

The Christian Funeral of
Terri Compton
April 10, 2023
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 Terri, 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 **him** 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.

Hymn

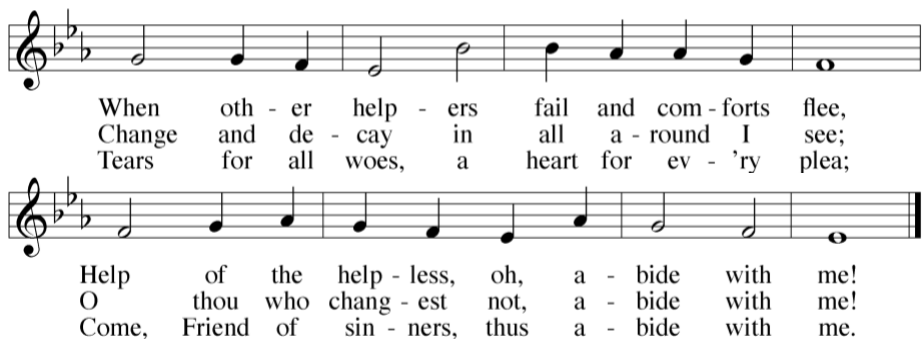
Abide With Me CW 588:1-3,7



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;

Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
Tune: EVENTIDE (10 10 10 10) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

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.

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 16:16-22,33

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (NIV)

Hymn

Just As I Am, without One Plea CW 397:1-3,5



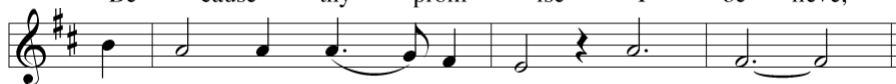
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
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Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.
 Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816–68.

Sermon

Psalm 23

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,**

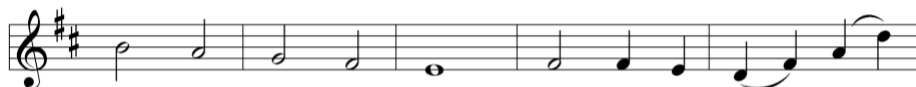
**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives CW 152:1-2,5,7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
He lives my mansion to prepare; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
He lives to bring me safely there. "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

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, Terri Compton, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving **him** 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.

Committal Service at the Graveside

The Condensed Life Story of Terri Ann Compton

Terri Ann Compton was born November 29, 1959, to Phyllis (Wagner), and the late Frederick “Fritz” Natzke. She was baptized into Christ on December 20, 1959 at Morrison Zion Lutheran Church. On April 15, 1973 she was confirmed in her faith at Morrison Zion. Her confirmation verse was Joshua 1:9: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Terri graduated from De Pere High School, where she met her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Steve Compton. They were united in marriage on October 27, 1978.

Terri worked at Georgia Pacific for 23 years and recently retired. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening and growing flowers, especially Gladiolus. An occasional stop at the casino, cheering on the Packers or listening to Bon Jovi were just a few things she enjoyed. Holidays with her family (especially the grand kids) is what she looked forward to the most.

On Sunday, April 2, 2023 Terri passed away unexpectedly, surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her husband Steve, their girls; Kelly (Jonny) Morehouse, Amber Bowers, and Trisha Compton. Her granddaughters, who she called her “Angels”, Alaina, Ava, Holly, Josie, Haley, and her mother Phyllis. Terri is further survived by Steve’s family, numerous cousins, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Frederick “Fritz” Natzke, and an infant brother.

Everyone is invited to Morrison Town Hall for a lunch after the Committal 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).

Pallbearers

Jonny Morehouse	Kelly Morehouse	Alaina Morehouse
Haley Morehouse	Amber Bowers	Ava Bowers
Holly Bowers	Josie Bowers	Trisha Compton