

I AM the  
*Resurrection,*  
AND  
THE *Life*



# Funeral Service for Doreen Winger

## January 25, 2024

### ↑ Processional Hymn: 891 O Light Whose Splendor

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens  
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,  
3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,  
And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,  
Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,  
In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es  
O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;  
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.  
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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### Service of Light and Remembrance of Baptism

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can overcome.
- P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** and the day is almost over.
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** and illumine Your Church.

**P** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** In Holy Baptism Doreen 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?"

**C** **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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray. God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Doreen 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

*Lamentations 3:22–33*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ...

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

(King James Version)

**P** The LORD is my shepherd;

**C** I shall not want.

**P** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

**C** he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**P** He restoreth my soul;

**C** he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

**C** for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**P** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**C** thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

**C** and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## Epistle

*Revelation 22 (selected verses)*

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia Verse

**C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia.**

**P** Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.

**C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia.**

**P** Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God.  
Count yourselves as dead to sin  
and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia.**

## ↑ Holy Gospel

*John 1:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

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

**C 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

↓ Hymn: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## Reading of the Obituary

### Sermon

## ↑ 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.

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

**P** Give to the family of Doreen 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.

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

**P** Receive our thanks for Doreen 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.

## ↓ 547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### *Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## Committal Service

**P** In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help?  
 From You alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

**C** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful Savior,  
 deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.

- P** Lord, You know the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not Your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

- P** O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death  
turn us away from You at our last hour.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You  
hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising  
resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless ✠ this grave that the body of  
our brother Charles; may sleep here in peace until You awaken him  
to glory, when he will see You face to face and know the splendor of  
the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Reading:**

***John 12:23–26***

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
<sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and  
dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves  
his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for  
eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am,  
there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor  
him.”

- P** We now commit the body of our sister Doreen to its final resting  
place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and  
certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be  
like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all  
things to Himself.

*The pastor may place his hand on the head of the casket as he says:*

- 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.**

**C** 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.

**P** “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.”

**C** 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.

**P** Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. 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.

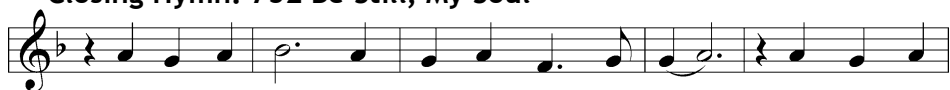
**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the  
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der  
 fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let  
 dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His  
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-  
 noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your  
 fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
 From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
 All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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# Obituary

**Doreen Ann Wingers,** age 72, of Chilton, died peacefully in the comfort of her home with her family by her side on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

She was born September 22, 1951, in Rantoul, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Robert & Dolores (Lau) Wittmann. Doreen graduated Chilton High School Class of 1969. She married Alan J. Wingers on July 28, 1973, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rantoul. They just recently celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage.

Doreen was a longtime member of St. Martin Lutheran Church in Chilton and was deeply devoted to her faith. In her free time, she enjoyed quiet moments sitting under her favorite shade tree reading a good book. Her loving and supportive nature will be fondly remembered by her family and friends. She was a truly loving and amazing wife, mother and grandmother, always providing support and love for her family. She always made holidays and get-togethers so very special, and those memories of her will be treasured forever.

Survivors include her husband: Alan; her children: Todd (Wendy) Wingers, Sheila Wingers and her fiancé Mark Doering; 2 grandchildren: Alison & Alesha Wingers; and her sister: Luann (Bill) Brandes. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Dolores Wittmann; a sister: Kay Riemer; and a nephew: Scott Riemer.