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## **Prelude Music**

### **Gathering:**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

*Pastor:* 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.

*People:* **We glorify you.**

*Pastor:* 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.

*People:* **We praise you.**

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

*People:* **We worship you.**

*Pastor:* To you, o blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn:** Borning Cry - ELW#732

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Patricia. 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 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.

*People:*

**Amen.**

## **The Eulogy**

## **The Word of God**

### **First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4**

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to break down and a time to build up;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;

*Pastor:* Word of God, Word of Life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 122**

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers."  
For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

*St. Paul writes,* "If God is for us, who is against us? 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? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ 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? No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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."

Pastor: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel: John 14:1-3**

*Jesus said,* "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."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily**

**Sermon Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord* - ELW#574

### **The Prayers:**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion fiercer than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them through your church Triumphant until we join them and all the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Pastor:* And now, as we prepare to commit our sister Patricia into God's eternal care, let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us....

### **The 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Commendation:**

*Pastor:* Let us now commend Patricia to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Patricia. 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**

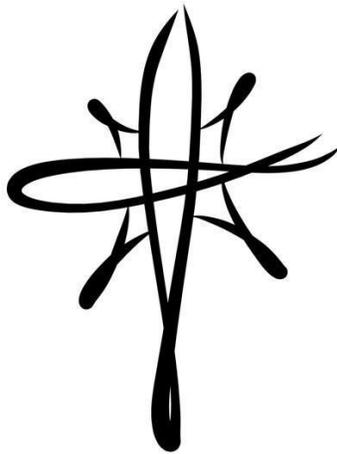
**Sending Hymn:** *Lift High the Cross* - ELW#660

**The Dismissal:**

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

**The Committal:**

(A private family graveside committal service will follow at Pinelawn Cemetery in Southern Pines, North Carolina.)



**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Reverend Frank Waugh, Officiating Minister  
Linda Strohmenger, Organist



## **The Obituary of Patricia Rogers Williams**

Patricia Rogers Williams, of the Carol Woods Retirement community, died on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022. Pat was known for her wonderful smile and joyful demeanor.

Mrs. Williams was formerly from Southern Pines, and Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was the daughter of the late Carey Elvington Rogers and Ruby Harrington Fogle. of Myrtle Beach. She was the wife of the late coach John Wiley Williams, of Southern Pines.

Mrs. Williams is survived by three sons, Dr. John W. Williams Jr. (Peggy), of Chapel Hill, Michael Carey Williams (Lisa), of Asheville, and Mark Spencer Williams (Olga), of Wilmington; grandchildren, Melissa, Spencer, Stephanie, Katherine, Margaret, Anna, Natalie and Steve; and great-grandchildren, William and Vann.

Mrs. Williams was a graduate of Pineland School for Girls and St. Andrews Presbyterian College. She taught elementary school in Moore County for 28 years. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa national honorary society. She was a charter member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, in Southern Pines, where she served on church council for 3 terms, chaired the education committee, taught Sunday School, and was president of the Women of the Church. Later she was an active member of Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church and volunteered teaching English as a second language.

A celebration of life reception will be scheduled later at Carol Woods in Chapel Hill.

Memorials may be made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines 28387.

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