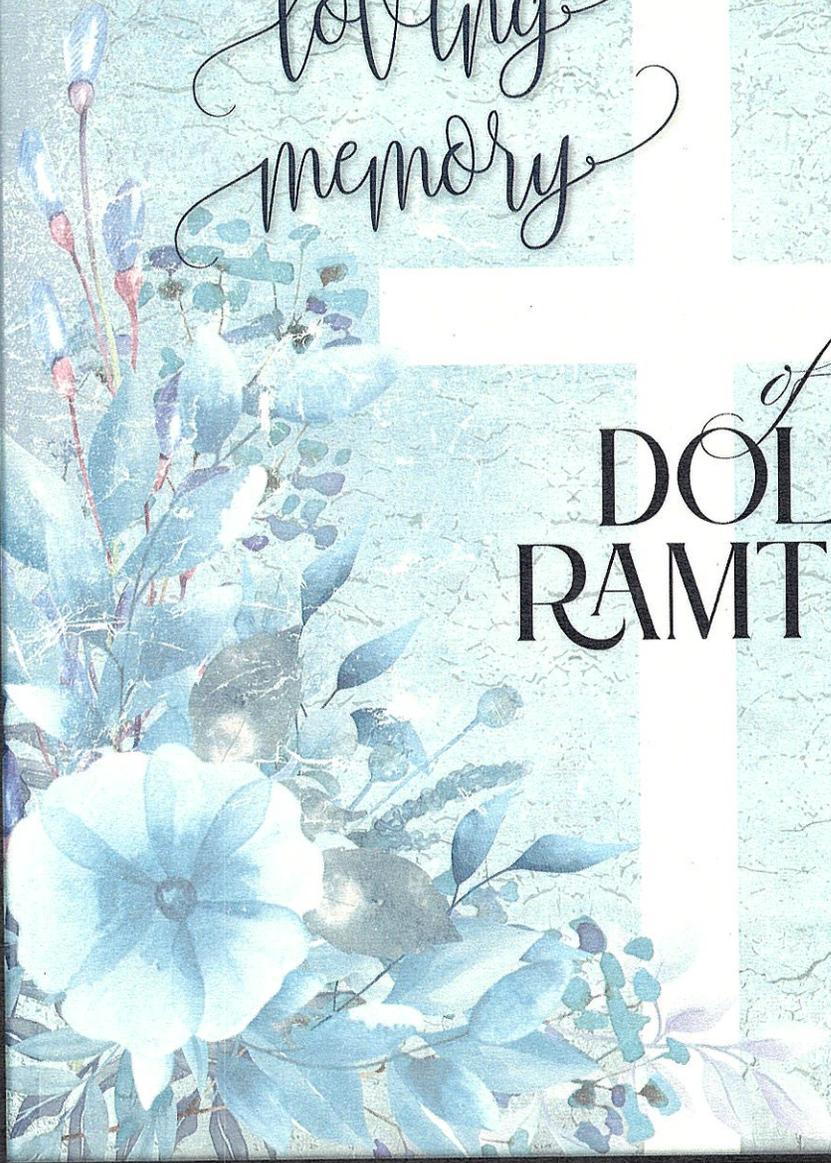


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of
DOLLY
RAMTHUN



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April 8th, 2025

Stand

Remembrance of Baptism

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

In Holy Baptism, Dolly Ramthun was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her 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."

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

Be seated

How Great Thou Art

CW 612



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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God's 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 from the 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."

The wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ, who is our life, appears,
then we also will appear with him in glory.

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 Dolly, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Dolly to faith and giving her the gift of eternal life. Strengthen 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.

Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will 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 your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 10:11–18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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Sermon

Isaiah 54:10 Dolly's Confirmation Verse

¹⁰Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

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.

Be seated

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.**

What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

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.

Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 1-2, 5-7



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
7 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, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

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The family invites everyone to join them in the St. Lucas Lutheran School gymnasium for a lunch following the committal service at Lutheran Memorial Park.

OBITAUARY

Ruth "Dolly" Ramthun (Edwards), 90, of the town of Auburn, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa.

She was born on February 11, 1935, in Kewaskum, the daughter of the late Dr. Richard G. and Alma Edwards (Zimpel), and on December 12, 1953, she was united in marriage to Eldon "Ellie" Ramthun at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kewaskum.

Dolly was an avid fan of the Duke Blue Devils College Basketball Team (future champions 2025?), she also followed the Packers, Brewers, and Bucks. Dolly was a lifelong member of St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kewaskum where she sang in the church choir for several years.

She loved to cook, garden, play golf, work on puzzles, play cards (cribbage, sheepshead, bridge), read, and most of all spend time with family and friends. Dolly had a lot of friends, far too many to list here! Ellie and Dolly farmed for 40 years and cared for beef, chickens, and pigs with great joy. Dolly was a steward of the earth. She had a passion for farming and all the chores that come with farming. She was a creative problem solver for family and friends. She was a "favorite" aunt and taught and mentored many with her ability to show great compassion and unconditional love. She touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by her family and by all who knew her.

Those Dolly leaves behind to cherish her memory include three sons, Jonathan (Karen) Ramthun, Timothy (Carolann) Ramthun, and David (Lisa) Ramthun all of Kewaskum; nine grandchildren, Laura (Travis) Luedtke, Tiffany (Doug) Franzen, Sarah (Jamie) Severance, Justin (April) Ramthun, Douglas Ramthun, Becka Ramthun, Joshua Ramthun, and Matthew Ramthun; 17 great-grandchildren; her sister, Gwendolyn Dreher, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Dolly was preceded in death by her husband, Ellie; and many brothers, sisters, and in-laws.