



The gift of God is
eternal life

through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Romans 6:23

A Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Victory

For

Alice M. Braeger

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Welcome

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen

Hymn Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

LSB 573
(all verses)

Remembrance of Baptism

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Psalm 16

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1

New Testament Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-7, Revelation 7:13-17

Hymn Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

LSB 708
(all verses)

Apostles' Creed

Hymn By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 (vs 1,2,6)

Message "Bountifully Blessed by the Lord"

Pastor Hesse

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

Concluding Collect

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C: Amen.

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C: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

(vs 1,4,5,6)

We Thank Those Serving

Officiant Pastor Jeffrey Hesse

Music/Audio-Visual Rachel Morton/ Jacob Johnson

Sexton Robert Krause

Arrangements Myrhum Patten Funeral Home

† Christian Obituary †

Alice M. Braeger

March 12, 1922 — January 4, 2026

Alice M. Braeger, 103, of West Bend, passed away peacefully on January 4, 2026, at Cedar Community - The Cottages.

She was born on March 12, 1922, to the late Ernst and Elisabeth (nee Laubenstein) Braeger in the town of Trenton, Washington County, WI. Baptism took place one week later March 19, 1922, at St. Johannes Gemeinde in Newburg, WI by Rev. A. Peterman. The family moved to West Bend in October of 1923 and from 1927 to 1935 she attended St. John's Lutheran School in West Bend. On Palm Sunday, April 14, 1935, she confirmed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord before the congregation and Rev. H. C. Klingbiel at St. John's.

She graduated from West Bend High School in 1939, having favored music by playing the clarinet in both the band and orchestra and piano accompanist for the chorus. She attended and enjoyed each class reunion that followed. Alice worked at the local J.C. Penney Co. as office and cashier for five years and from 1944 to 1987 was employed at B. C. Ziegler and Company, West Bend, as secretary to executive officers and served as Corporate Secretary of the parent company, The Ziegler Company, Inc. the last thirteen of those years.

She did some traveling in the United States and Canada and in August of 1987 moved to Cedar Ridge Retirement Apartments where she continued her interest in volunteering, gardening, and reading.

Alice was a proud believer in her Lord and Savior and was an active member at St. John's, principally as Senior Choir Alto, Sunday School Teacher, Adult Bible class leader, Counselor of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers organization, and Ladies Aide Society. She was also helpful as organist in the early years of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, just north of West Bend from 1990 to 2008.

Alice lived a long and meaningful life devoted to her family, friends, and community. She was known for her kindness, quiet strength, and the thoughtful care she showed to those around her. She valued life's simple moments, and especially cherished time spent with loved ones.

She is survived by cousins, friends, and caregivers who will forever cherish her memory. In addition to her parents, Alice is preceded in death by her devoted sisters, Grace Braeger and Dorothy Braeger-Helgeson, and infant brother, Allen.



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Funeral service

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Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Alice and to all Your servants who, having heard Your call to follow our Lord Jesus Christ, have finished their lives in faith, and now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful to death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Isaiah 46:4

From Isaiah 25:

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

From Isaiah 46:

4 even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields it's fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

P: The wicked are not so,

C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

New Testament Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-7 and Revelation 7:13-17

From 1 Peter 1:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

From Revelation 7:

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "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 shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Apostles' Creed

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 (vs 1,2,6)

Message: Pastor Hesse

"Bountifully Blessed by the Lord"

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

(after each petition)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our Prayer.

(the prayers conclude)

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

Nunc Dimittis

P: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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