

W E L C O M E T O C H R I S T L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

A Celebration of Life **Gertrude “Trudy” Ungar** **March 9, 2019 – 4:00 PM**

Christ Lutheran Church
Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, contributions in Trudy’s memory may be made to Christ Lutheran Church.

Wireless hearing aids, which allow you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary, are available.

Bathrooms: At the entrance to the church (the narthex) is a women’s restroom and one unisex restroom. Through the left doorway, down the hallway and to the left are also a woman’s restroom and unisex restroom.

Worship Leaders:

Presider: The Rev. Marc A. Stutzel

Music: Teresa Shyr

Ushers: Noel Ulanday and David Crouse

PRELUDE

WELCOME

[The pastor begins worship in the front of the sanctuary. Please stand as you are able.]

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Trudy Ungar, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

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.*

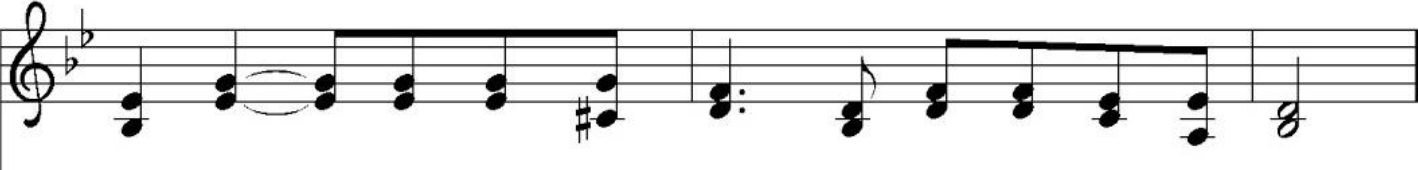
OPENING HYMN - "How Great Thou Art" [ELW 856, all verses]




1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



[Hymn continues on the following page.]

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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THE GREETING

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Trudy. 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 in the victory of 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.]

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

THE FIRST READING IS FROM 1 JOHN 3:1-2

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

*He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

***I 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 mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,
*and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD
my whole life long.*

THE SECOND READING IS REVELATION 22:1-5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 14:1-7

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

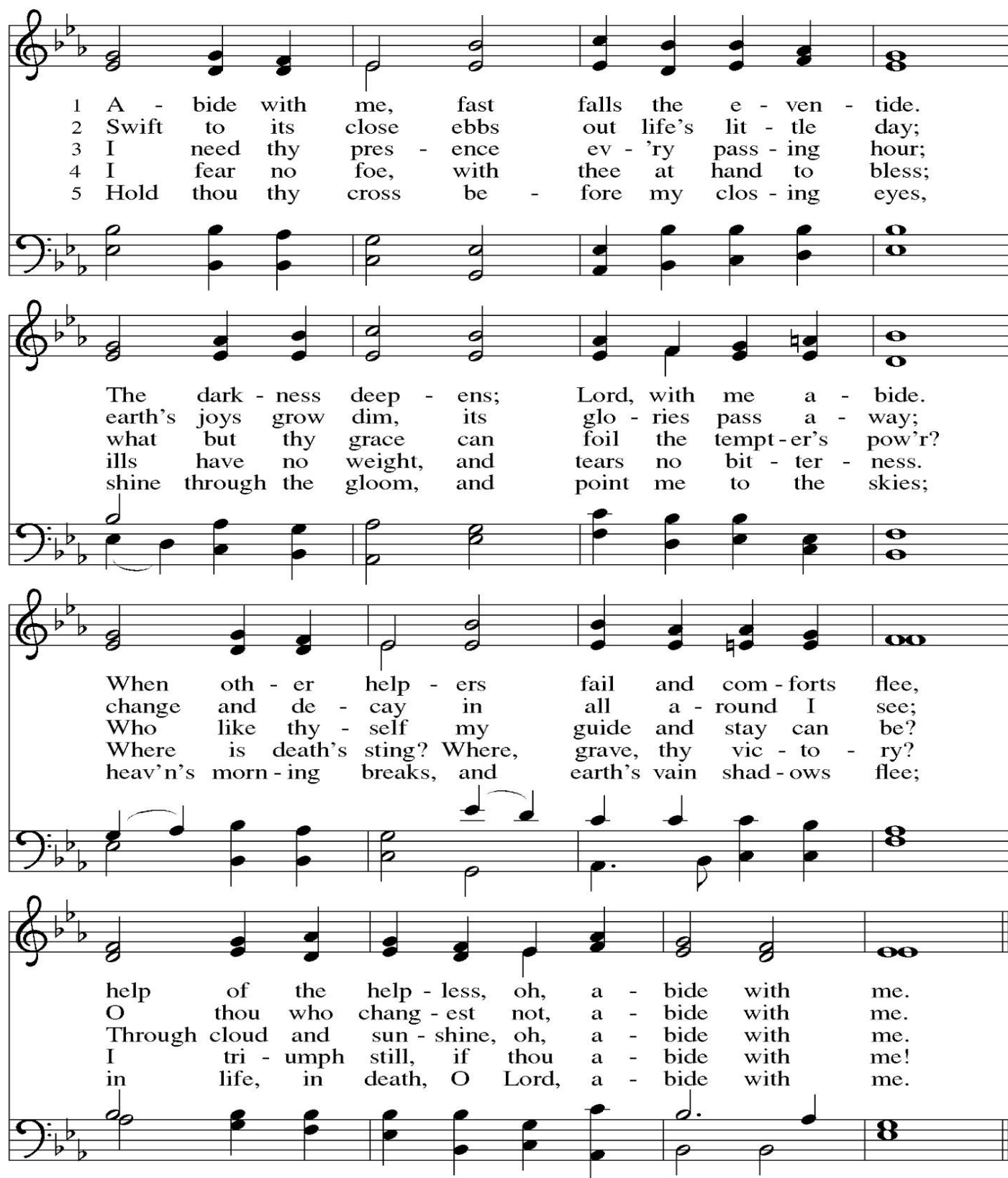
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEMORIES OF TRUDY

A HOMILY – The Rev. Marc A. Stutzel

HYMN – “Abide With Me” [ELW 629, all verses—the congregation remains sitting]



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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THE APOSTLES' CREED [Please stand as you are able.]

Let us confess our faith together in the words of the 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 OF INTERCESSION [The congregation may sit for the prayers.]

*Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Grant us grace to entrust Trudy to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you . . .

*Make us certain 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer 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.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Trudy Ungar to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Trudy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.***

*Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our sister Trudy. **Amen.***

*And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.***

HYMN – “Thine is the Glory” [ELW 376, all verses]

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*All are invited to a repast in our Opsal (Fellowship) Hall.
To reach the Opsal Hall, exit the front of the church and turn right.*

GERTRUDE HELEN UNGAR

JULY 23, 1928 - FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Gertrude Helen Ungar of Closter, New Jersey passed away on February 22, 2019. The daughter of Elfrieda and Frederick Low, Gertrude was born July 23, 1928 in Brooklyn, New York. They soon moved to Dumont, New Jersey, along with her older brothers Frederick Jr. and Edward. They were later joined by younger brother Robert and sister Elaine.



Gertrude grew up in Dumont and belonged to the Campfire Girls. She graduated from Dumont High School, where she performed in a school play and made friends with whom she kept in touch in her adult life.

Gertrude met Daniel Ungar Jr. of Bergenfield in a sweet shop. They married in 1949 and had two children, Daniel Edward Ungar and Donna Ungar Stubin. In 1956, they had a home built in Closter, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Gertrude was a loving, engaged wife and mother, counseling her children through their childhood triumphs and challenges. She came from a very close family and kept in close touch with her siblings and many of her cousins throughout her life. With Dan and their children, she went on long-treasured road trips to visit family, friends, and historic places. At home they hosted family at what Dan dubbed their "peasant picnics."

After high school, Gertrude worked as a bookkeeper in New York City and New Jersey. Known to her family as "Gert," she became "Trudy" when she embarked on her working life. After taking time to see her children through middle school, she took a new career path as a medical assistant for over 30 years.

On cross-country tours as far as Michigan, Trudy and Dan took turns in the driver's seat of several vintage automobiles, including the 1933 Pontiac in which her father had taught her to drive. They were active in a number of antique auto clubs and formed lasting friendships on tours, parades, and picnics.

Gertrude was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, where she served in several capacities and with Dan frequently ushering.

A friend to everyone she met, Gertrude always took pleasure in helping others. She would frequently invite friends over for holidays who might have otherwise spent the day home alone, and she never tired of bringing a meal to someone in need. The example that she set for her family will be fondly remembered and treasured always.

Gertrude was predeceased by her parents, husband, brothers Frederick and Edward Low, and sister Elaine McMullen. She is survived by her brother Robert (Margaret) Low, her son Daniel E. (Eloise) Ungar, and her daughter Donna (Jeffrey) Stubin; by grandsons Michael (Georgette) Stubin, Gregory Stubin, Daniel Hugh Ungar, and granddaughter Melanie Ungar (Kevin Banda); by two great-grandsons and numerous nieces and nephews.