



The Christian Funeral Service
of
Robert Kudek

August 19, 2023

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN CW 803

"Day by Day"

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me O'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow Till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

M: In Holy Baptism, Robert Kudek 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."

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.

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

GOD'S COMFORT

M: 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 from our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: 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 Bob Kudek and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. We thank you for keeping Bob in saving faith and giving him the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and lead us through this earthly life until at last 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.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

HYMN 849

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

Romans 8:18, 28, 37-39

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
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, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

SOLO CW 853 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

SERMON

Psalm 73:23-26

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. 24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

"God is Our Portion Forever"

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.

PRAYER

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN CW 612 v.1, 3 ,4

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art. *Refrain*”

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

LITURGIST Pastor Paul Janke
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Matthew Kudek
Krystle Duplessis
Emily Kudek
Rachel Brueser
Eli Bergseth
Janelle Kleman

The Obituary of Robert "Bob" Kudek

Robert "Bob" Raymond Kudek, 83, peacefully passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family after a two-year battle with cancer.

Bob was born in Kewaskum, to the late Wilmer and Viola (nee Ruplinger) Kudek. Bob was united in marriage to Verna Techtmann on February 20, 1960, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in West Bend. He was a graduate of Kewaskum High School. Following high school Bob enlisted in the US Army, serving multiple years of active duty. Bob worked at the Gehl Company for 44 years. He served on various boards and committees for both Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. He was recently honored with the President's Award at KMLHS for his decades of service from the school's humble beginning 50 years ago until just recently when his health no longer allowed him to serve. He proudly served on the West Bend Fire Department from 1969 – 1993 as a fire fighter, EMT, and Lieutenant as well as the past Treasurer of the Little Green Lake Association. He was a life-time member of

the Lt. Ray Dickop American Legion Post #36 and served his fellow veterans in various capacities including three terms as Post Commander.

Those left to cherish Bob's memory include his wife, Verna Kudek; four children, Kathryn (Mark) Eiting of Homer Glen, IL, Donald (Kristin) Kudek of Germantown, Sharon Roskopf of Milwaukee, and Gerald (Lisa) Kudek of West Bend; eight grandchildren, Matthew (Christina) Kudek, Stephanie (Andrew) Koenig, Krystle (Josh) Duplessis, Emily Kudek, Rachel (Matt) Brueser, Ryan (Mary Rockwell) Kudek, Elizabeth Kudek, and Alexis Kudek; five great-grandchildren, Isabella Kudek, Savannah Duplessis, Ezra Kudek, Asher Kudek, and Kinsley Duplessis; two sisters, Jeanette (Robert) Thelen and Chris (Colleen) Bergseth; a brother, Dan (Joy) Kudek; brothers/sisters-in-law, Janet Techtmann, Arlene Koepke, Richard (Diane) Techtmann, and Mae (Sonny) Mehringer; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and in-laws, Richard Sr. and Fredia Techtmann, Bob was greeted at the gates of heaven by two grandchildren, Alex Kudek and Chad Eiting; brothers and sister-in-law, Florence and Lewis Enderle, Carl Koepke, Paul Techtmann, and Edward Bergseth.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 19th from 10:00 am until 12:45 pm at Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church - 777 S. Indiana Avenue in West Bend. A Christian Service celebrating the gift of eternal life won for him by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ will follow at 1:00 pm with Pastor Robert Hein and Paul Janke officiating the service. To commemorate his military service, full military honors will follow the church service on-site. Immediately following, the family would like to invite you to a luncheon in the church's fellowship hall. A private burial will be held by the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bob's honor can be given to the building funds at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, or Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - West Bend.

The family would like to thank the entire team at the West Bend Cancer Center, especially Dr. Colin Mooney for the gracious and loving care he provided; Froedtert Hospital - Milwaukee; his in-home hospice care givers, especially nurse Bonnie and his caregiver Jackie. Their selfless, loving care, made his heavenly journey home as easy as possible.

The family would also like to thank the Good Shepherd pastors for their support, visits, compassion, and encouragement to Bob and his family throughout the last two years of challenges.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Robert's arrangements. Additional information and guest book can be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.

