



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Leah M. Gildemeister*

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Friday, July 21st, 2017

4:00 pm

## Romans 6:3-5 (NIV)

All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.

## Invocation & Prayer

## Hymn 411 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

## Scripture Readings

Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:1-22

John 10:11-18

## Hymn 256 How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to Thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

## Meditation

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd!

## The 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.

## Hymn 417 I'm But A Stranger Here

1. I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.  
Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry 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.

## Resurrection Comfort

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans:

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C: Then we also will appear with Him in glory.**

P: We will be before the throne of God

**C: And serve Him day and night in His temple.**

P: Never again will we hunger;

**C: Never again will we thirst.**

P: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd;  
He will lead us to springs of living water.

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

P: Let us pray: God of all grace, You sent Your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise, 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer & 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.

## Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 40 (select verses)

## Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C:  **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Officiant: Pastor David Brandt  
Accompanist: Matt Lober

*Following the committal, the family invites everyone to join them downstairs in St. John Lutheran Church's fellowship hall for a meal.*

**Leah M. Gildemeister**  
**Born to this life, September 18, 1931**  
**Born to eternal life, July 10, 2017**

Leah M. Gildemeister, 85, of Horicon, entered eternal peace while surrounded by her loving family at the Hillside Manor Nursing Home, Beaver Dam, WI, on Monday, July 10, 2017.

Leah was born in Arapahoe, Wyoming, on September 18, 1931, to Jacob and Pauline (Heberlein) Becker. As a young child, her family moved to Milwaukee and she attended St. Matthews Lutheran School where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Later her family moved to Menomonee Falls, WI where she attended Nelson School and this is where she met her husband Clarence.

Leah and Clarence were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lannon, WI, and shared 61 wonderful years of marriage. They started their married life in Menomonee Falls, WI and in 1961 moved to Dodge County, WI. They farmed in these areas until 1976, and continued to make Juneau and Horicon their home. Both were members of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Juneau.

Leah's life happiness was her faith and to be surrounded by her family. She enjoyed every aspect of being a home maker and was known for her creativity of beautiful crochet work, crafts, cake decorating, gardening and bird watching. She was employed as a care giver.

Leah is survived by her three children, Clarence Gildemeister, Normal, IL, Linda (Robert) Feldman, Mayville, WI and Bonnie (Darrell) Krause, Horicon, WI.

Leah is also survived by her grandchildren: Bethany Gildemeister, Normal, IL, Christopher Krause (Special friend – Laura Schmied), Columbus, WI, Tanya (Leigh) Krause – Hender, Melbourne, Australia, Megan Krause (Fiancée Ryan Martin), Beaver Dam, WI, and Kaitlin (Dylan) Krause-Etter, Beaver Dam, WI,

She was blessed with five (soon to be six) wonderful great– grandchildren: Steffen Krause-Etter, Braylen Martin, Iseabail (Izzy) Krause, Eloise (Lulu) Krause, McKenna Martin and Baby Girl Krause-Etter arriving in September.

She is survived by her brothers and sister: Jack (Shirley) Becker, Warren, WI,

Alex (Donna) Becker, Lannon, WI, and Harold (Mary Lou) Becker, Sussex, WI, and Kathy (Bernie) Egan, Sussex, WI.

She is further survived by her sisters-in-law Gail (Leonard) Becker, Milwaukee, WI, Grace Peil, Horicon, WI and Edna De Koning, Menomonee Falls, WI, along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives and many cherished friends.

Leah was preceded in death by her husband Clarence, her parents, and her brother Leonard Becker. Also, her step-mother Marie Becker, and in-laws Dorothy Feuerhelm, Walter Feuerhelm, Harvey Peil, and Jerome De Koning.

***Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."***

***John 11:25-26 (NIV)***