

Celebrating the Life & Faith of



Trudy M Mueller

October 24, 1934 ~ September 9, 2026

September 16, 2026 ~ 11:00am



2402 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA
Rev. Karen D. Parsh, Presiding Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music
Brian Kuzmin, Soloist

Order for the Burial of the Dearly Departed

Prelude ~ Instrumental Music ~ Sheryl Williams

On Eagle's Wings ~ Brian Kuzmin, soloist

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.

Please stand

Gathered by the Holy Spirit at a time of death, we proclaim Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life. We begin in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Trudy was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

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.**

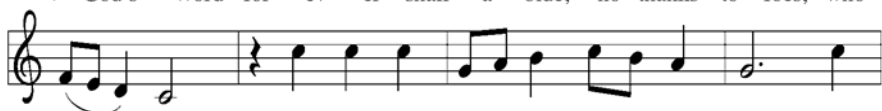
To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

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.

GATHERING HYMN ~ A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

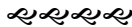
GREETING

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 sister, Trudy. 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.**



Please be seated

WORDS of REMEMBRANCE of TRUDY's LIFE

Mary Martinelli

READINGS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-7

¹ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 ~ *Please read together*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

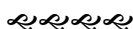
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For Thou art with me. Thy rod and they staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



THESSALONIANS 4:14–18

¹⁴ For ⁱsince we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him ⁱthose who have fallen asleep.

¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:1-6, 27

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14 chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

WORDS of COMFORT and CONSOLATION

Rev Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ Glories of Your Name Are Spoken v. 1, 4



- 1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
- 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
- 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'-ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
- 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi-on's cit - y I through grace a mem-ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.
 well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing are the world-ings' plea-sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil-dren know.

Today, as we remember the life and faith of Trudy Mueller, we cannot help but recall the names and faces of family and friends, past and present, who together form the mystical body of Christ, the communion of saints. We give thanks for their lives. **We rejoice in the company of Christ's saints.**

God has made us her people through our Baptism into Christ. Living with one another in trust and hope, we now proclaim our faith.

APOSTLES CREED

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

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SHARING of the PEACE

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

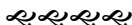
At this time, please greet your neighbors and friends with a greeting, “Peace be with you” and shaking hands.

Solo ~ Amazing Grace Brian Kuzmin

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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.



COMMENDATION

Let us commend our sister, Gertrud M Mueller, to the mercy of God, maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Trudy Mueller. 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.**

The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her with favor and ☩ give her peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears. In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our sister, Trudy.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING HYMN ~ *Blessed Assurance*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

POSTLUDE

Friends and family are invited to a luncheon in the lower level immediately following the service. Use the stairs or for your convenience, the elevator is located just off the narthex.



"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith in God"
-unknown

This service will be taped and available on Facebook.

Gertrud M. (Trudy) Mueller

October 24, 1934~September 9, 2026



Trudy Mueller, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, step-mother, aunt, and friend, passed peacefully at home on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at the age of 91.

Born on October 24, 1934, in Giessen, Germany, Trudy immigrated to the United States in 1954, beginning a new chapter that shaped the rest of her life. She was outgoing, social, and full of energy. Her humor, warmth, and spirited nature made her memorable to everyone she met. Trudy worked at American Sterilizer and The Station Restaurant, where her friendly nature and steady reliability became well known. She was also deeply committed to community service, dedicating many years to supporting regional healthcare. She served as President of the Hamot Aid Society and later as President of the Northwest Region of the Pennsylvania Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries (PAHA), roles she approached with pride and purpose.

She welcomed conversation and enjoyed meeting people wherever she went. Even in her later years, she remained surrounded by people who cared for her, and she appreciated every visit.

Trudy was preceded in death by her parents, Marie and Otto Uhlenhaut; her daughter, Christine Herron; her husband, Christian Mueller; and her nephew, Lothar McKellar. She is survived by her sister, Monika McKellar, and her niece, Kimberly McKellar; her son, Victor Hawthorne; her grandchildren, Vicki Wurst and Sarah Herron; and her great-grandchildren, Lincoln and Halo Wurst. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Helga Seyler and Luise Müller; and her brother-in-law, Friedrich Müller, along with his wife, Irene Müller. She is also remembered by her step-daughters, Vicki Miller and Mary Martinelli; and her step-grandchildren, Kristina Johnson, Adia Ingram, Jilliana Ingram, Michael Kessler, Alex Miller, Aidan Miller, Anthony Martinelli, and Nicole Martinelli. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Trudy's generosity, humor, and strong spirit will be remembered by all who knew her.