

Cross of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Welcome

Here is some helpful information to guide your stay with us.

1. **Service.** We feel blessed you came to Cross of Christ. Our worship service lasts about 60 minutes. Participate as much as you feel comfortable with.
2. **Restrooms.** We have one restroom in the back of church and a men's and women's restroom downstairs.
3. **Handicap Assistance.** We have a large print hymnal and hearing aid headphones to assist you with the service on the bookshelf in the back of church.
4. **Children.** Your children are welcome to worship with us regardless of their age. If you feel they are being too disruptive, we do have a **Parents Area** available downstairs with a television where you can watch the worship service.

About Cross of Christ

Cross of Christ is a Bible based church, which exists to give thanks to God for Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection by which God forgave all people of their sins and gives eternal life to all who believe in him. We do this by believing in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and sharing his Word with our community and the world.

Violet L. Burmeister

Violet L. Burmeister, age 96, passed away peacefully at Hamilton Park Place in Portage on Monday, November 8, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Violet was born on November 20, 1924, in Otsego Township, the daughter of John and Lydia (Borde) Nintzel. She married Howard Burmeister on June 24, 1944, in Beaver Dam. Violet enjoyed working with ceramics and operated Burry's Wildlife Ceramics for many years. She worked for National Foods for many years and John's Super Value. Violet was the Columbia County Chapter Leader of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. She was also a member of The 49er's Homemakers Club, the Portage Senior Citizens, and Briggsville Senior Citizens. Violet was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and their Ladies Gathering. She had also belonged to Wauona Womens Club and volunteered for Partners of Divine Savior.

She is survived by her children, Sandra (William) Beimborn, Karen (Richard) Lehmann, Darrell (Jeanne) Burmeister, James (Fay) Burmeister, and Beverly (Bob Mullenbach) Bartels; 10 grandchildren, Thomas, Melissa, Timothy, Tara, Matthew, Amy, James, Jeffrey, Brianna, and Andrea; 12 great-grandchildren; her sister, Jeanette Christian; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Burmeister; three sisters, Irene Schroeder, Evelyn Stofflet, and Gladys Parker; her grandson, John Burmeister; and her son-in-law, Wayne Bartels.

Announcements

Guest Book. If you have not done so, please sign the guest book for the family, which is located by the doors when you walk into the church sanctuary.

Meal. There will be a meal served after the service in the fellowship hall in the lower level of the church for all of Vi's family and friends to attend.

Committal Service. The committal service and burial will take place at Ohio Cemetery in Rio, WI at 2:00 p.m.

Sermon Copies. There are copies of today's sermon on the table in the back of church.

Special Thanks. A special thanks to the organist, the ushers, as well as to everyone who helped with the meal.

The Funeral of Violet L. Burmeister

November 18, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Order of Service: Christian Funeral (on page 144 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

GREETING AND PRAYER

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

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 Vi, 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 be in want.
He makes me 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 prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will 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.

HYMN 440: *"On Eagles' Wings"*

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**
- 2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**
- 3. For to his angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence
as our Savior has taught us:

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.

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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 451: *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**
- 2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**
- 3. When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

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, Vi, 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.

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.

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 lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand
upon 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! (NIV)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:17-27

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (NIV)

HYMN 379: "Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound"

- 1. Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**
- 2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**
- 4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

SERMON LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (NIV)

"Happiness Even In Death"

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.