

Christian Memorial Service
for
Peter Thomas



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“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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INFORMATION

Our nursery area is located near the entrance area of the church. It is equipped with a television monitor so that you can view and follow the service if you desire to stay with your child in the nursery.

Restrooms are located through the double doors down the hallway on the right. A changing table for infants and toddlers is located in both restrooms. Additional restrooms are available in the education wing.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand

382 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 382

Invocation and Remembrance of Baptism

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

Amen.

In Holy Baptism, Peter Thomas was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." [Galatians 3:26-27] The apostle also writes:

"All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." [Romans 6:3-5]

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated

Resurrection Comfort

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

[2 Corinthians 1:2-4]

145 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 145 v.1-2

At the death of Lazarus, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." [John 11:25-26]

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. [1 Corinthians 15:54, 57]

The wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [*Romans 6:23*]

145 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 145 v.4-5

Stand

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of our loved one, Peter, and dry the tears of all who weep. We thank you for bringing Peter to faith and giving him the gift of eternal life. Strengthen and comfort us with your Word and sacraments and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1, 6-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things
planned long ago.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all
peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

- ¹Keep me safe, O God,
for in you I take refuge.
- ²I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.”
- ⁵LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.
- ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- ⁷I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
- ¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
- ¹¹You have made known to me the path of life;
**you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at
your right hand.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:2–4, 12–22

²By this gospel you are saved... ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

Stand

Gospel

John 1:1–5, 9–14, 16–17

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...

¹⁶Out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Be seated

280 Thy Strong Word

CW 280 v. 1–3, 5

Sermon

John 1:1–5, 9–14, 16–17

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

551 For All the Saints

CW 551 vv. 1–2, 4, 8

Stand

Responsive Prayer

Almighty God, we praise you for your loving-kindness shown to the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life. We remember especially our loved one, Peter, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacraments. You give us family, friends and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

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.**

Song of Simeon

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

321 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

CW 321