



**Christian Funeral for Marlene Schwartz  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1951 – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

## Remembrance of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

In Holy Baptism, Marlene Schwartz 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!**

## 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.**

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd, he will lead us to springs of living water

**And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

He will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

**For the old order of things has passed away.**

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 Marlene Schwartz, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Marlene 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.**

### **Psalm 23**

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## Life History of Marlene Schwartz

Hymn: 853 "I'm But A Stranger Here"

CW 853

### Readings from God's Word

#### First Lesson from Revelation 7:9-17

*Sin ravages our lives. It brings hardships, struggles, trials, pain, and tribulations. In heaven there is no sin and no dreadful consequences of sin, only glory, peace, and joy. Our comfort and confidence is knowing Marlene is enjoying the perfection of life eternal as it is described in Revelation 7...*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Second Lesson:** *The Apostle Paul throughout his life endured pain, suffering and hardships. Throughout it all he remained positive because his faith was in his all-powerful, loving, and merciful Lord. Throughout the hardships Marlene faced, she like Paul, could always find comfort and refuge in her Lord and Savior.*

**From the book of Romans chapter 8:**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

**Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-6** *Our gracious Lord has taken Marlene to the place in heaven the Lord has prepared for her because Marlene believed in Jesus as her Savior.*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Sermon: TRUST IN JESUS**

**John 14** = "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**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**

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. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

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.**

**Hymn: 612 "How Great Thou Art"**

CW 612

## Life History of Marlene Schwartz

Marlene Schwartz was born on January 22, 1951, in Sheboygan to Otto and Cecelia Daun. She was united in marriage to Leslie "Les" Schwartz on May 2, 1987, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fond du Lac.

Marlene graduated from New Holstein High School in 1969. She earned her associate's degree from MPTC in Fond du Lac. Marlene was a career office manager in the accounting field. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, and scrapbooking. Marlene especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Those Marlene leaves behind to cherish her memory include her husband, Les; children, Nathan Schwartz of Milwaukee and Kim (Brian) Thor of Manitowoc; grandchildren, Elliot and Adrian Thor; brother, Gene (Patty) Daun; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Schultz and Doris (Joe) Priesgen of Lomira. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Marlene Schwartz, age 74 years, of Lomira was called home to be with the Lord on June 23, 2025, at Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital in Manitowoc surrounded by her loving family.

Our Savior promises: *"whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; they have crossed over from death to life."* The Lord kept his promise to Marlene. She has crossed over from death to life eternal in heaven.

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Everyone is invited for some more visitation and fellowship with a light luncheon that will be served in the large fellowship room. Restrooms are located across from the large fellowship room down the main hallway.

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Tuesday, July 1st 2025

*Pastor: Rev. Matthew Kuske*

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