

The Christian Funeral of
Alice Uecker
March 24, 2022
Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

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 Alice, 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 be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even 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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will 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 Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pallbearers

Steven Uecker

Adam Uecker

Jeremy Uecker

Brian Uecker

James Uecker

Jordan Magley

The Condensed Life Story of Alice Uecker

Alice Joan Uecker was born February 11, 1934, in Morrison to the late Elmer and Esther Lawrenz. She was baptized into Christ in her parents home on February 25, 1934. On March 21, 1948 she was confirmed in her faith at Morrison Zion Lutheran church. Her confirmation verse was Revelation 2:10.

Alice served her Lord in many ways in her life. She graduated from East De Pere High School. On October 24, 1953, she married Arwed Uecker at Zion Lutheran Church, Morrison. Alice worked in the office at Nabisco in Green Bay, before becoming a farm wife and mother. Throughout the years she held several offices in the Zion Ladies Aid, enjoyed singing in the choir, and attending bible classes. Alice enjoyed traveling, writing, crocheting, going out for lunch with friends, reading and playing games on her tablet. Above all Alice loved being a mom and Grandma and played many roles such as physician, referee, master chef, coach, counselor, and entertainer.

On Sunday evening, March 20, 2022, Alice passed away peacefully with family by her side. By the grace of God she had reached an age of 88 years, one month and 11 days.

She is survived by children; David (Janice) Uecker, Glenn (Dori) Uecker, Melissa (Bill) Krueger, Eric Uecker, and Chris (Roger) Magley. Daughter-in-law Sue Uecker-Case, as well as her grandchildren; Amy, Heather, Steven, Jennifer, Adam, Amanda, Jeremy, Alicia, Brian, James, Rachel, Lauren, Brooke, Abby, Erin, Jordan, and 24 great grandchildren. Alice is also survived by her sister Karen (John) Heyn, and sister-in-law Sylvia Loppnow, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Arwed, 3 children: Joan, Dan (Cathy), and Andy. Her grandson Ross Ambrosius, great granddaughter Samantha Rott, sisters Bernice (Jerry) Reidy and Lorna (Fabian) Smith, sister-in-law Margaret (Roland) Schultz, and brother-in-law Elmer Loppnow.

The committal service will be in our church cemetery immediately following this service.

We say with Job, *"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"* (Job 19:25-27).

Prayer

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Alice Uecker, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving her to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn

On Eagles Wings CW 440



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

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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.

C: Amen.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art CW 256:1,3,4



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,
That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
And there pro-claim: “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, “How great thou



art! How great thou art!” Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, “How great thou art! How great thou art!”

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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.

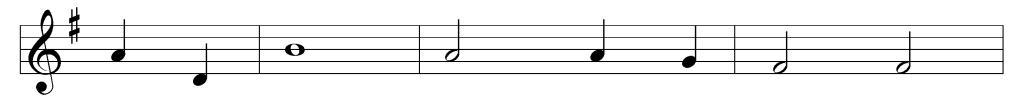
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

For All The Saints CW 551:1-5



1 For all the saints who from their
2 You were their rock, their for - tress,
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful,
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low -
5 And when the fight is fierce, the



la - bors rest, All who their faith be -
and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain
true, and bold Fight as the saints who
ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle;
war - fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O
in the well - fought fight And in the
no - bly fought of old And win with
they in glo - ry shine, Yet all are
dis - tant tri - umph - song, And hearts are



Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
dark - ness drear their one true light.
them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
one with - in your grand de - sign.
brave a - gain and arms are strong.



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

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 7:13-17

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ 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 shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;

never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

John 14:1-6

¹⁴ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (NIV)

Hymn

Amazing Grace CW 379:1,3-4



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
will my shield and por - tion be
grace has brought me safe thus far,
no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.
Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
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Sermon

Revelation 2:10

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.