



*Patricia Gail Meyer*  
*June 16, 1939 – March 11, 2022*

The Funeral Service of  
*Patricia Gail Meyer*

March 19, 2022  
Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN



**Pre-service Music**

**Invocation**

**Opening Prayer: *Psalm 130***

**Hymn 226 vv. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 *By Grace I'm Saved***

**Old Testament Reading**

***Psalm 121*** I lift up my eyes to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot stumble. He who watches over you will not slumber. Yes, he who watches over Israel will not slumber. He will not sleep. The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will watch to keep you from all harm. He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your going and your coming from now to eternity.

**Gospel Readings**

***Matthew 16:21-26*** From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?"

***John 10:11-16*** "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. I am the Good

Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.

### **Hymn 179 *Jesus Loves Me***

#### **Epistle Reading**

**Romans 5:1-8** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Bethany Lutheran College Choir "O Savior of the World" J. Goss**  
*O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hath redeemed us,  
save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.*

#### **Epistle Reading**

**Romans 12:1-8** Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

### **Hymn 525 *I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name***

## Sermon Text

**Psalm 4:8** I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## Sermon

### The Reading of the Obituary

**Bethany Lutheran College Choir “Nunc dimittis in B-flat” C.V. Stanford**

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,*

*Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

### **Psalm 23, read in unison**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall 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 Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**Hymn 561 vv. 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 Abide With Me; Fast Falls the Eventide**

## Prayer

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Bethany Lutheran College Choir**  
*On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

## **Benediction**

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**Officiant:** Pastor John Petersen

**Organist:** Mark DeGarmeaux

**Pall Bearers:** Meredith Gunderson, Elise Ollrich,  
Kjerstin Meyer, Nicholas Meyer,  
Peter Meyer, Thomas Runholt



Patricia Gail Meyer, lovingly known as Nana, was called to her heavenly home on Friday, March 11, 2022, with family by her side. Pat was 82 years old.

Born June 16, 1939, in Rochester, NY to Marion and Frances Salomon, Pat was baptized and confirmed in her faith at Christ Lutheran Church. At an early age Pat developed a love for music and the "lake", spending time at their family cottage on Sodus Bay, Lake Ontario.

In the fall of 1957, Pat arrived in Minnesota at the campus of Bethany Lutheran College to pursue a teaching degree. It was here that she met the love of her life, Marv. Pat taught in a one room Christian school in Lime Creek, Iowa before Pat and Marv married in June of 1960. They were blessed with two children.

Together Pat and Marv owned and operated a family resort in central Minnesota for 15 years. Pat was also an integral part of the Bethany Lutheran College family; spearheading a campus beautification committee and welcoming guests and visitors into their home.

Pat retired to Gull Lake in Brainerd, Minnesota in 2002 where she enjoyed boating, watching the sunset, growing geraniums, and feeding the hummingbirds. As the matriarch of the family, Pat found great happiness when surrounded by those she loved at the lake. Pat loved to travel, visiting over 20 countries and many regions of the United States. She also loved a good hand of Bridge.

Pat was God's perfectly chosen helpmate to her loving husband Marvin Meyer, whom she is survived by. Pat is also survived by her children: Joel Meyer (Jane) and Crista Krosch (Mark); grandchildren: Meredith Gunderson (Paul), Elise Ollrich (Nicklaus), Kjerstin Meyer (Riley), Nicholas Meyer (Noelle); 6 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Bethany Lutheran College – Music Department.

Blessed be her memory.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15