildren.

Pat married James Joseph O'Connor in November 1959 and had 6 children. Early in life she worked at J. L. Hudson in many positions, mostly in the gift wrap department. For many years she managed bingo games, fundraisers and charities for Easter Seals, The American Diabetes Association, and St. Pius Parish.

After 30 years of marriage Pat and Jim divorced. In her mid-50's she enrolled at The University of Detroit Mercy, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Counseling. She earned a Master's degree in Counseling at Madonna University. She obtained state licensure as an LPC, (licensed practical counselor) and specialized in substance abuse disorders. Pat worked at Brighton Recovery Center, Eastwood Clinic, Heron Ridge and finally at New Beginnings, her private practice, as a substance abuse counselor. She was also a certified hypnotherapist. She was passionate about helping those in need and continued to work with recovering addicts into the final weeks of her life. She often heard from previous clients whose lives she had touched.

Pat loved Christmas, red geraniums, cardinals, Elvis Presley, and Fourth of July parades. She cherished hot summer days spent around her backyard pool, swimming and barbecuing with friends, her children and grandchildren. Pat was a lifelong reader and loved to relax with a hot cup of tea, shortbread cookies and a good novel. She always enjoyed travel and took many memorable trips to Hawaii. She loved the warm climate, beaches and tropical flowers so much, she returned from one trip with a new hibiscus flower ankle tattoo. Shortly before her death she discovered jigsaw puzzles were a great way to relax. It quickly became a custom that, while visiting Pat at her home, friends and family were to help chip away at the puzzle while sharing a cup of tea.

She was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan and enjoyed working in the food pantry as a kitchen volunteer and dishwasher. Pat donated her body to Wayne State University for medical research.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to either Doctors Without Borders or Mercy Ships, two causes she held close to her heart.

