

*Peter Liersch*



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# THE FUNERAL SERVICE

for

*Peter John Liersch*

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

2:30pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hamilton

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## **INVOCATION & REMINDER OF BAPTISM**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** As we come here to farewell Peter, St Paul comforts us with these words: *“Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection”*. (Romans 6:3-5)

## **PRAYER**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ whom you raised from the dead. Assure us that you keep watch over all your children, and not even death itself can snatch us out of your hand or separate us from your love. Comfort us in our grief and remind us that you are always near. We give you thanks for

Peter who is now with you in glory. We praise you for the love you gave us through him and the mercy you have on us all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN** LHS 426 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden?  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **REMEMBERING PETER**

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Romans 14:7-9**

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN** LH 387 “The Lord's my Shepherd” (Psalm 23)

1. *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, though 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 for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.*

**WORDS OF COMFORT**

LHS 862 'Jesus please watch over us'

1. *As we step from the edge of morning,  
feet can't tell where to take us;  
here's a light that will shine forever,  
here's the light that will guide us:*

*Jesus, please watch over us;  
Jesus, please take care of us.*

2. *Trouble comes, and we search for safety,  
we forget that you hold us;  
fill our minds so that we remember,  
say once more that you love us:*

3. *Danger meets us at every moment,  
death is never in hiding;  
you are stronger than any danger,  
you are stronger than dying:*

4. *In your life is the Father's welcome,  
in your death there is freedom;  
be our life and our death for ever,  
be our new resurrection:*

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## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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, dead, and 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.

## **THE PRAYERS**

*P Lord in your mercy.*

*All Hear our prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord Jesus, help us to pray the prayer you have taught us.

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

**P** The Lord watch over you, as you go out and as you come in, now and forever. And the blessing of almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN** LHS 888 “May the feet of God walk with you”

*May the feet of God walk with you,  
And His hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
And His ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
And His breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you,  
And His love bring you home.*

**THE RECESSIONAL**

**P** In the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we will now take the body of Peter, our brother in Christ, to its last resting place.

Let us go now in peace.

**C** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Thank you for your attendance today.*

*After the committal at the South Hamilton Lutheran Cemetery,  
you are invited to a time of fellowship  
and light refreshments back at the church hall.*