



Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even 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.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house

of the Lord forever.

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

✠ Carole L. Kovatch ✠

Born: April 25, 1941

Died: January 18, 2024

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia Michigan

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Friday, January 26, 2024 ~ 11:00am

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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 Carole 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)*

(The casket is covered with the pall to recall Holy Baptism)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" *LSB 725*

- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

2. **God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**
3. **Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
4. **Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

LOVING MEMORIES

Susan Brandt

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, who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 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.**

continued

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

John 14:1-6, 25-27

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 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

LSB 710

- 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**
- 2. My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**
- 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

4. **My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

SERMON

"Comfort for Troubled Hearts"

John 14:1-6

PRAYERS

- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your life and Your peace.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- 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 that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- P** Grant to us, who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- P** Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- P** Give courage and faith to Kovatch family, and all of us that mourn, that we may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in faith.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- C** **Hear us, O Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING VERSES

- P** "The eternal God is your refuge,
C **And underneath are the everlasting arms.**" *(Deuteronomy 33:27a)*
P "And my God will meet all your needs...
C **according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**" *(Philippians 4:19)*
P "The Lord will be your everlasting light,
C **And your days of sorrow will end.**" *(Isaiah 60:20b)*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide with Me"

LSB 878

1. **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.**
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
4. **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;**
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
5. **I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;**
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;**
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiating: Rev. Dean M. Davenport
Organist: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Mark Anders
Pallbearers: Joe Kovatch, Sr.
Joe Kovatch
Jeff Kovatch
Cooper Kovatch
Robert Klein
Eric Carter

*Following the service, Carole will be laid to rest at:
Glen Eden Memorial Park, 35667 8 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152.*

*You are welcome to join the family at Glenn Eden or
wait for the family to return to Christ Our Savior.*

A luncheon will be served in the gym at the West end of the building.



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In Loving Memory -



Carole L. Kovatch

April 25, 1941 – January 18, 2024

Carole L. Kovatch (nee Klein), age 82, was a long-time resident of the City of Westland, Michigan. Carole was born and raised in Detroit and attended Western High School Class of 1959. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Detroit. Carole had a long career (36+ years) working in shipping and receiving for Feblo, Inc in Livonia. She enjoyed spending

time with her mother who moved in with her to help care for her boys. Retiring enabled her to do the one thing she treasured the most and that was to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Throughout her retirement she enjoyed socializing with the ladies from the Thirty-Niners Club and engaged in regular exercise with fellow seniors at the Westland Friendship Center. Carole loved spending time with family and her many friends as she was always on the go. Carole lived a strong faith life and was an active member at Our Master Lutheran Church in Inkster until it closed. She then became an active member at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. She loved helping those in need and in her younger days volunteered her time to drive the elderly to church. Dear mother of Joseph (Sharon) Kovatch, and Jeffrey (Katina) Kovatch. Loving grandmother of 4, Shannon Kovatch, Joe Kovatch, Ashley Marlatt and Cooper Kovatch. Survived by sister Lois Nabozny and sister-in-law Pauline Klein; in addition to many nieces, nephews, and friends. Carole was predeceased by parents William and Anna Klein, brothers Waldo Klein, Harold Klein, Richard Klein, and sisters Margaret Ryan and Charlotte Eminger.

Carole will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan.

Memorial donations may be made to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Hour, or American Heart Association.