

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

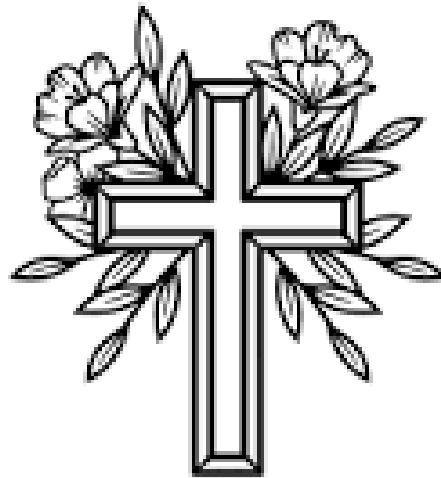
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*In Thanksgiving for the Resurrection  
and  
Life, Work, and Witness  
of  
Carol Weber*



**February 14, 2025**

**4 PM**

**Jesus said, “In my Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. *John 14:2*”**

**Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.**

**Thank you for being here today!**  
**Carol's family is grateful for your love, support, prayers,**  
**cards, and expressions of sympathy.**

**PRELUDE**

Andante from Bach Sonata for solo violin in C major BWV 1005  
Gabriel Schaff, violin

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Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier                      Johann Sebastian Bach  
(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)

Praeludium und Fuge in E-Moll                Johann Sebastian Bach  
(Prelude and Fugue in E-Minor)

Jesus, Lead Thou On                                  Paul Manz  
Karen Bartholomew, organ

***Please Stand.***

P. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

P. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



**Sung by All.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

**ELW 366**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

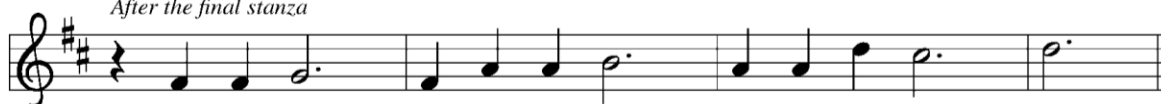


- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Carol Weber. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us quiet confidence that we may continue our course in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**SOLO:** Eternal Source of Love Divine Georg Frideric Handel

Andrea Lauren Brown, soprano  
Sarah Davol, oboe  
Sarah Carter, cello

Eternal Source of light divine  
With double warmth thy beams display

With double warmth thy beams display  
And with distinguish'd glory shine  
And with distinguish'd glory shine  
To add lustre to this day

And with distinguish'd glory shine  
To add to add a lustre to this day

**FIRST READING Lamentations 3: 22-26,31-33 Dale Lambson**

A. A reading from Lamentations, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.  
For the Lord will not reject forever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: PSALM 23

ONLY SUNG BY SOLOIST  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

**Stanzas 1-4**

Robert Prowse, Baritone  
Karen Bartholomew, Organ

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 1:3-9***Jo Lambson*

A. A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



**Please stand. Sung by All.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**How Firm a Foundation**

**ELW 796**

**Stanza 1 before the Gospel;**

**Stanza 4 after the Gospel.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**GOSPEL** John 14:1-6

*Pastor Holliday*

P. The Holy Gospel According to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that 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.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Please be seated.***



**SERMON**

***Pastor John Holliday***

***Silence for Meditation***



**Please stand. Sung by All.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**For All the Saints**

**ELW 422**

**Stanzas 1, 2, 6,7**



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
dis - tant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
strong.  
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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## **NICENE CREED**

**A:** Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS

*Jeremy Lambson*

A. Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. You raised the dead to life; give to our daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Carol, eternal life.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. You promise life to those who believe; we thank you for the gift of Carol among us for so many years and for the joys of heaven.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. Carol was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. She was nourished with your body and blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

A. Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Carol. Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

**C. Hear us, Lord.**

P. God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## PEACE

***Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.***

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

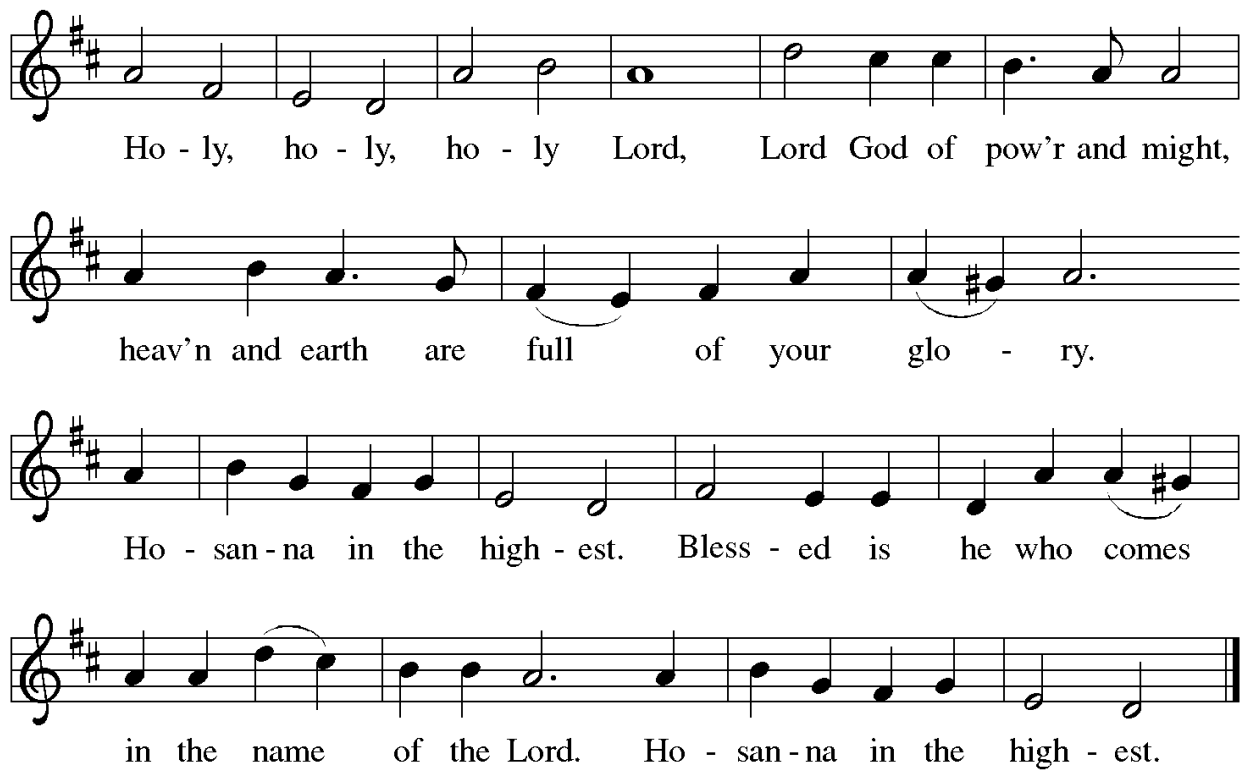
**C. And also with you.**



## THE PREFACE

P. It is right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of his glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS *Sung by All.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P. Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory.

For in the beginning, you prepared the world by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen.

By faith, the patriarchs dared to hope in the promise of your love and care. By faith, the prophets revealed your word of the blessing that was to come. By faith, your chosen people waited in longing for that blessing, until, in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born in the flesh from one whose faith was not in vain. In that Son is the fulfillment of the faith and hope of all the saints. In him is our salvation won and your eternal love revealed.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In heaven and on earth, O God, the saints and angels unite around your holy altar to proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P. We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love.

But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine and upon us also, that we might know the presence of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead, and through him, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us.

With this feast, join us in one holy communion of saints, one great cloud of witnesses, with Peter and Paul, with John and Mary Magdalene, with Carol, and all the blessed dead whose lives of faith in unseen things continue to inspire us, as we lift our voices to you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in eternal glory, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The risen Christ dwells with us.  
come to the table where all are welcome.

## AGNUS DEI *Sung by All.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

*Please come forward for Communion, beginning with those in the back pews. Alternate sides as you come forward. Please leave adequate space between you and the person in front of you.*

*Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.*

*A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.  
The center contains purple grape juice.  
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.*

*After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.*

*All Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.*

*Please stand.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.



**Sung by All.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

*Nunc Dimittis*

*LBW, Setting 2*

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A. Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**Sung by All.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***Thine Is the Glory***

**ELW 376**



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## THE COMMENDATION

P. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carol. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**C. Amen**

P. Carol, we entrust you to God who created you.

**C. May you return to the one who formed us out of the dust of the earth.**

P. Surrounded by the angels and triumphant saints,

**C. May Christ meet you as you go forth from this life.**

P. Christ, the Lord of glory, who was crucified for you, bring you freedom and peace.

**C. Christ, the High Priest, who has forgiven all sins, keep you among his people.**

P. Christ, the Son of God, who died for you, show you the glories of his eternal kingdom.

**C. Christ, the Good Shepherd, enfold you with his tender care.**

P. May you see your redeemer face to face:

**C. And enjoy the sight of God forever.**

A. Let us pray.

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

**C. Amen**

**SOLO:** I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Music by Georg Frideric Handel

Andrea Lauren Brown, soprano

Gabriel Schaff, violin

Sarah Carter, cello

## DISMISSAL

P. May the God of the resurrection, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, guide and bless you always.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us go forth in peace.

**C. In the name of Christ. Amen**

### Immediately following the Service

**Please join us for refreshments and fellowship**

in the room behind the sanctuary.

***It will provide an opportunity to share memories of special times with Carol.***

**POSTLUDE**

The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done arr. George Theophilus Miles

Praeludium und Fuge in D-Moll  
(Prelude and Fugue in D-minor)

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The congregation extends our heartfelt sympathy and prayers  
to Carol's family & friends  
in  
thanksgiving for the resurrection.*

**TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

is based on

"A Celebration of Life" Service  
created by Carol Weber in 2012  
for her father,  
Robert G. Baumann.

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS**

**TO**

**Guest Voices and Guest Musicians**

Andrea Lauren Brown, soprano

Robert Prowse, baritone

Karen Bartholomew, organist

Sarah Carter, cellist

Sarah Davol, oboist

Gabriel Schaff, violinist

**Greeter**

Sue Papera

**Lectors**

Dale Lambson

Jo Lambson

Jeremy Lambson

**Pastors**

The Rev. Peggy Niederer

The Rev. John Holliday

**Altar Guild**

Lynn Buckingham

**Refreshments**

Gisela Schroeder and members of Grace



## *Carol Weber*

Cantor, Organist, and Director of Music Ministries  
at Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, NJ  
for more than 35 years.

The organ loft above the sanctuary  
has been dedicated as the  
“Carol Weber Organ Loft.”

Carol is already missed beyond measure and will never be forgotten  
because she gave everyone so much to remember.

### **To Make a Contribution in Carol’s Memory**

Go to  
The Voice of the Martyrs  
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make check payable to  
The Voice of the Martyrs, 1815 SE Bison Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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