

**Funeral Liturgy with Holy Communion
for
Zema E. Schaney
November 3, 1948 – October 11, 2023**

**First English Lutheran Church,
Butler, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation may stand.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Red Book #779

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister

Zema. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up by our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit.

FIRST LESSON Job 19:23-27a

²³O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 read in unison

¹**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
²**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**
³**he restores my soul.**
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**
⁵**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

SECOND LESSON**Romans 8:31-35; 37-39**

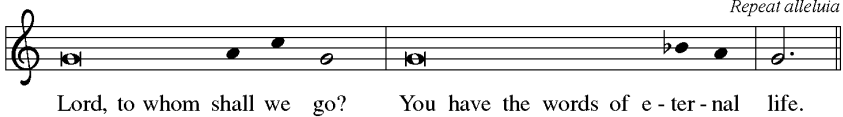
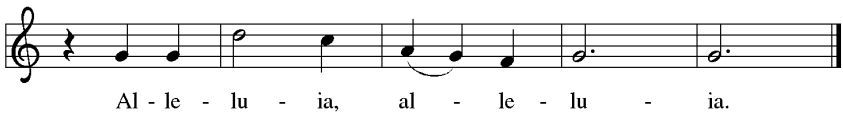
³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL** **Matthew 19:13-15**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; ¹⁴but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may sit.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Garden"

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In The Garden

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C. AUSTIN MILES

1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a - round me be

ros - es, And the voice I hear, Fall - ing on my ear, The
 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy That He gave to me, With -
 fall - ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His

CHORUS

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers, the assisting minister bids:

God of mercy,

The congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

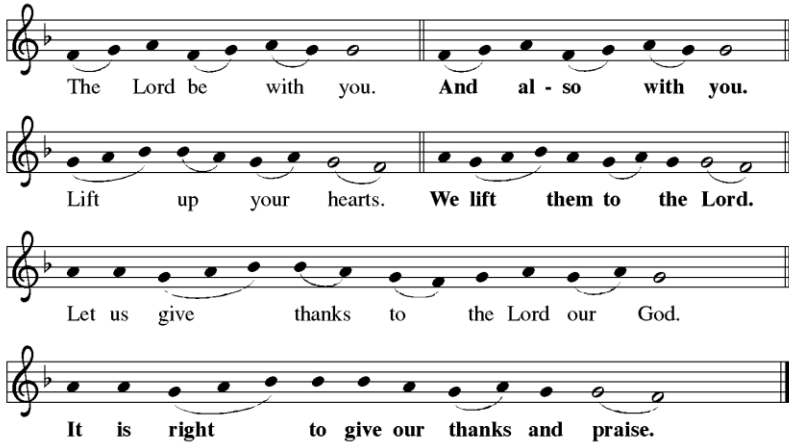
*The congregation may share a brief greeting of peace with those around you with
the words "peace be with you."*

OFFERTORY HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"


Red Book #661

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and holy is your Son..(*The presiding minister continues giving thanks...*) For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be a communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized into his name.

Remember our sister Zema, whose baptism is now complete in death. Bring her into your eternal joy and light together with all who have died in the peace of Christ; through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The congregation may sit.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMENDATION

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

Red Book #595

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

*The liturgy of burial continues with the committal at South Side Cemetery.
The congregation is invited to join Zema's family for a luncheon following the
committal at the church social hall.*

Participating in worship today:

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel, Pastor

Signe Mitchell, Organist

Sue Morrow, Assisting Minister

Jennie Henry and Jeanne Graff, Readers

Bob and Karen Domanski, Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, Ushers

Roxanne Glagola, Altar Guild

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It is with heavy hearts that the family of Zema E. Schaney, 74, of Butler, PA share the news of her passing after a brief illness on October 11, 2023. Zema was welcomed to heaven while surrounded by her beloved husband and children. Zema was born November 3, 1948, in Utica, PA to the parents of Donald and Mary (McKinley) Miller and grew up with her sister, Kathy (Miller) Geib. She graduated from Franklin High School (class of 1966) and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1970) along with a master's degree from the University of North Dakota (1975).

The most joyful journey of her life began when she married her husband, George, on June 5, 1971. Together they celebrated their proudest accomplishments, their children: daughter Mary Kirsten Schaney and wife, Jill Chambers; son Jared Schaney (deceased) and daughter-in-law, Lisa; daughter Meghann Chapman and husband, Michael; daughter Jessica Kamerer and husband Joshua; and daughter Janine Briggs with husband, Michael. Her heart grew even more when her family was expanded to include her beautiful and cherished grandchildren: Clark and Oliver Schaney, Cayla and Dylan Chapman, and Alexander and Schaney Kamerer. Above all, Zema's dedication was to her family and she took pride in how they always come together to "circle the wagons" with fierce strength and unwavering support during times of need.

Zema was also a beloved educator with Moniteau School District and her passion for teaching undoubtedly left an indelible mark on her students' lives. Upon her retirement in 2009, she became a world traveler who deeply appreciated the beauty and wonders of God's earth. When she was not traveling or enjoying her family, Zema also loved to share her warmth through her quilting, sewing, and other crafting. Her love was woven into every quilt and creation, all of which will stand as symbols of the tight-knit tapestry of her love. Aside from her own children, she blessed the lives of countless others with her love and guidance. A dedicated and steadfast friend to so many, her loss will be greatly grieved. A member of many social circles, Zema stayed connected with many through her time spent with Girl Scouts, First English Lutheran Church, the Red Hat Society, fellow Moniteau retirees, and several quilting groups. Many hearts were enriched by her calming, strong, honest, and reassuring spirit. Whether one needed a confidant or a co-conspirator, her feisty dedication meant she would always be there for whatever was needed. Zema will be remembered for the legacy of love, faith, friendship, knowledge, and creativity that she left behind in all the lives which she touched.