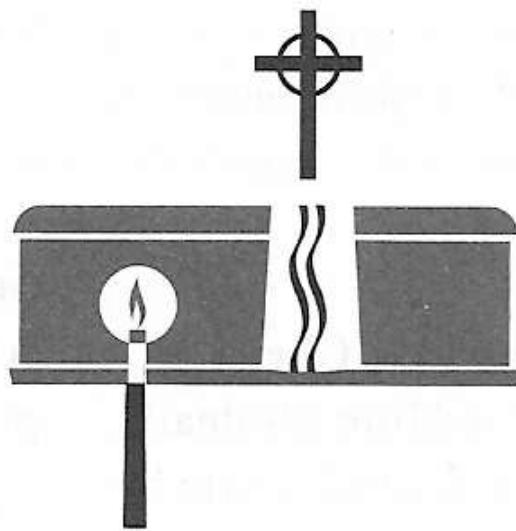


*Peace be with you*



*Susan Marie Bittler*

*September 15, 1945 – November 4, 2022*

**Welcome to all.** We greet you in the name of Christ the Lord, and extend the hospitality of the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to you.

**A Christian Funeral** is a service of worship which involves all those present. We are here to worship God together. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and the promise of our own resurrection and life with God.

We offer thanks for the blessing which God has brought to us with and through Sue. By our Baptism into Christ, God makes us God's own people. Sue's baptism marked the beginning of eternal life for her. Along with her, we have the certain hope of life forever in Christ's presence.

**Please participate as a fellow worshipper.** By use of this booklet, you may join in all responses and prayers. **Bold print in this booklet indicates that the entire congregation responds.**

# *Susan Marie Bittler*

Born:	September 15, 1945
Baptized:	November 15, 1945
Confirmed:	March 22, 1959
Married:	November 27, 1971
Died:	November 4, 2022

## The Order for Burial of the Dead

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Greenville, Pennsylvania  
Friday, November 18, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

*(At the Presiding Minister's direction, the assembly stands to face the rear of the Church; as the processional cross passes, please turn to face it as it moves to the altar.)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, (*the urn is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism*), we were baptized into his death. We were buried (*the white pall is placed over the urn*) 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.

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.

**We glorify you.**

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.

**We praise you.**

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

**We worship you.**

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

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

## My Hope Is Built on

1 My hope is built on  
 2 When dark - ness veils his  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his  
 4 When he shall come with noth - ing less than

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## Apostolic Greeting

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.**

## The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister in Christ, Susan. 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 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.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## Word

### First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a

A reading from Isaiah:

1 But now thus says the Lord,  
    He who created you, O Jacob,  
    He who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.

3 For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121

*(The psalm will be sung by the cantor.)*

1 I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
    from where is my | help to come?  
2 My help comes | from the LORD,  
    the maker of heav- | en and earth.  
3 The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
    nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.  
4 Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
    will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;  
5 the LORD watches | over you;  
    the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;  
6 the sun will not strike | you by day,  
    nor the | moon by night.  
7 The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
    and will | keep your life.  
8 The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
    from this time forth for- | evermore.

## Second Reading

Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

A reading from Romans:

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39

nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands.)*

Gospel Acclamation

Memorial Alleluia

(Washill)

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead.  
To him be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 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!**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

*(The assembly stands.)*

## Hymn of the Day

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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, 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 to the dead.\*  
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 of Intercession

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into 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 us grace to entrust Sue to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your presence all family and friends who have completed their journey on this earth, and have gone to their rest in the hope of rejoicing with you forever in heaven. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## *Meal*

Organ Offertory

Interlude

(Peeters)

*The altar is prepared for the celebration of the Sacrament, a celebration of Christ's victory over death, and Christ's continuing nurture of the Church.*

*(The assembly stands.)*

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.  
God our Redeemer,  
receive all we bring you this day –  
these gifts and the offering of our lives.  
Refresh us with this holy food and drink  
that we may reach the promised land,  
the Easter feast of victory in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and gracious Father:  
in your infinite love you made us for yourself;  
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,  
to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us to reconcile us to  
you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,  
and offered himself in obedience to your will,  
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering therefore the life he offered for us,  
and celebrating his glorious resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you.

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
as the holy food and drink of unending life,  
may serve you in unity, faithfulness, and peace,  
until you bring us with Susan and all your saints  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.  
This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
**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.**

## Breaking of Bread

*As the bread is broken:*

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## Communion of the Faithful

***Procedure for Communing:*** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

*(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)*

## Hymn during distribution

## Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

*(The assembly stands.)*

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Anthem

O Lord Support Us

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sending*

Commendation

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

*(Silence is kept.)*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Susan. 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.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

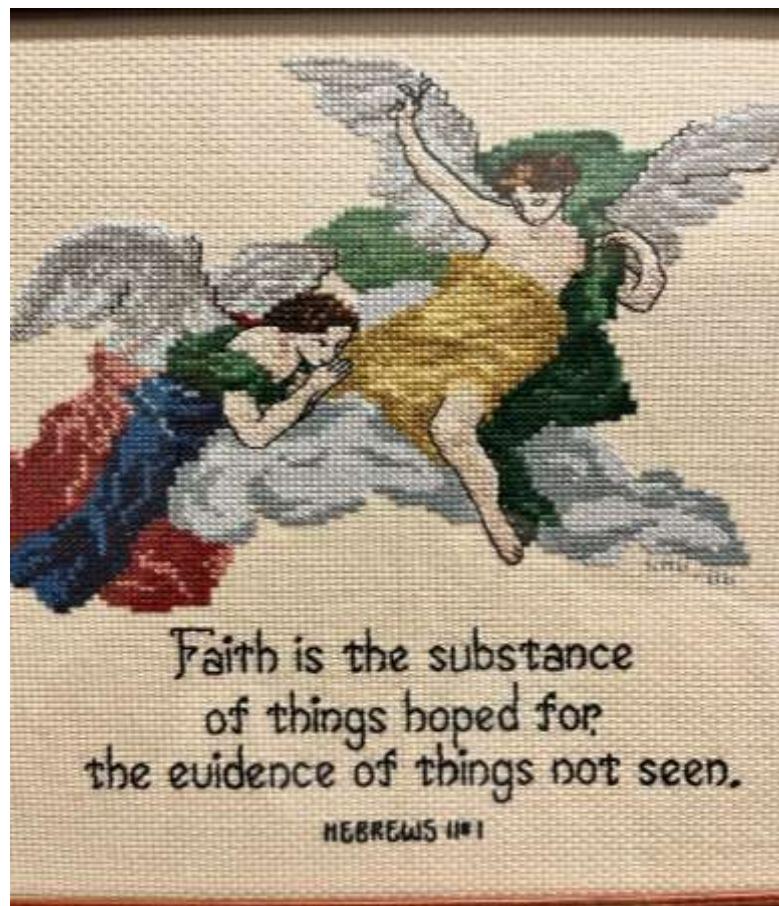
**Amen.**

*(The service concludes:)*

Let us go forth in peace.

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

*(The assembly stands for the Sending Hymn)*



*Needlework done by Susan Bittler and hanging in Holy Trinity office hallway.*

## Sending Hymn

## Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Postlude

In Memoriam

(Peeters)

*The family members will recess at the direction of the ushers.  
Others may be seated for meditation during the postlude or leave as they desire.*

*The family welcomes you to join them for lunch in Brath Hall following the service.*

## *Serving Today*

Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist.....	Maidene Hackett
Pallbearers.....	Sarah Bittler Paul Bittler, Jr.
Cantor .....	John Myers
Deacon .....	Marj Stubert
Crucifer/Communion Assistant .....	Linda Armstrong
Live Streaming Technician.....	Tyler Martin-Call
Altar Guild.....	Bonnie Long
Ushers .....	Bob Massing Mike Bradley

The Lord  
Bless  
You  
Keep You  
Make His Face  
Shine on You  
And Be  
Gracious  
To You  
The Lord  
Look on  
You with  
Favor  
And  
Give You  
Peace