



*A Service of Celebration and Praise to God  
In Memory of the Life and Faith of  
Kenneth Robert Petee*

*October 21, 2023*

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*Entered the Church Militant: April 2nd, 1952.*

*Entered the Church Triumphant: May 12th, 2023.*

**Procession of the Funeral Urn  
and the Bereaved**

**Processional Anthem: Amazing Grace**

*Played by the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards*

## 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## Memorial Opening Announcement

**P** On behalf of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, I want to offer to you, the family and friends of Ken Petee and all who knew him 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 Memorial Service, 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 Urn is covered with the Pall

## Remembrance of Baptism

**P** In Holy Baptism Kenneth Robert Petee was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his 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 Ken, 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:**

**Job 19:23-27**

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Lesson:****Romans 6:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: 550 Lamb of God**

*Arranged and performed by Rick Dexel*

*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 15:5-17**

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **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*

## 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## Sermon: Romans 6:3-5

# 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** ...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:

**G** **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 78 times in honor of all the years of life God granted to Ken.

The Honor Guard Salutes Ken Petee's Military Service to Our Country.

The flag is presented to Ken's family.

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**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 lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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.

## 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.

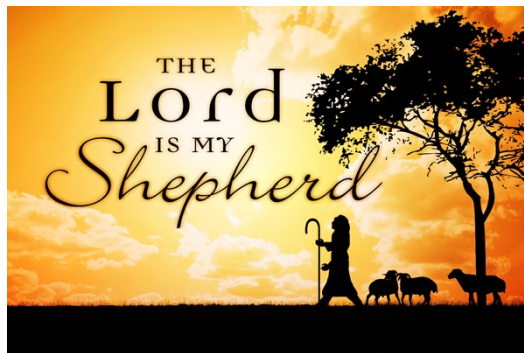
**C** Amen.

**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 Ken's family time to depart first with his remains.*

*The Elder on Duty will dismiss you row by row.*



# 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1-2, 5-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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You are invited to join us for a Memorial Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the conclusion of this Service.

There will be a Committal Service at Bendle Cemetery in Flushing on Monday, October 23rd 2023 at 11:00 AM.

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Kenneth Robert Petee,  
Swartz Creek

At age 78, Ken passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023 at Hurley Medical Center. A memorial service will take place at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Lamb of God Lutheran Church located at 2051 Maple Avenue, Flint. Prior to the service, visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the time of service. A graveside service will take place at Bendle Cemetery at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 23, 2023.

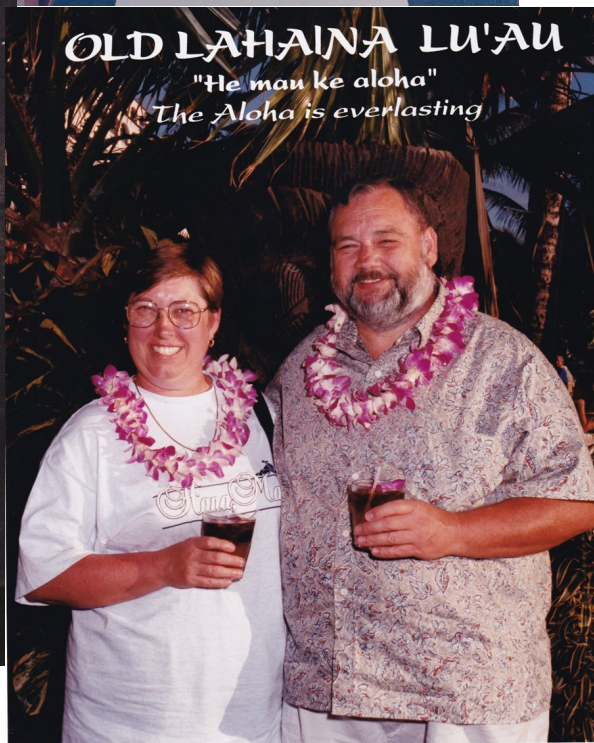
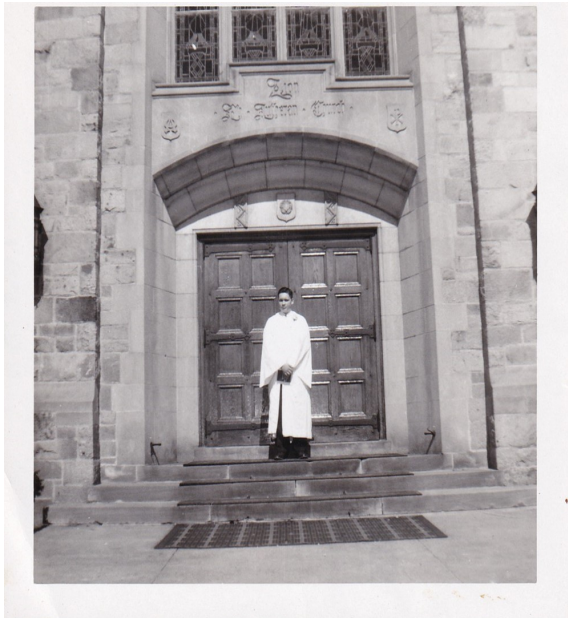
He was born on March 2, 1945 in Bay City to the late Arthur and Doris (Ulman) Petee. Ken was a devoted member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church and served as an elder for several years. He dedicated 35 years of his career to Buick as a member of UAW Local 599.

Ken was also known for being a passionate leader in the Swartz Creek area's 4-H community. In his free time, Ken enjoyed traveling and had the opportunity to visit all 50 states. He also had a passion for gardening and photography. However, his greatest joy came from spending time with his three beloved grandchildren.



Ken is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Bonnie; sons Mark and Carl (Sara); grandchildren Jack Ryan, Joshua, and Susanna; special niece Sandee; siblings Arthur, Thomas, Gail, Margo and John; father-in-law Emerson; and sister-in-law Luann. Memorial contributions may be made in Ken's honor to the Lamb of God Lutheran Church Pavilion Fund or the Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute c/o University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Arrangements are provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek.





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Elder





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