



# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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115 E. Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI 49013

**Christian Funeral Service**  
*for*  
Gloria Picchiottino

*January 13, 2024*

## Remembrance of Baptism

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

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, Gloria was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

## 721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



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

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## God's Comfort

### Psalm 23

M: The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

M: 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 from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

**C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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: 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 the loss of Gloria and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing

Gloria to faith and giving her the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 3 (selected verses)*

For everything there is an appointed time. There is an appropriate time for every activity under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot plants, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones, , a time to search and a time to stop searching, a time to be silent and a time to speak. What does the worker gain from his hard work? He has made everything beautiful in its time. Yes, he has also put eternity in their hearts, yet it is not possible for man to understand the work that God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy good things while they live. Also, when anyone eats, drinks, and experiences the good things that his hard work leads to—this is God’s gift. I know that everything God does will last forever. Nothing can be added to it or taken away from it. God acts so that people will fear him.

## **Reading**

*Matthew 11:28–30*

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

## **Reading**

*John 14:1–6*

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. You know where I am going, and you know the way.” “Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

# 576 Amazing Grace

CW 576



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 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; 'tis grace has brought me  
 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, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790 Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilma Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

Psalm 46:1

### “The Refuge and Strength for All”

*God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.

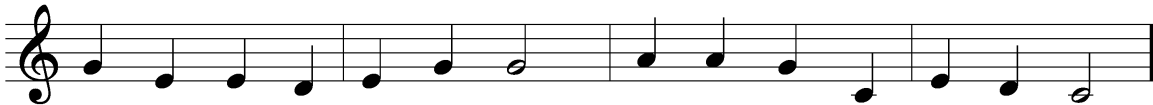
**C:** Amen.

## 584 Jesus Loves Me

CW 584



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

## **Those who Served in Worship Today**

**Organist:** Sharon Richter

**Officiant:** Pastor Matthew Reis

## **Acknowledgments**

## **Obituary**

Gloria Alta Picchiottino was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Gloria was born on October 10, 1928 in Belmont Twp., Wisconsin, the daughter of Joseph and Rosa (Lutz) Picchiottino and has lived in the Grand Junction, MI area since 1952. Gloria was a long-time member at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bangor, where she shared her strong faith with others by teaching Sunday School for more than 25 years and actively participating in many church activities. She and her twin sister Goldie hosted many gatherings at "The Farm" that will be fondly remembered by family. Gloria enjoyed gardening and was a true caregiver, providing loving care to her parents and two of her siblings during their final years.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, twin sister Goldie, sister Rose Mary Werk, and brothers Paul, Wilfred, Allen, and David Picchiottino. She is survived by nieces, nephews, and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family will meet friends 11-12 Noon, Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, where the funeral will be at 12:00 Noon with the Rev. Matthew Reis officiating. Interment will follow in Breedsville Cemetery, Columbia Township. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bangor, MI.

**The family invites all who wish to attend the Committal Service to join them at the Breedsville Cemetery following the service. If you do not wish to go to the Committal Service, the family invites you to stay for a luncheon provided by Trinity's Ladies Guild. The luncheon will take place when the family returns from the Committal Service.**