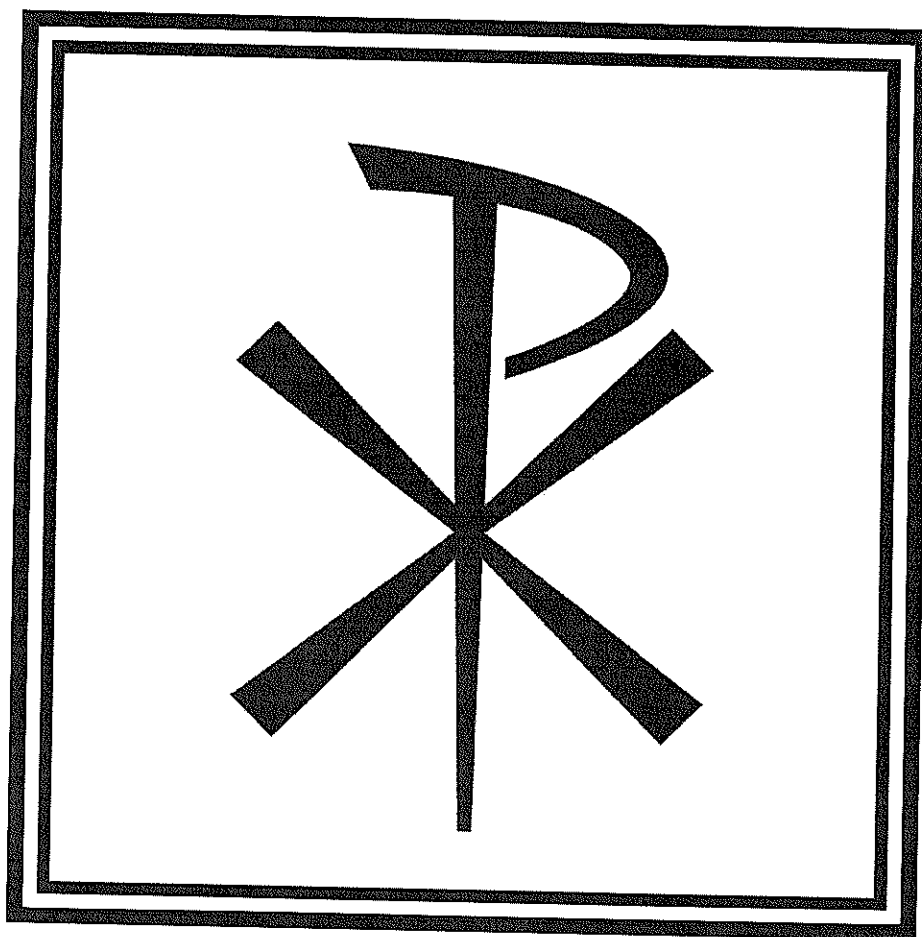


Memorial Service

August 21, 2026



Rebecca “Becky” Lynn Luft

July 23, 1976 – July 27, 2026

Baptized: August 29, 1976, St. John’s, Newburg

Confirmed: May 20, 1990, St. John’s, Newburg

Opening Hymn: 438 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation and Dialogue

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: 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. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. *(Isaiah 40:28-31)*

M: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

C: A time to be born and a time to die,

M: A time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal,

C: A time to tear down and a time to build,

M: A time to weep and a time to laugh,

C: A time to mourn and a time to dance,

M: A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

C: A time to embrace and a time to refrain,

M: A time to search and a time to give up,

C: A time to keep and a time to throw away,

M: A time to tear and a time to mend,

C: A time to be silent and a time to speak,

M: A time to love and a time to hate,

C: A time for war and a time for peace. *(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*

Prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, with Job we declare, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." In your merciful love, you gave Becky to her family and friends. In your infinite wisdom, you have taken her from her earthly home to her eternal home. Although we do not always understand your ways, help us humbly follow you as you lead us through life. Help us put our trust in your unfailing love. Comfort all who have suffered this grievous loss, and all who mourn with them. Hear us, help us, and bless us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Psalm 130 (*Read Responsively*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;

therefore you are feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins.

John 11:17-27

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Hymn 379 "Amazing Grace"

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Devotion: Matthew 6:9a, 10b (*3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer*)

"Your Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

All: 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 and Lord's Prayer

M: Lord of love, we remember in our prayers the family and friends of Becky, who has been taken from them by death. We ask that you would give them the strength they need in this time of grief, and comfort them with the precious assurance of your love for them in Christ Jèsus. May this death remind us all of how quickly our lives here on earth come to an end. Lead us all to use the time you have given us to grow in our knowledge of you and your Word. When you summon us, may we be found in sincere repentance and steadfast faith, prepared to stand before your judgment seat through the merits and righteousness of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray:

All: 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.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

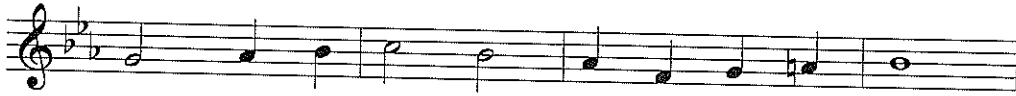
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

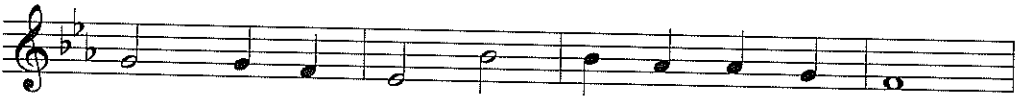
Closing Hymn 783 vs. 1, 5-7 "Abide With Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 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.
 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,
 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.
 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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Obituary

Rebecca "Becky" Luft, age 50 years, was called home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2026.

Becky was born on July 23, 1976, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Port Washington to Wayne and Linda Luft. Shortly after, Becky was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Newburg.

As a child, Becky loved being part of 4H showing off beef, rabbits, and dogs. Becky graduated in 1994 from Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. The year after, she completed a certificate program at UW Madison for farm and industry short course. She worked at the Ozaukee County Humane Society and fostered many animals. Becky was then hired at the Zoological Society, where she worked for 22 years as a Membership Programs Coordinator. She was so loved by her coworkers and members of the Zoological Society. Becky handled hundreds of animal sponsorships and brought in money for the society. She built connections between guests and animals. Becky always wanted to do more for the society. Becky was known for doing so much while remaining cool, calm, and collected.

Those Becky leaves behind to cherish her memory include her parents, Wayne and Linda (nee Mathe) Luft; and her brother Jonathan (Rebecca) Luft. She is further survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Becky was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Waldemar and Arlene (nee Wilkens) Luft; and her maternal grandparents, Ervin and Melva (nee Hill) Mathe.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in Becky's name to the Milwaukee Zoological Society or Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

Additional information and guest book may be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.