



Dorothy Ione Schepp

✠ January 6, 2021 ✠

Christian Funeral for
Dorothy I. Schepp

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

DeForest, Wisconsin

January 12, 2021

READING OF OBITUARY (cf. back page)

GREETING AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Dorothy, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought her to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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.

HYMN

CW 360: The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

RESURRECTION COMFORT

M: 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.”

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

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

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

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

M: We will be before the throne of God

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

M: Never again will we hunger;

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

M: 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.**

M: 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23-27

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on^{le} lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

SONG

El Shaddai
Cameron Vinson, saxophone

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

HYMN

CW 411: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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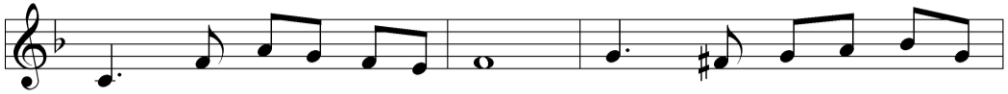
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

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SERMON

John 14:1-3

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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.

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

CW 440: On Eagles’ Wings

440

On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

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PRAYERS

- M:** Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Dorothy, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

I Will Rise

As performed by the choir of Martin Luther College

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Organist: Sharon Freund

Pallbearers

Richard Schepp – Son

Timothy Schepp – Grandson

Ryan LaReau – Grandson

Cameron Vinson – Grandson

Jonathan Ihlenfeldt – Grandson

Forrest Welling – Grandson

Dorothy I. Schepp

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the Lord Jesus sent the angels for the soul of Dorothy Schepp. Thus completed Dorothy's earthly pilgrimage which lasted 93 years, 2 months, and 21 days.

Dorothy was born on October 17, 1927, in Dalton, WI, the daughter of Max and Belle Utke. She was baptized, and later confirmed, in the Lutheran (WELS) faith. Dorothy grew up on the family farm with her parents and three brothers. When she was just 14 years old, her mother passed away and she took on many of the additional household responsibilities. Dorothy graduated from Cambria High School.

On June 16, 1946 Dorothy married Floyd Schepp at Grace Lutheran Church in Dalton. This union was blessed with five children. Richard (Marlene) Schepp, Joleen (Rene) LaReau, Sue Ann (Jay) Vinson, Jackie (Paul) Ihlenfeldt and Jean (Brad) Welling. On June 4, 1974, Floyd passed away from cancer leaving her to raise three of these children who were all under the age of 10.

Dorothy had several different occupations during her lifetime. She was employed by Oscar Mayer, the Postal Service, Windsor Grocery Store, and American Breeders Service. She also did childcare for countless children in her home. Some of those children included her beloved grandchildren.

She was an involved church member of several churches, most recently Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest. Dorothy enjoyed country music of all types and loved baking for her loved ones. Her special dessert recipes will continue for generations. Dorothy will be remembered as a loving, dedicated mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. All who knew her were blessed with her generosity and kindness.

She adored her 11 grandchildren, Kari (Bryan) Bjorge, Timothy (Kelly) Schepp, Kimberly (Ryan) Sullivan, Ryan LaReau, Amanda (Brian) Enter, Sara (Eric) Benzel, Ashley (Kurt) Rathke, Cameron Vinson, Jonathan Ihlenfeldt, Forrest Welling and Eden Welling. She also cherished her 6 great-grandchildren, Logan Schepp, Langston Bjorge, Griffin Bjorge, Riley Sullivan, Miles Sullivan and Otto Rathke. She was also eagerly awaiting the birth of her seventh, a great-grandson due in February to Amanda (Brian) Enter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Howard, Raymond, and Floyd; a sister-in-law, Florine Floeter; brother-in-law, Victor Floeter; three nephews; and her stepmother, Ann Utke.

In addition to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she is survived by two sisters-in-law, Deloris Utke and Theora Utke and several nieces and a nephew.

Dorothy's body will rest and await the return of Jesus and the glorious resurrection at Salemville Cemetery.

***Then the saying that is written will come true:
Death has been swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:54)***