





BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Patrick T. Kurtz
July 9, 1936 – March 30, 2025
Remembered on April 12, 2025
11 A.M.

PRELUDE

Largo

from *Violoncello Sonata No. 6*

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Kevin Norris

Pastorale on “Blessed Assurance”

Robert Lau
tune, Phoebe P. Knapp

The Lord’s My Shepherd

(EVAN)

Robert J. Powell
tune, William H. Havergal

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(OLIVET)

Carlos Staszkeski
tune, Lowell Mason

*Congregational responses indicated by **bold text**.*

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Pat, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried 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.

HYMN	Borning Cry	ELW 732
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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

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Pat. We thank you for giving him 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

REFLECTIONS AND SHARING OF MEMORIES

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

“Danny Boy”

(LONDONDERRY AIR)

words, Frederic Weatherly
tune, Irish folk melody

READING: Psalm 23

A reading from Psalm 23.

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 right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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
my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A reading from Romans.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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 GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

God has made us his 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,
who was conceived by the power of 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 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**

THE PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Amen.

THE 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of Pat and all the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Pat and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As children of God, we are bold enough 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**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please indicate your need to the pastor or communion assistant.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

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

Silence is kept

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Pat. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott
(O God, Thou Faithful God)

Johann Ludwig Krebs



PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister
The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman

Musicians
Raelynn Clare, organ
Hans Walter-Peterson, tenor



THANK YOU. . .for sharing in the celebration of Pat's life and commendation of him to God's eternal mercy and grace. The family will gather after worship for a private interment.

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"Danny Boy", Words: Frederic Weatherly, Music: Irish folk melody – Londonderry Air, [In the public domain]
O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, Thou Faithful God), Music: Johann Ludwig Krebs, [In the public domain]

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Pat passed away after a long and challenging illness. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Lisa (Tim), Julie (Brian); grandchildren, Brianna, Patrick, Emily, Kelly O'Neil and great-grandchildren, Jon and Ruth. He was born in Latrobe, PA and grew up in the neighboring town of Derry. He had a twin sister, Patricia, he was very close to. He was valedictorian of his high school class and continued his education at Cornell University. After graduation, he married Ruthie and began his commitment to the United States Marine Corps at Quantico, VA, and Camp Lejuene, NC. Pat was always a very proud Marine. Our daughter Lisa was born at Camp Lejuene. After 3 years in the Marine Corps, we moved to Rochester and Pat began a successful career at Eastman Kodak for 29 years. Retiring from Kodak at the age of 55, he then became an adjunct professor at Nazareth College and loved teaching and working with the young people. Our daughter, Julie, was born in Rochester. Pat served his Lord in many ways, especially on church councils and education committees. He also was very committed to the outreach ministry of Grace House in Rochester. No matter what Pat did he gave it his all and did it to the best of his ability.

Pat loved Ruthie, his family, friends and reading. There was always a book in hand or one nearby. He also enjoyed playing tennis and cars.

Thank you to all who reached out to Pat with friendship, visits and cards. He truly appreciated your love, concern and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin St., Fairport, NY or Saving Grace Ministries of Rochester, 1140 Norton St., Rochester, NY 14621.