



**The Christian Funeral Service  
of  
Richard "Dick" Mathew Kohn**

**December 6, 2025**

## **INVOCATION & REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

**M:** We open this Christian funeral service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** In Holy Baptism, Richard 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!

### **HYMN CW 633**

### **"Speak, O Lord"**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word;  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built, And the earth is filled with your glory.**

## **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 Richard 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 Richard 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. <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Luke 23:39-43**

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**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!  
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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

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." <sup>4</sup> A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: <sup>6</sup> In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. <sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. <sup>13</sup> Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

### **Unexpected, but not Unprepared**

#### **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.

#### **HYMN 821**

#### **"On Eagle's Wings"**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"**

**Refrain:**

**And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. Refrain**

**For to his angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

#### **PRAYER**

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**

**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 upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

#### **HYMN CW 510 v.1,2,4**

**"In Christ Alone"**

**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease! My Comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Janke

Sermon: Pastor Robert Hein

Organist: Mrs. Carol Janke

Soloist: Pastor John Paustian

**Richard "Dick" Mathew Kohn**

March 30, 1942 — November 24, 2025

Richard "Dick" Mathew Kohn, age 83 years, of West Bend was unexpectedly called home to be with the Lord on November 24, 2025.

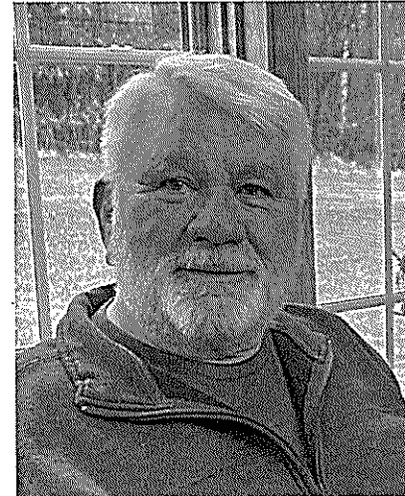
Dick was born on March 30, 1942, in Campbellsport to Franklin and Myrtle Kohn (Hodge). He met Judith "Judy" Abel in high school. They were united in marriage on August 14, 1965, at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Kewaskum. Judy was the love of his life, and they were married for nearly 60 years.

Dick graduated from Campbellsport High School in 1960, where he lettered in football. He proudly served in the United States Army Reserve from 1964 – 1970 and had a deep abiding love for his country and its history. Dick worked at Gehl Company for 43 years and retired as an Information Technology Operations Supervisor. He was a member of the West Bend Barton Sportsman Club where he enjoyed target shooting with friends and family. He also enjoyed playing Sheepshead, gardening, and walking. Dick was a talented woodworker and created numerous pieces of furniture for his home and his family. He especially enjoyed meticulously planning perfect road trips with his family all over the United States.

Dick was baptized later in life in 1965, having been brought to faith by Judy, and was an active member of Good Shepherd for over 45 years. He enjoyed Bible classes, studying scripture, and had a deep love for his faith.

Dick devoted himself to his family, who were the center of his life. He shared his work ethic with his children and wanted to make sure they would be strong and independent. Dick shared his knowledge and time willingly and was always there to help.

Those Dick leaves behind to cherish his memory include his two children, Scott (Kristin) Kohn of Livermore, California, and Amy (Doug) Endlich of West Bend; three grandchildren, Kyle Endlich, Mackenzie Endlich, and Beckett Kohn; brother, Thomas (Gloria) Kohn; sister, Konnie (Mark) Schoofs; and sisters-in-law, Jean (John) Kuhaupt and Judy (Mario) Smalls. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Kohn, and brother, Donald Kohn.

**VISITATION:** Dick's family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 777 S. Indiana Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095.

**SERVICE:** A Funeral Service for Dick will follow the visitation on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. with Pastors Robert Hein and Paul Janke officiating the service. A Graveside Service and Burial will take place at Washington County Memorial Park in West Bend on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in honor of Dick to the Good Shepherd Evangelical Building Fund. Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Dick's arrangements.