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shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6

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And in Loving Memory of Mariana Violeta Dragan Luecke March 24, 1966 – July 1, 2025 **Opening Hymn** 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense 1 Je sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior. now is 2 Je sus. Re-deem - er, lives; Like - wise Ι to life shall my 3 No. too close - lv Ι am bound By my hope to Christ for-4 I flesh and must re - turn То the dust, whence I am am đ liv ing! Know - ing fi - dence this. my con wak en. He will bring me where He is; Faith's strong has found, ev er: hand the Rock Ι tak en; But by faith now dis - cern A Though Rests the hope here giv the up on en, Shall then mv cour age be shak en? Shall Ι Grasped it, will Ε and leave it nev er; ven That With from death I shall а _ wak en my O death be fraught Still night of with man-y an anx - ious thought. and leave His mem - bers dead? fear. Head Rise or could the From its Lord the trust - ing death now can - not part heart. Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

A Christian Service to the Glory of God

5 Glorified, I shall anew

With this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;
 He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.
 They will go their Lord to meet,
 Treading death beneath their feet.

- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;
 Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.
 As you now still wait to rise,
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The urn is covered by the funeral pall as a reminder of the righteousness of Christ that covers Mariana.

Remembrance of Baptism

- In Holy Baptism Mariana was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- G We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

Psalm

Psalm 27

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not your face from me.
- **C** Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
- Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
- **I** believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Kyrie

- **P** O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- C have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray... O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Mariana and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Old Testament Reading

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Safe anchored in Thy will;

Stand

Verse

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:25–33

And wake in heav'n with Thee!

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- C

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

- God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- **G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Give to the family of Mariana and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for Mariana and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

С

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Sit

Duet: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" by Chris Tomlin

Performed by Mike and Bea Luecke

Nunc Dimittis

- A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
- Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Stand

Concluding Collects

- **P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, our Rock and our Refuge, draw near to us in our deepest sorrow and comfort us at the death of Mariana with the forgiveness and redemption of the cross and the victory of the resurrection. Look graciously upon those who mourn the death of a beloved wife and mother. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the 🕂 Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.
- C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sit

Solo "Beyond the Sundset" by Virgil P. Brock

Performed by Daniela Peters

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

- The Lord bless you and keep you. P The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- С Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise: 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de-feat: \triangle 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be God on high: to hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God Sing to God a a hymn of praise; See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry; He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled— Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more, Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty! Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead. Je-sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!