

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside, and a majestic, rugged mountain range in the background under a cloudy sky.

*Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again I say, Rejoice!
...The Lord is near*



IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Patty Ann Thoms

April 21, 1942-December 9, 2025

Saturday, January 10, 2026

PRELUDE

Congregational responses are in bold.

GATHERING

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Patty was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art” vv. 1 & 4

ELW 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

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4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

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. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 100

Lisa Fischer

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Patty Lynne Cardiel

The reading is from the first book of Peter, the first chapter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EULOGIES

Michael Balavich, Nicholas Balavich,
Alexandria Balavich and Carol Sullivan

SOLO

"The Dance"
Vocalist: Moises Cardiel

Garth Brooks

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack

HYMN

“When Peace like a River” v. 1 & 3

ELW 785

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's own 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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together in 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. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

ELW 608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
- Refrain* "Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"
- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend our sister, Patty, to the mercy of God, our maker
and redeemer.

(Silence is kept.)

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

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ.

POSTLUDE

*Following the funeral, inurnment will be at the
Beautiful Savior Columbarium.*

*Following the inurnment, the family invites you to a memorial
luncheon at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.*

Serving Today

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor, Presiding

Julie Steinmayer, Music Minister
Moises Cardiel, Soloist

Dave Eicher and Chris Ford, Worship & Audio Technicians

Lisa Fischer and Patty Lynne Cardiel
Readers

Michael Balavich, Nicholas Balavich, Alexandria Balavich and
Carol Sullivan
Eulogists

Chuck Biebelhausen, Ray Green, Jay Herbst and Bob Hoffman
Ushers

Tammy Dukatz, Louise Green and Anita Venola
Communion Assistants

WINGS (Women in God's Service), Reception

*Patty's family asks that gifts in her memory be given to
the Beautiful Savior Care Ministries Fund.*

*Memorials can be sent to the church office
or given electronically at www.bslcmi.org/give.*

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