

**MEMORIAL SERVICE OF PRAISE TO GOD
FOR
HIS BLESSINGS THROUGH THE LIFE OF**

Marlene A. Shoebridge

January 8th, 2026 11:00 am
Born: August 30, 1936



**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST
March 21, 1937**

**CONFIRMED IN CHRIST
May 28, 1950**

**DIED IN CHRIST
December 31, 2025**

***“There is a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance...”***

Ecclesiastes 3:4

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION C: AMEN.

THE PASTORAL GREETING



P: 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 our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: 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 SONG OF HOPE **How Great Thou Art**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

THE PSALM (Psalm 23) *The LORD is the Shepherd of His People*

P: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

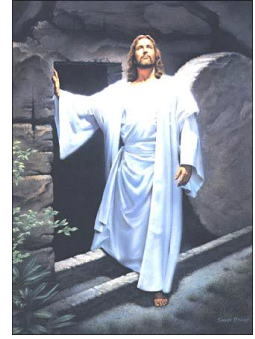
²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness
 For His name's sake.

**C: ⁴Yea, 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.**

P: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

**C: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
 of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



THE RESPONSE

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA.

P: Jesus, our confidence is in You.

C: We know that You have won the victory over death.

P: Even in the midst of our sorrow, we know Your love never fails.

C: Grant us comfort as we trust in Your resurrection promise.

P: No one lives to himself, and no dies to himself.

C: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

P: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

C: Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT *Colossians 3:12–17* (What our children see and remember.)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE GOSPEL READING *John 14:1-6* *Jesus Comforts His Disciples* (Jeri Johnson)

¹"**Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me".

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



Day School Children Sing

Psalm 127:3 *"Children are a heritage from the Lord."*

A Time of Encouragement

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give Your whole church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

C: Hear us, Lord.

P: Help us, we pray, 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.

C: Hear us, Lord.

P: Grant us grace to entrust Marlene to Your never failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of Your mercy, and remember her according to the favor You bear for Your people.

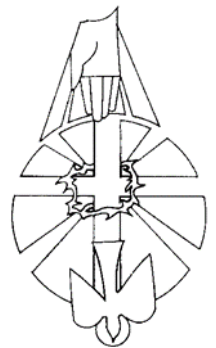
C: Hear us, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

Concluding Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Commendation

P: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend to Your care, your servant, Marlene Shoebridge. Acknowledge, we humbly ask You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Confident of your victory over sin and death—receive her into the arms of Your mercy.


Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C: Amen.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine.

Revelation 14:13 – *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Preacher: Rev. Christopher Fairbairn

Organist: Paul Ventimiglia

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Memorial contributions may be made to:

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, 7050 Jomar Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189 or

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville, MI 48167

Marlene A. Shoebridge

August 30, 1936 — December 31, 2025



Marlene A. Shoebridge, age 89, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully December 31, 2025. She was born on August 30, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan daughter Guy and Marguerite (Schriner) Coykendall. Marlene was united in marriage to Clifford D. Shoebridge on May 18, 1957; they spent 37 years lovingly devoted to one another until his death on September 11, 1994.

Marlene was a proud graduate of Northville High School, Class of 1955, and cherished the lifelong friendships she made there. She continued to gather with her classmates each month for lunch, sharing stories and memories through the years.

Marlene dedicated more than 40 years of service to St. Paul Lutheran School. She began her career as a school bus driver and later worked in the morning and afternoon latchkey programs. A familiar and beloved presence in the lunchroom, she supervised students who affectionately knew her as “Mrs. Shoe.” In her later years, Marlene focused solely on the afternoon latchkey program before retiring in 2023.

Marlene was a devoted member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville since 1950. She was active in the ladies’ group and generously volunteered her time, baking pies for the church booth at the Victorian Festival. Marlene also shared her gift of crocheting, donating hundreds of scarves for St. Paul’s blessing bags distributed through the Detroit Street Ministry, and lovingly creating baptismal blankets presented to each child baptized at the church. Marlene also shared her talent for crocheting by making matching dishcloths and potholders, which she bundled and gifted to family and friends.

One of her greatest passions was her lifelong involvement with the Girl Scouts. An active and dedicated leader, she often guided multiple troops at the same time. Marlene began as a leader with her daughter’s troop and continued her service until recent years. She also volunteered with Girl Scout Day Camp for more than 25 years, finding deep fulfillment in inspiring, mentoring, and positively influencing young women. She enjoyed bowling with her girlfriends in local leagues and state tournaments, a hobby she carried with her until the age of 87.

Marlene found great comfort and peace in her home, which was truly her sanctuary. Surrounded by wonderful and supportive neighbors, she was able to maintain her independence until recently. Her home reflected her personality and interests, filled with cherished chicken collectibles and housewares such as dishes, figurines, and pictures. Outside, she lovingly tended beautiful perennial gardens featuring hostas, hydrangeas, and lilacs. Marlene took special pride in the trumpet vine she had nurtured for more than 50 years and delighted in sharing seeds from her money plant. She also enjoyed caring for the wildlife that visited her yard, feeding them year-round, and she was well known for the attention she drew while driving around town in her flame-adorned Taurus. Marlene leaves behind many cherished memories and a legacy of love that will continue to live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and community.

Marlene is survived by her loving children, Clifford (Lori) Shoebridge and Marjorie (Patrick) Vande Laare; her grandchildren, Jason (Amy) Shoebridge, Margot (Ted) Hester, Christopher Kinnamon, Lauren Vande Laare, and Nathan Vande Laare; multiple great grandchildren; and her sister Sherry Manning. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.