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# OBITUARY OF CHRISTINE A. RECHEK

Christine A. Reчек, age 65, entered her eternal home on March 17, 2024. She was born on March 23, 1958, in Beaver Dam, the daughter of Rodney and Delores (Paul) Sabatke. Chris was baptized and confirmed at 1st Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam. Due to an unfortunate accident that claimed her parents' lives while Chris was an infant, she was adopted by her grandparents, Hilton and Dagmar (Aggerholm) Sabatke and raised in the Beaver Dam area. On June 21, 1982, she married Jeffrey Reчек in Juneau, WI.

Chris graduated with an AA from Moraine Park Technical College and worked for a time for the State of Wisconsin in Madison. She then became an administrative assistant for Slate Law Office, Sias Law Office, and then later returned to Slate Law Office where she eventually retired. Chris was a dedicated and loving mother, which in turn made her an even more dedicated and loving grandmother. She loved to attend everything the grandchildren had going on. They filled her heart as she did theirs. Chris

delighted in making the 12 days of Christmas and Easter egg hunts for her grandchildren, yearly traditions. Chris was a devoted wife to her husband, Jeff, and was fond of spending time gardening and being outdoors with him. She enjoyed time with family and friends, coffee, puzzles, and was known to always be looking after others and their needs.

Chris is survived by her husband Jeff, son Rodney (Carla) Kern; daughter Becky Kern; six grandchildren, Tyler (April) Kern, Kevin (fiancé Lydia) Kern and Kayla Kern and Ally Shafer, Sid Shafer, and Joey Shafer, all of Fond du Lac, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; sisters and brothers-in-law (through adoption) Joyce (Roger) Kasmiskie and Joan (Walter) Kuhlman and other relatives.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## #552 Abide with Me!

by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!
  
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!
  
4. Come not in terror, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## **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 Christine Reчек, 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 want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, 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. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

## 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. Amen

## READINGS

**Isaiah 40:1-8** "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. <sup>2</sup> "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins." <sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert<sup>t</sup> A highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The

crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; <sup>5</sup> The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> The voice said, "Cry out!" And he<sup>t</sup> said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

**Revelation 7:9-17** <sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the el-

ders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> And I said to him, "Sir<sup>t</sup>, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup> "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters<sup>t</sup>. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## **#436 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

by Francis Rous, 1579-1659, et al.

i. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

4. My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy, all my life,  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## SERMON: A HIDDEN TREASURE

**John 14:1-6** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> "In My Father's house are many mansions<sup>1</sup>; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you<sup>2</sup>. <sup>3</sup> "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> "And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

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.

## PRAYERS THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

### #200 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

5. He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

### **Announcements**

The family of Christine A. Reчек would like to thank you all for coming and invite you to a lunch following the service.

The burial will take place at 2pm at Oakwood Cemetery Memorial in Beaver Dam, hwy 33 just east of 151.