

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
June 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Funeral Service for Marie F. Weseloh
May 3, 1926 – June 22, 2019



WELCOME:

- ◆ **Bethlehem Lutheran:** We are a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church; we believe the Bible is God's Word and trust in Jesus and His finished work for our entrance into heaven.

- ◆ **Family:** Please sit on the left near the front.
- ◆ **Phone:** Please silence at this time.
- ◆ **Please Participate:** C: Congregation; A: All

PRELUDE

↑ **INVOCATION:** At the Worship Area Entrance

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son †
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM (Romans 6:3-5):

L: In Holy Baptism **Marie** was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all of her sin. St. Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: **"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that,**

L: just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C: **we too might walk in newness of life.**

L: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

C: **we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."**

L: *A funeral pall, which symbolizes the righteousness of Christ – the blessed clothing of Holy Baptism, which was received by **Marie** when she was baptized into Christ, is now being placed on her casket. The pall reminds us of the blessed reality that **Christ Is Risen!** **Marie's** body will also be raised when Jesus returns!*

PROCESSIONAL PSALM: 121:1-8 NIV – A dialogue of confession and assurance!

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

C: **where does my help come from?**

L: My help comes from the LORD,

C: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

L: He will not let your foot slip—

C: **he who watches over you will not slumber;**

L: indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: **will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD watches over you—

C: **the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

L: the sun will not harm you by day,

C: **nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all harm—

C: **he will watch over your life;**

L: the LORD will watch over your coming and going

C: **both now and forevermore.**

PSALM: 90:10-12 NIV – Life on earth is temporary!

L: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

C: **yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

L: Who considers the power of your anger,

C: **and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

L: So teach us to number our days

C: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

A: **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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— psalm 90:12 (ESV)

KYRIE: Let Us Pray

L: O Lord,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Christ,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lord,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

To better understand this prayer, read Mark 10:46-52.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to **Marie** and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto 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.** ↓



HYMN: *I'm But a Stranger Here*

See the words below / TLH 660 / LSB 748

1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert dread, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
2. What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.
3. There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home;
There are the good and blest,

Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest,
Heav'n is my home.

4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MARIE'S EARTHLY LIFE:

Marie Fredericka Muchow, the daughter of John and Marie, was born on May 3, 1926 in Cleveland, OH, baptized into Christ at home on June 6, 1926 by Pastor Sauer; and confirmed in her Christian faith, on March 17, 1940 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH, by Rev. A.W. Hinz. Her confirmation verse:

^{KJV} **Psalm 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

Harry Weseloh and Marie were married on December 13, 1946 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cleveland by Rev. A.W. Hinz.

Marie is the beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Harold, John (Bonnie) Carolyn Roman and Paul (Maria); cherished grandmother of Heather Lee (Jeff), Jennifer Mercer (Jay), Justin Weseloh, Christopher McMichael, John Weseloh, Rachel Starr (Peter), Jacob Roman, Natalie Weseloh, and Grace Roman; great grandmother of Marissa and Aria Lee; and sister of the late Margaret and Elsie.

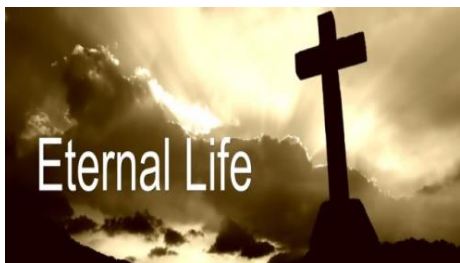
Marie lived in Cleveland for 28 years before moving to Broadview Hts. where she resided for 65 years.

Marie worked as a clerk at Crane Co. for 3 years, at Wallings Road School in food service for 11 years, and also at the Brecksville-Broadview Hts. School District.

Marie was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Parma (2000-2019). She was faithful in attending Divine Service and Bible class; she was also active for many years in the choir, the Ladies Friendship Circle, and the 50 Plus group.

Marie passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the age of 93 years, 1 month, and 19 days. Her body will rest at Hope Memorial Gardens, Hinckley, OH, until Jesus returns!

Since God the Holy Spirit, *through Word and Sacrament*, kept Marie trusting in Jesus as her Savior to the very end of her life, her soul and spirit are now in paradise. When Jesus returns, He will raise Marie's body back to life and give her the fullness of eternal life.

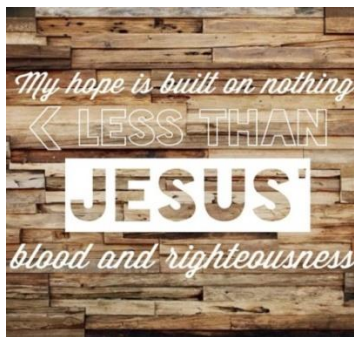


HYMN: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
See the words below / TLH 370 / LSB 575

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

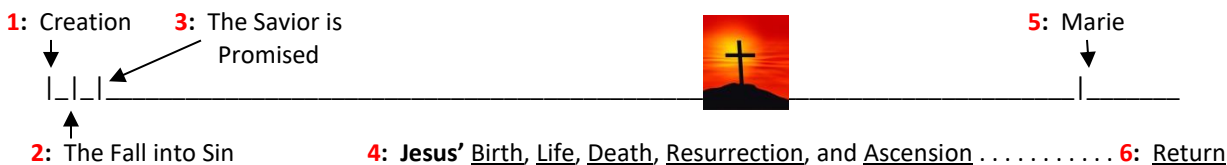
2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.



BIBLE: Best Information Before Leaving Earth!

A Bible Summary: God's creation, people's sin, God's love, Jesus' saving work, Jesus' promised return!

Time and Eternity: Let us be aware of the past, our present, and our future!



OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV – Only in the Lord are we truly strong!

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

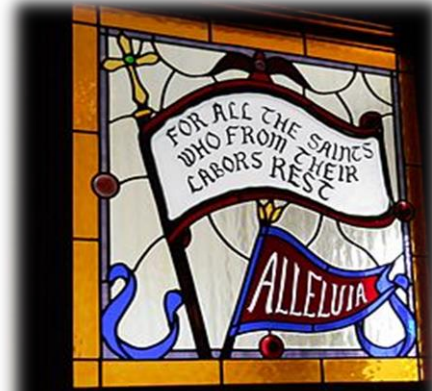
³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Comments:

- V. 28: Consider the LORD's strength!
- V. 29: For all who are weary and weak, *trust in the LORD!*
- V. 30: Even the strong of this world will become weak, *so let us trust in the LORD;* such people will be **"victorious to the last"** (Kretzmann, OT II:353).



HYMN:

For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest
See the words below / TLH 463 / 677

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock,
their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 NIV – *He is risen, so we are blessed now and forevermore!*

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ **If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.**

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Comments:

- If Christ has not been raised; then there is much bad news: vv. 14-19
- However, since Christ has been raised, there is much good news: vv. 21-25

↑ HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-16 – *Jesus is the Good Shepherd!*

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. ↓

Comments:

- V. 11: He demonstrated great love!
- V. 14: They know each other (John 17:3)!
- V. 16: He invites everyone into His fold!

HYMN:

For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest
See the words below / TLH 463

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



↑ PRAYERS: After Each Petition:

L: Lord, in Your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

- + Thanksgiving for Marie's earthly life.
 - + Thanksgiving for God's action by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament to keep Marie trusting in Jesus.
 - + Peace and comfort to Harold, Carolyn, John, Paul and all who are mourning.
 - + God's continued work through His Word to keep each one of us sorry for our sins and trusting in Jesus!
- L: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will 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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

- L: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- A: 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT:

- L: Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of a joyful resurrection to everlasting life and a reunion with those who have died in the faith. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend Marie, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

- L: 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 and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:

For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest
See the words below / TLH 463

Note: Near the end of this hymn, the Cross Bearer, Pastor, and Funeral Home Workers gather near the casket and prepare to process out.

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But, lo, there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



POSTLUDE and RECESSIONAL:

Notes:

- ♦ **All should arise!**
- ♦ **Family and Friends:** Join the procession after it passes your pew.
- ♦ **At the Worship Area Entrance:** The funeral pall is removed.
- ♦ **Procession:** It continues to the hearse.
- ♦ **Cemetery Committal:** Hope Memorial Gardens, 2447 Center Rd, Hinckley, OH 44233

Today's Organist: Thank You to Gayle Powers!

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