

You raised the dead to life and promised new life to those who put their trust in you. Bring **Thom** to eternal life and the joys of heaven. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thom was washed in baptism and anointed with your Holy Spirit. Give him fellowship with all your saints.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thom was nourished with your body and blood. Grant him a place at the banquet table of your Great Feast of Victory in your heavenly kingdom. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust **Thom** to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall ever be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

Let us pray. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, **Thom**. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him 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

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

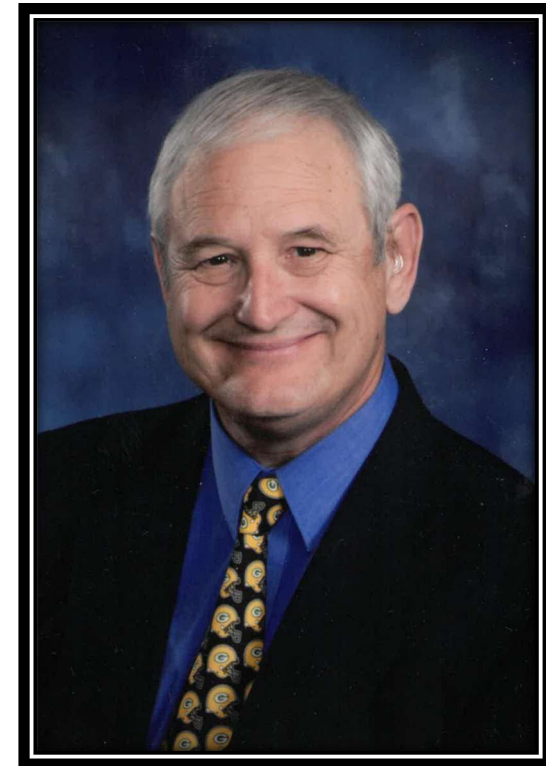
SENDING SONG *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*

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Following today's service, a luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall in the church's lower level. All are welcome!

Celebration of Life *Thom Gerretsen*

November 17, 1952 – September 7, 2024



Faith Lutheran Church
207 South Cherry Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

September 20, 2024 – 11:00am

PRELUDE

Kathy Biederwolf, Organist

GATHERING & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Thanks be to 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.

Thanks be to God.

GATHERING SONG *Morning Has Broken* ELW 556

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother-in-Christ, **Thom**. We thank you for giving him 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, all creation is gathered into the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

IN MEMORY OF THOM GERRETSEN

PSALM 23 (*Responsively*)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, 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 will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up*

SCRIPTURE **Colossians 3:12-17**

GOSPEL **John 14:1-7**

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SONG OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* ELW 732

APOSTLE'S CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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, you have knit your people together in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church, in heaven and on earth, your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of **Thom**, console us, and dry the tears of those who weep. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**