

CELEBRATION OF THE ETERNAL LIFE GIVEN TO

Barbara Ann Poston

MAY 28, 1937 † MAY 16, 2021

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 1:00 pm
St. Martin's Lutheran Church – Archbold, Ohio
Deacon Steve Basselman, Officiating

A Christian funeral service is a service of worship intended for the strength and comfort of the living. It is focused upon Jesus Christ's triumph over death and His promise of eternal life to all who believe.

*The large white **Paschal Candle** is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a visual reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. For funerals, the paschal candle is also lighted. The paschal candle proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."*

*Today we also celebrate **Holy Communion**. In Communion, the living bread and the cup of salvation, shared in community, is full of healing power for those who grieve. On the night before his own death, Jesus gave his disciples this holy meal; on the day of resurrection, the risen Christ brought joy to the grieving disciples at Emmaus through the breaking of the bread. This sacrament is the gracious sign of the completion of baptism, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and the anticipation of all the faithful reunited before God and the Lamb.*

*The white **Funeral Pall** that is placed on the casket reminds us of our baptism and that all who are baptized into Christ have clothed themselves with Christ, emphasizing our equality in God's sight. No one person has any special claim, and all of us leave this life as we were born into it—with nothing except being wrapped in God's love. The imagery on the pall is based on John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches." We place this pall as a reminder that we come before God clothed only with our baptism.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace – arr. R. Hobby
Beautiful Savior – arr. R. Hobby
For All the Saints – arr. W. Held

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM – *Please stand as you are able*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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. (*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*)

Thanks be to God.

When we were baptized into 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.
(*Romans 6:3-5*)

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.

We glorify you.

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.

We praise you.

HOLY SPIRIT, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.



HYMN

“Abide with Me”

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

GREETING AND PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

And also with you.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Barb. 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 our Lord 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.

Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8, 14

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:4-8

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ When You said, "Seek My face,"
My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 – *Read together in unison*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth 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 thou art with me;**

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES



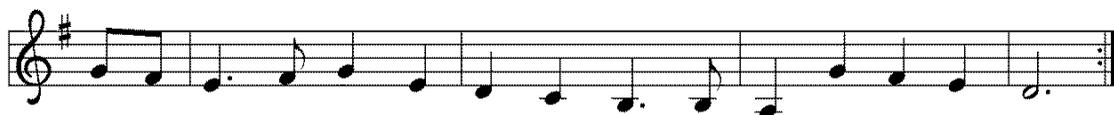
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

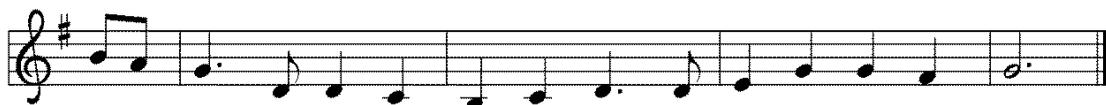


in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

Repeat back to the beginning for Verses 2 & 3



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

GOSPEL READINGS

LUKE 2:22,25-38

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

JOHN 3:16-18

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Deacon Steve Basselman

HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PROFESSION OF FAITH – *Apostles' Creed*

We are made children of God 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 into hell.**

**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

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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. Grant us grace to entrust Barb to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you".*

HOLY COMMUNION

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are holy, O God of majesty, and holy is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lived as one of us, and knew our joy, our pain and sorrow, and our death. By his death on the cross you revealed that your love has no limit. By raising him from death you conquered the last enemy, crushed all evil powers, and gave new life to the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. By your Holy Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name.

Remember our sister Barb, whose baptism is now complete in death. Bring her into your eternal joy and light, together with all who have died in the peace of Christ; through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America welcomes all Christians who believe in the loving presence of Christ to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be distributed in a continuous style. You'll be asked to come forward, receive the bread and then step to the side to receive the wine. The light colored glasses in each tray are grape juice.

"His Eye Is One the Sparrow"



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, when - ev - er clouds a -



come?
 hear,
 rise,
 Why should my heart be lone-ly
 and rest-ing on his good-ness,
 when song gives place to sigh-ing,



and long for heaven and home, When Je - sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clo - ser



por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 lead-eth but one step I may see: } His eye is on the
 to him, from care he sets me free: }



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm



hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his





SENDING

Please Stand

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER

Comforting God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin: "now you have dismissed your servant"*)

*O Lord, now let your servant depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill,
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel.*

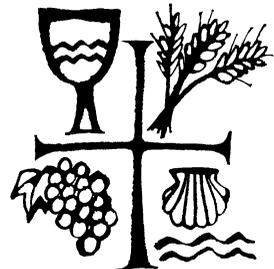
COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Barb.

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



MEAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone;
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:



take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress – arr. W. Wold

Memorial contributions may be made to
St. Martin's Lutheran Church

You are invited to a meal in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Lector:

Cecily Rohrs

Barb's Sunday & Wednesday small group leader

Communion Assistants:

Gwen Grisier

Kris Jemmott

from Barb's monthly Sewing Group

Musician:

Steve Basselman

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Celebrating the Life of
BARB POSTON

Barbara Ann Poston, age 83, of Archbold, Ohio passed away May 16, 2021 in Toledo, Ohio. Barbara was born on May 28, 1937 to Lucille (Schnitkey) Lohse and George W. Owens, who both preceded her in death. Barb was baptized June 13, 1937 and affirmed her baptism through the rite of Confirmation on March 18, 1951 at Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia (Donald) Burkholder; sister, Sandra (Kenneth) Freytag; brother, Robert (Cindy) Owens; and brother, George (Cindy) Owens. Barbara is also survived by her son, Jeffrey Humbarger of Sarasota, FL; daughter, Jeri Goheen of Bryan; son, James Humbarger of Niceville, FL; daughter, Jodi (Todd) Moser of Bryan; dear friend, William Poston; eight grandchildren: Justin (Britni) Kunsman, Duane (Ashley) Kunsman, Bridgett (Chris) Botts, Courtney (Joshua) Larson, Katelin (Clay) Burke, Olivia (Eric) Duhaime, Peter Humbarger, Taylor (Kelly) Humbarger; and eight great-grandchildren.

Barbara was retired from ConAgra after more than 30 years and enjoyed her retirement very much. She was active in many ways as a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Those who knew her best knew of her infinity of frog figurines. She had a beautiful heart and a love for God and many dear friends. Interment will be at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Well done 
Thou good and faithful servant