

+ Memorial Service for Sharon Jean Yoder +

Mar 22, Year of our Lord 2025. Baptized: Aug. 22, 1948; Died: Feb. 10, 2025

Hymn: 486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death



1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n;
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
His Word en - dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

Romans 6:3–5

P In Holy Baptism *Sharon Jean Yoder* was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

Introit

Psalm 116; esp. 116:15

P I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**

The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

**Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

**I believed, even when I spoke,
“I am greatly afflicted”;**

I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”

**What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

**I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.



Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Sharon and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of

your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse for Lent

2 Timothy 2:11b–12a

A If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him;

C if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

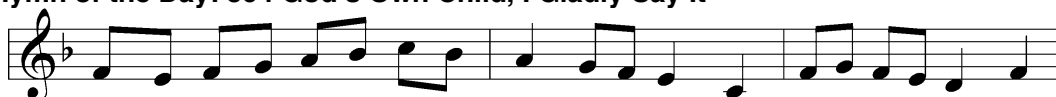
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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.

Hymn of the Day: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treasures many? I have one worth
conscience seize me Since my Baptism
font I've traveled, All your might has
dust and ashes Faith's assurance
waits its raising, Still my soul con -



more than any That brought me sal -
did release me In a dear for -
come unraveled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flashes: Baptism has the
tin - ues praising: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to eter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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+ Sermon +

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Sharon and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Sharon and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**

Nunc Dimittis

John 11:25–26; Luke 2:29–32

A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

P May God the Father, who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**



Collect

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,
C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

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Hymn: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
 The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
 Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
 The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
 You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
 So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 "O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
 Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
 May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
 And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
 You o-pen-ed heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
 In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Sharon Jean Yoder

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Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant, Sharon. Sharon Jean Gaugert was given life by her creator and was born on July 31, 1948, the child of Robert Emil and Marcella Evangeline Gaugert. On August 22, 1948, Sharon received the gift of Holy Baptism and became a child of God. On July 15, 1962, she publicly confessed her faith and was confirmed and received the precious gift of the Lord's life-giving body and blood. On June 5, 1982, she received the gift of a beloved companion in her husband, Mark Yoder. She was blessed with the gift of two beautiful daughters, Adelaide Danielle and Mackenzie Leigh. God blessed Sharon's life with many special people as she served Him in her various vocations at home, church, work, and in the community. Born in Staples, Minnesota near her parents' dairy farm, Sharon was the second of what would grow to be a family of five children. In a hurry to get started in her life, she wasted no time after graduating high school and went to work first in a factory in the Twin Cities, then managed a fast-food restaurant in New York, a lodge on Mt. Rainier, worked as an airline reservation clerk in New York, a travel agent in various places where she went on to live, and finally rounding out her vocation as a mail clerk in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She "retired" 10 years ago and moved to Maryville, Tennessee with her husband of 42 years. She met and married Mark Yoder at their church in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1982 and the two of them tackled life together and raised a family of their own that was comprised of daughters Adelaide and Mackenzie. Sharon excelled as a mother and was an unusually hard worker at anything she set out to do, which was even more impressive by the fact that she began life with a congenital heart defect. She endured subsequent surgeries and procedures to, thankfully, correct problems with her heart. You know her as a "people person" and she went out of her way to greet visitors in church and other venues. She had a sweet disposition and was so good natured that she became fast friends with just about anyone in her path. You may remember seeing her as a volunteer at Blount Memorial Hospital or at the Alzheimer's walks in Maryville. Sharon was a constant church goer and had a strong faith which was evidenced by her daily devotional life and her frequent partaking of the fellowship of the Lord's Supper. Sharon is beloved by her family including Mark, Adelaide, Mackenzie, sisters Barbara Ann and Diana (whom she called Pixie), brothers Alan and Larry, and many others. She had a beautiful singing voice and was a good musician having learned to play trumpet, guitar, and church organ. She and Mark loved singing in the church choir together and rehearsing at home with her on the piano. She is sorely missed, but we are happy for her homecoming! Also, in lieu of flowers, we would like any gifts of money to be given to our Church's capital campaign to build the new sanctuary.