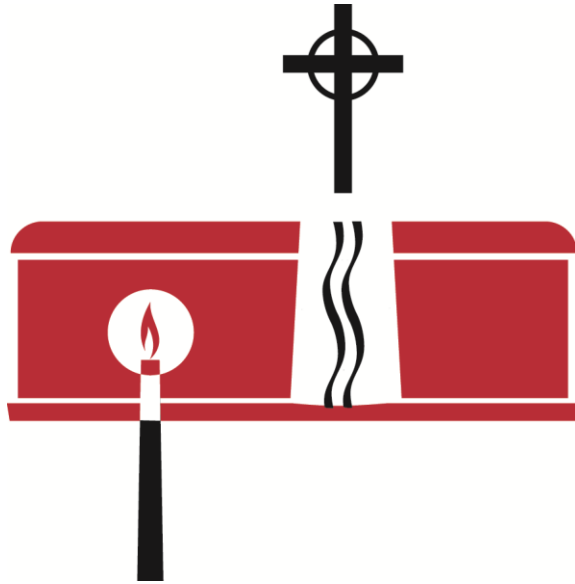




The Funeral of
Carol Shupp
Grace Lutheran Church
Champaign, Illinois

September 19, 2026

Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us as we gather in the presence of God, to be encountered by God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as we commend our sister Carol Shupp into God's eternal care.

We believe that God is truly at work here today in this worship service to both create and sustain our faith in God's promises of life for Jesus' sake, so that we may be comforted in our sorrow and empowered to be agents of God's grace in the world around us.

This stands at the center of all we do as a community of faith.

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Regular type: spoken by a leader

Bold type: spoken by the people

Small Italics: liturgical directions

✙ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

The ministers process to the font with the urn.

The presiding minister welcomes the assembly.

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, Carol.

to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer,

and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism,

a pall is placed on the urn as the following is said:

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.

The presiding minister sprinkles the casket with water from the font following each acclamation.

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.

The ministers process with the urn to the front of the nave as the hymn is played

Hymn

For all the Saints

ELW 422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are is the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

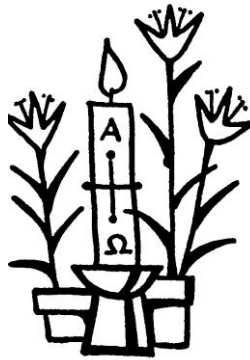
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our Carol Shupp. 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 assembly is seated.



Family Remembrances and Readings

Remembrances

Reading

Angelo Patri

In one sense there is no death. The life of a soul on earth last beyond his departure. You will always feel that life touching yours, that voice speaking to you, that spirit looking out of other eyes, talking to you in the familiar thing he touched, worked with, loved as familiar friends. He lives on in your life and in the lives of all others that knew him.

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,

and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

The Lord to Me a Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

Chester L. Alwes

The Lord to me a Shepherd is want therefore shall not I.

He in the folds of tender grass doth cause me down to lie.

To waters calm me gently leads, restore my soul doth He.

Yea, though in valley of death's shade I now may walk,

None ill I'll fear, because Thou art with me,

Thy rod and Thy staff my comfort are.

For me a table Thou hast spread in presence of my foes.

Thou dost anoint my head with oil, my cup it overflows

Goodness and mercy surely shall, all my days follow me.

And in the Lord's house I shall dwell so long as day shall be.

The Lord to me a Shepherd is.

Second Reading

Romans 8:37-39

A reading from Romans.

³⁷In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp





Hymn

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

ELW 631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

The assembly stands.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the whole church, the faith in which we are baptized.

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 assisting minister leads the prayers. Each petition concludes:

... God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

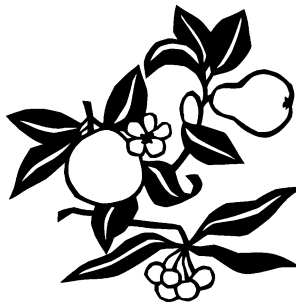
God of all grace, ... now and forever.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

After the Peace, the assembly is seated.

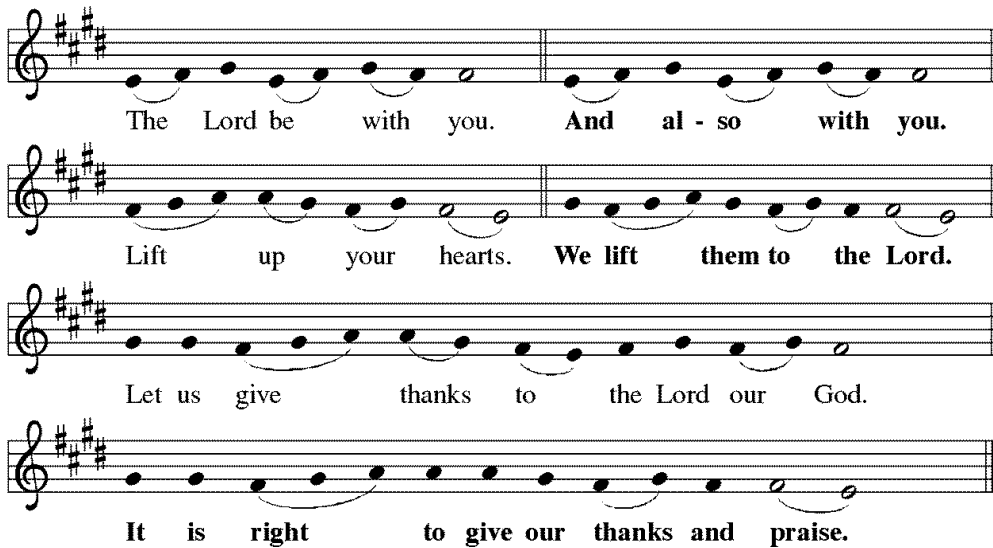


Meal

Offertory

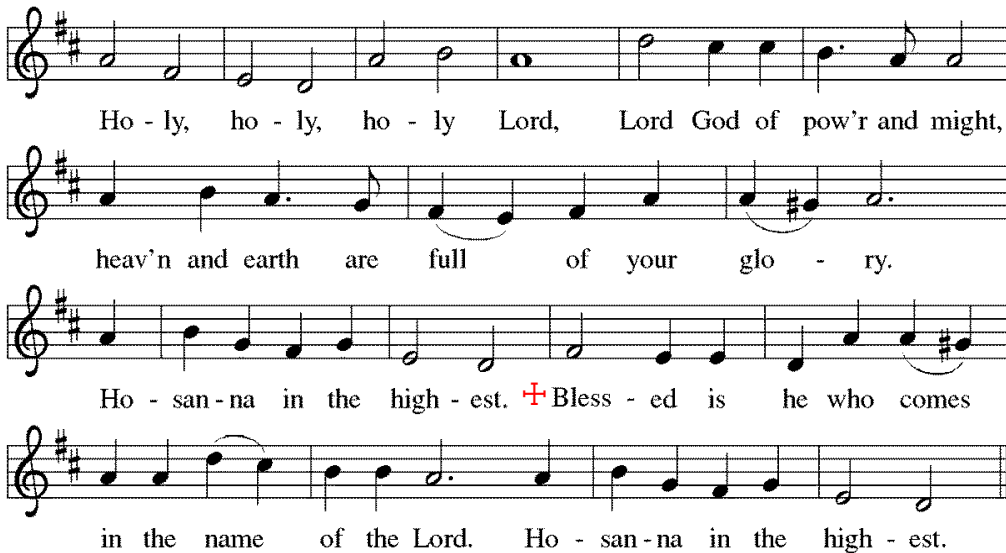
Melodie
Sergei Rachmaninoff

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. ✝ Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Communion

We welcome to the Lord's table all Christians who are baptized and who normally commune in their home congregations. We believe that Christ is truly present for us in the bread and wine, forming us into his body for the sake of the world. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please hold this bulletin in your hands as a sign to the pastor that you would like a blessing. Please notify the ushers if you or someone sitting in your pew needs to have communion brought to you.

To receive communion, please join the line on your side of the aisle. Proceed to the Pastor to receive the bread. (Please Note: gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free bread is available. Just ask the Pastor.) To receive wine, take an empty glass from the acolyte and proceed to the deacon. (Pre-poured glasses of grape juice are also available from the acolytes). Place your used glass in the basket provided near the stairs on the side you leave.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

The assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Commendation

The presiding minister leads the commendation.

Let us commend Carol Shupp to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Carol Shupp.
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.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers lead a procession out of the sanctuary followed by the urn and the family as the final hymn is sung.

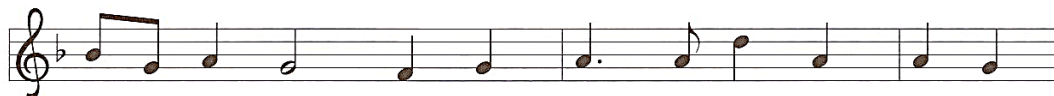
Hymn

All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW 757



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata No. 79)

J.S. Bach

Worship Support

The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

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Carol Ann Shupp

October 24, 1936 - August 21, 2026

Carol Ann Shupp, 89, died Friday, August 21, 2026, at Sparrow Memorial Hospital in Michigan surrounded by her family. She was born Carol Ann Edwards, in West Mahanoy Township, PA on October 24, 1936 to the Reverend Francis and Helen Edwards. Carol was predeceased by her husband, Franklin Richard Shupp and her brother Richard Edwards. She is survived by her daughters Diedre Matthews (Allan), Ruth Liu (Pyramyth) and her son Robert Shupp (Terri) and grandchildren Jennifer Liu, Gwyneth Matthews, Katherine Liu, Clare Shupp, Emily Shupp and her sister Elaine Frick (Stan).

Carol earned a BA in History from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. She was passionate about serving her community both locally and nationally. Beginning in the early 1970s, she worked with the University of Illinois Chapter of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) on programs connecting University of Illinois students with the Champaign-Urbana community. She later served as Vice-President and President of the University of Illinois chapter and as a board member of the national YWCA from 1982-1994.

Carol also worked for the United Way of Champaign County as a volunteer coordinator from 1985-1989 and continued her involvement as a long serving board member. In later years, she was deeply involved with the Grace Lutheran Church food pantry. In addition to her non-profit work she was also a paralegal at Meyer, Capel, and Hirschfeld in Champaign.

Carol and Frank traveled widely and spent time living in Norway, England, Australia and South Africa. She was a voracious reader; she also loved to swim and was a lifeguard during her college years. For over 60 years, Carol was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, and sang in the choir for almost as long.

Donations may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church food pantry, the University of Illinois Chapter of the YWCA or the United Way of Champaign County.



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