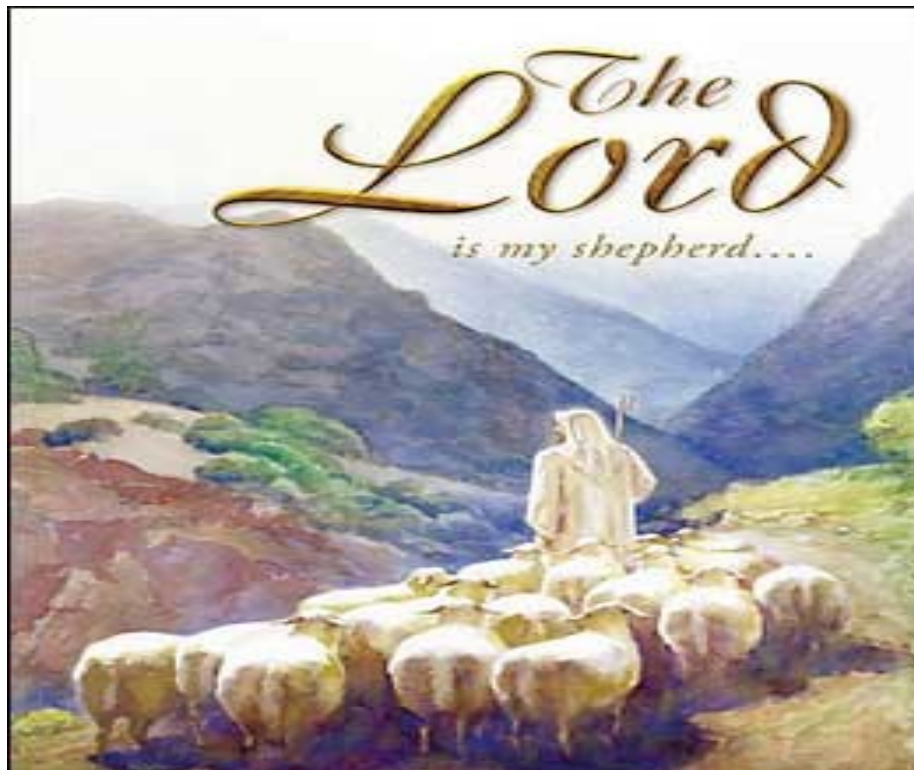


Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

August 12, 2023



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*A Service of Celebration and Praise to God
In Memory of the Life and Faith of
Betty L. Kuehl*

September 22, 1935 + August 7, 2023

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Procession of the Casket and the Bereaved

Entered the Church Militant: October 20th, 1935

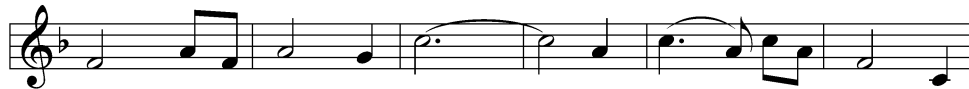
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744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati
Text and tune: Public domain

Funeral Opening Announcement

P On behalf of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, I want to offer to you, the family and friends of Betty Kuehl and all who knew her as a special person of God's creation, our deepest sympathy. May our Lord, who knows your needs, comfort you and give you strength and faith to uphold one another.

Whenever people gather for a Christian Funeral, there are two basic reasons for the worship service. The first is to demonstrate by our presence the respect we have for the deceased, understanding that it was a life given as a gift from God. The second is to contemplate the meaning of our relationship to Jesus Christ and other people for time and eternity. May this service serve both functions in your life this day.

Service of the Word

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The casket is covered with the Funeral Pall

Remembrance of Baptism

- [P]** In Holy Baptism Betty Kuehl was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "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, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (ESV)

- [P]** The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- [C]** **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**
- [P]** He leads me beside still waters.
- [C]** **He restores my soul.**
- [P]** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- [C]** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**
- [P]** your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;

P you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,

C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

**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.**

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 Betty, 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.

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 25:6-9

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.
²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the
LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

Romans 8:14-28

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we
cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with
him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are
not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the
sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not
willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the
creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and
obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we
know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the
pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we
ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as
we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our
bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is
not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be glory and power forever.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel:

John 15:5-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

C 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.**

Please be seated

975 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and
shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Sermon: Isaiah 65:17-18

"Joy, Gladness, and Love: Now and For Eternity"

The Prayers and Remembrance

Prayer of the Church

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

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the family of Betty Kuehl and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the

resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord,
in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our thanks for Betty, and for all the blessings
You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at
last to our heavenly home that with her we may see
You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your
mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P 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.

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are
bold to pray:

C 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.**

Please be seated

**A Bell is rung 87 times in honor of all the years of life
God granted to Betty**

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.**

[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.”

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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 the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The pastor may place his hand on the head of the casket as he says:

P We now commit the body of our dear sister Betty Kuehl to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Close of the Service

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Please wait until the conclusion of the Closing Hymn to depart, in order to give Betty's family time to say goodbye. The Elder on Duty will dismiss you row by row at the conclusion of the hymn.

752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;	Bear pa - tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take	To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part	And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on	When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain;	Leave to your God to or - der
fu - ture as He has the past.	Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
dark - ened in this vale of tears;	Then you will bet - ter know His
be for - ev - er with the Lord,	When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide;	In ev - 'ry change	He faith - ful will re -
noth - ing shake;	All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at	
love, His heart,	Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your	
fear are gone,	Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -	



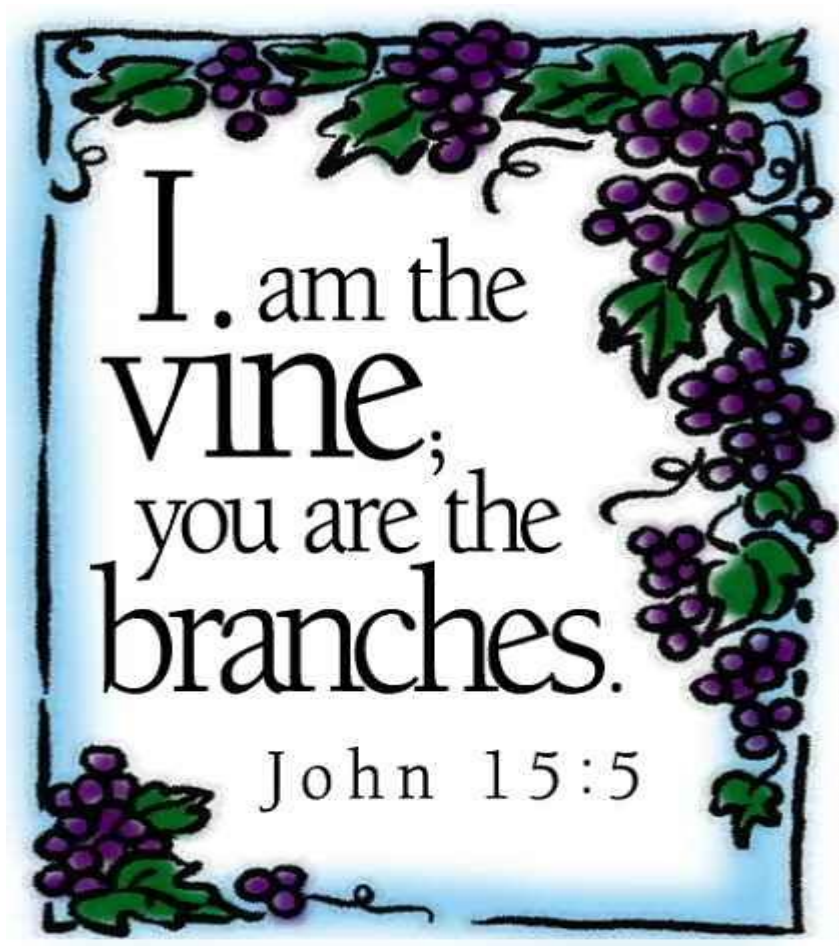
main.	Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
last.	Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
fears.	Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
stored.	Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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Betty L. Kuehl
September 22, 1935 — August 7, 2023
Swartz Creek

Betty L. Kuehl, age 87, of Swartz Creek, passed away on Monday, August 7, 2023. A Visitation will be held at 2PM until 8PM on Friday, August 11, 2023, at Sharp Funeral Home -Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road in Swartz Creek. Visitation will resume the next day at 10AM until the Funeral Service at 11AM on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 2051 Maple Road in Flint. Betty will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences can be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

Betty was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota on September 22, 1935, to the late Joseph & Florence Larson and was baptized on October 20, 1935. She met the love of her life, William Kuehl, when she was only 15 years old. William was deployed during the Korean War and upon his return to the States they were married. William and Betty moved from Minnesota and planted their roots in Michigan where they raised their family and together, they would start their own business, Kuehl Transport, which successfully operated for over 30 years. Before the family business was started, she gained experience from Transit Homes and National Trailer Convoy. In the early years they enjoyed trips to the movies and rabbit hunting. Betty kept beautiful flower beds and vegetable gardens for most of her life and loved mowing their many acres on her zero-turn lawn mower.

Her family will forever remember the handmade costumes for her children, her tasty jams & jellies, canned vegetables & salsa, and incredible baked goods. Betty was a lifelong member of the Lamb of God Lutheran Church of Flint, where she volunteered with the Quilting Club. In recent years, she took up bird watching and adored her cat, Kessa. Above all, Betty loved her family dearly and especially cherished her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, William Kuehl; her children, Joseph (Morgan) Kuehl of Swartz Creek, Bill (Alesha) Kuehl of Swartz Creek and Aimee (Dale) Noye of Gaines; her two precious grandchildren, Krista Kuehl, and Elizabeth Kuehl. Step grandchildren, Nicole, Sara, Ginny, and Jake and, great grandchildren, Jailyn, Brooklyn, Harley, Hunter & Leo. Betty is further survived by her twin sister, Barbara Hoppe; dearly loved sisters-in-law, Barb Hunter and Phyllis Kuehl and many beloved nieces, nephews and so many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her in-laws, Alfred & Ina Kuehl.

