

*A Celebration of the Life of*



*Marian Emilie Meyers*

February 26, 2022 + 1:00pm  
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold, Ohio

Memorial Service for  
**Marian Emilie Meyers**

August 5, 1932 + January 24, 2022

Baptized: August 28, 1932

Confirmed: June 10, 1945

**PRELUDE**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** – J.B. Carlson

**I Need Thee Every Hour** – G. Young

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** – R. Hobby

**For All the Saints** – W. Held

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** (*Please stand*)

Leader: 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. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## INVOCATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure and certain hope, we worship you.

**People: We worship you.**

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

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Marian. 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 your aid, so that we may see in death the gate to 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.** (*please be seated*)

## FIRST LESSON

## Psalm 23 ESV

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.

*After the reading:*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6, 25-27 NRSV

“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.”

*After the reading:*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

Pastor Tenny Shifley

## HYMN

### Borning Cry



- 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.”

*Back to the beginning for Verses 2-3*

*Verse 4 →*



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."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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### **APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand)*

**Leader:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**People:** 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**

*Each petition ends:*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## COMMENDATION

Leader: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Marian. 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.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## HYMN

### Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## RECESSIONAL

***Celebrating the Life of***  
**MARIAN MEYERS**

Marian Emilie (Gerken) Meyers, 89, passed away unexpectedly January 24, 2022, and is now sitting at the feet of Jesus telling him stories of her full and blessed life.

Marian was born on August 5, 1932, at home in Deshler, OH to Theodor and Emilie (Meyer) Gerken, and became engaged to Marvin L Meyers (Okolona, OH) on April 1, 1951 while he was on leave from Camp Hamilton AFB, California. They were married on February 8, 1953, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, OH, moved to California, and resided there for three years before moving back to Northwest Ohio to raise their family.

Marian loved her babies and was blessed with six children: Mark Meyers, Steven (Pam) Meyers, Sandra (Tom) Thatcher, Sherry (Tennyson) Shifley, Kenneth (Carol) Meyers, Kristina (Darin) Miller. In addition to her own children, she and Marvin opened their home to several foster children.

Marian and Marvin lived in Archbold, OH until 1982, where they were members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. A job opportunity took them to Erie, PA where they lived for 30+ years, and were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. While there, Marian was actively involved with the pre-school program at St. Paul's and served on several community outreach programs. She founded the quilt group at St. Paul's (Patchwork of Love), where many quilts were sewn and distributed to people in need, through the efforts of Lutheran World Relief and local community organizations. Many times, Marian would hear of someone going through a crisis and would personally deliver a quilt to them herself. While involved with Habitat for Humanity, every new home built in the Erie community received a quilt from Patchwork of Love. Her generosity knew no bounds. She also volunteered in a soup kitchen (Loaves and Fishes) of the Erie Community for over 20 years.

Marian, along with her husband, Marvin, traveled in their motorhome with the group, Laborers for Christ, to help build Churches across the country. Once retired, and it became time to downsize and sell their Erie home, they then moved to Shepherdsville, KY, to reside with their son, Ken. They found a new church family at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown, KY. It did not take Marian long to find a place to volunteer and thoroughly enjoyed her time at Outreach Thrift Shop (Lutheran), Shepherdsville, KY, where she was welcomed like family!

They enjoyed many years traveling in their motorhome for vacations and to visit children living in different parts of the country. Marian was always ready to go! She loved to travel and looked forward to her next adventure. Traveling through Alaska in their motorhome was one trip she loved to talk about. Trips/vacations with her children and grandchildren were planned with much excitement!

Marian had a love for sewing, especially quilt-piecing, and made numerous quilts for friends and family. She also had talents for knitting and crocheting, using those talents to make baby hats and sweaters that were donated to local NICU units.

She loved to gather around the table and play games or cards. You always wanted her on your team when playing Pepper! She was a great competitor!

Marian's love for her 13 grandchildren was ever-present. When they were old enough, she shared her love of travel with them, taking them on memorable journeys. Oh, the places they went and the fun they had together will never be forgotten! Grandchildren: Ethan Meyers, Joshua (Mary) Meyers, Mark (Tara) Thatcher, Kiel Thatcher, Justin Thatcher, Colin (Shannon) Shifley, Erin (Jeff) Burns, Neal Miller, Abbey Kramer, Samantha Westcott, Cecelia Miller, Elijah (Kayla) Miller, Brent Hageman.

14 great-grandchildren were beginning to know the love of Marian. She will forever be in their hearts: Daniel Meyers, Lydia Meyers, Emma Thatcher, Hayden Thatcher, Liam Thatcher, Emily Shifley, Noah Burns, Rowan Burns, Isiah Edinger, Mariah Miller, Alexis Rounds, Anna Rounds, Lucas Shay, Tayla Migliaccio.

Marian is survived by husband, Marvin, and her brother, Dale Gerken of Florida, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodor and Emily Gerken, son, Mark Meyers, granddaughter-in-law, Tara Thatcher, and granddaughter, Samantha Westcott.

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Following the worship service, the family will be proceeding to Bethlehem Cemetery for a private committal service.

**Officiating:** Pastor Tennyson C. Shifley  
Deacon Steve Basselman

Memorial contributions may be made to  
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