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Well
WITH MY
Soul

A Celebration of Life

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church + Southern Pines, NC

PRELUDE MUSIC

THE GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our sister, Barbara, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: 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: Let us pray. 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.**

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“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him.”
Psalm 62:5

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Barbara Holderby. 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. Illumine our lives, so we may see in death the gate of eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE EULOGY – Tom Adams

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: *Psalm 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively.*)

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 right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of death

I 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

my whole life long.

The Epistle: Colossians 3:12

St. Paul writes, “Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

Pastor: Word of God, Word of Life.

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

The Gospel: John 14:1-7

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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY – The Reverend Terry Dorsey

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THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

*People: **hear our prayer.***

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

*People: **hear our prayer.***

Pastor: Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

*People: **hear our prayer.***

Pastor: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

*People: **hear our prayer.***

Pastor: Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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 life in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: And now, as we prepare to commit our sister Barbara 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.**

SPECIAL READING – *A Letter from Heaven*

Reader: When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.
And each time you think of me, I'll know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

SPECIAL MUSIC – *It Is Well with My Soul* – Patricia Hayward

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*"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."
Psalm 30:5*

THE COMMENDATION

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

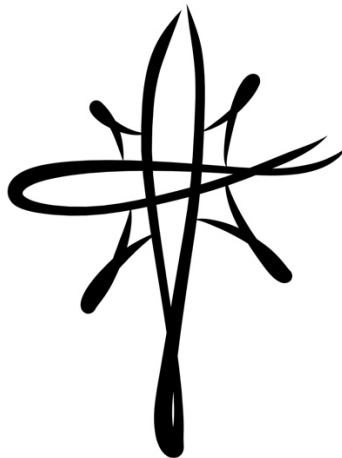
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THE DISMISSAL

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

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“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’”



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Frank Waugh, Officiating Minister
The Reverend Terry Dorsey, Homily
The Reverend Linda Nye, Reader
Linda Strohmenger, Organist
Patricia Hayward, Soloist
Tom Adams, Eulogy



The Obituary of Barbara Thiele Holderby

August 4, 1936 – August 10, 2026

Barbara Thiele Holderby, 90, of Southern Pines, passed peacefully at the FirstHealth Hospice House on Monday, August 10, 2026.

Born in Washington, D.C. on August 4, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Edward Hodges and Vibeke Laub Thiele. After her high school graduation, Barbara attended William & Mary College where she met A. Byron Holderby, Jr. The couple married in May of 1956. Byron's military career carried the family around the world, from Japan to Jacksonville (both North Carolina and Florida), Wales, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Hawaii before retiring in Pinehurst, NC in 2001. Throughout her life, Barbara wore many hats. She worked as an administrative assistant for John Hancock Insurance; she was a draftsman, a wedding consultant, and a supervisor for a construction company.

Barbara, known affectionately to many as "Baba," spoke to everyone she met with the same genuine interest and kindness, whether meeting a military dignitary or a retail clerk. She had a special way of making people feel heard and valued.

Barbara was the wife of the late A. Byron Holderby, Jr. She was the mother of Barbara Bostian, husband Mike, and Anne Vance, husband Rob. She was the sister of Vibeke Weber, husband Jerry. Barbara is also survived by her six grandchildren: Matthew, Laura, Erica, Rachel, Jenny and Alex; and her seven great-grandchildren: David, Carter, Emma, Olivia, Kaia, Edward and Eleanor.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



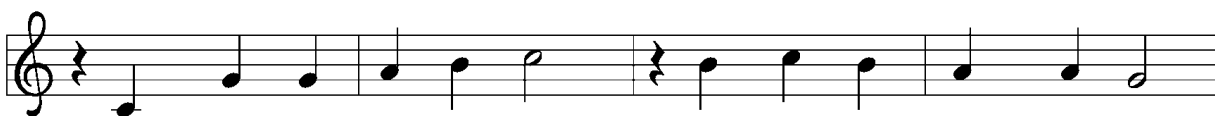
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

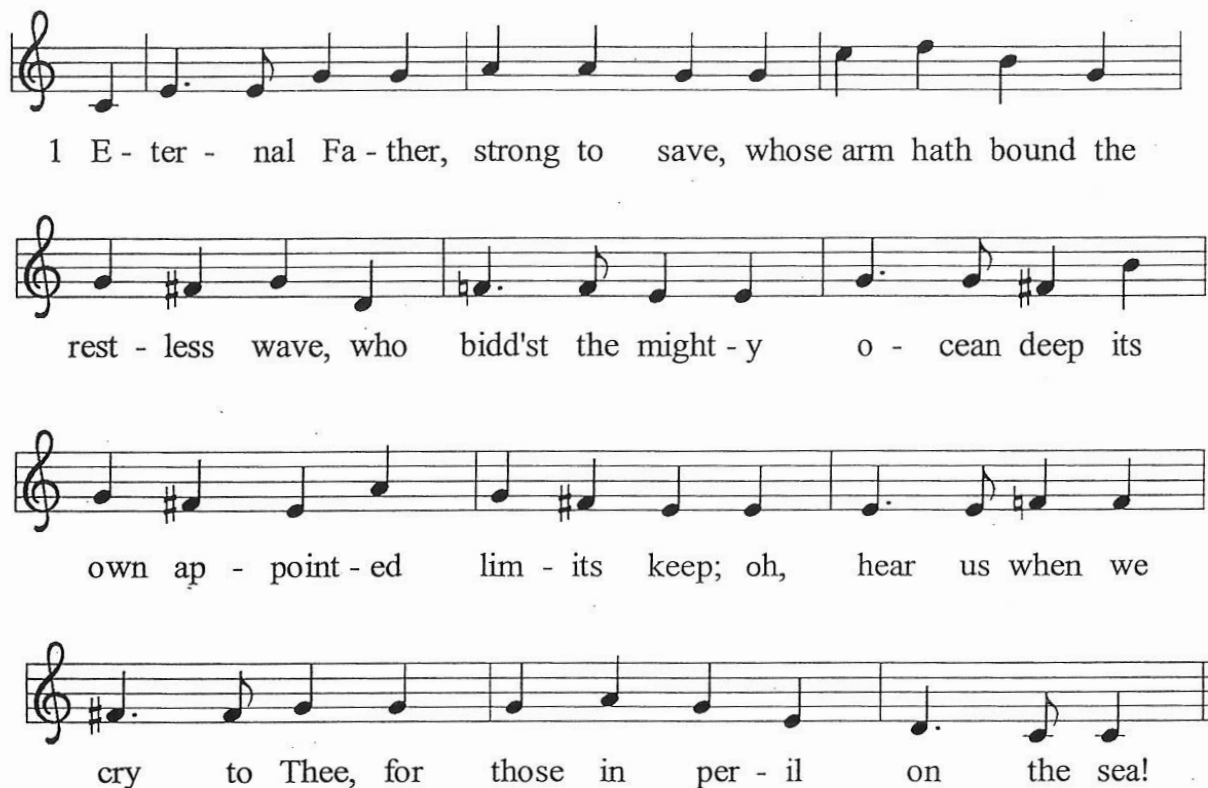


From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep; oh, hear us when we
cry to Thee, for those in per - il on the sea!

2
Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
through the great spaces in the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
in darkening storms or sunlight fair;
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
for those in peril in the air!

3
Eternal Father, grant, we pray
to all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
from every peril to the Corps.

4
Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
watch o'er the men who guard our coasts.
Protect them from the raging seas
and give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above
the shield and shelter of thy love.

5
And when at length her course is run,
her work for home and country done,
Of all the souls that in her sailed
let not one life in thee have failed;
But hear from heaven our sailor's cry,
and grant eternal life on high!



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