

### **A Prayer upon Entering Church**

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer at the Close of the Service**

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### **Obituary for William O. Kope**

William O. "Bill" Kope passed away on July 15th, 2025 at Georgetown Memorial Hospital in South Carolina. He was 87 years old. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Jo Kope, his son Robert K. Kope, his brother John J. Kope, Jr, his sister Janice Heilener and his parents, John J. Kope, Sr and Elizabeth "Elsie" Tatina Kope. He is survived by his daughters, Michelle R. (Kenneth) Silva and Stacy A. Kope of South Carolina, his grandchildren Jennifer and Sean of Northern Virginia and two great grandchildren. Bill was an active member of the Lutheran Church for 67 years. He was a Deacon, Elder and Youth director at First Lutheran Church in Texarkana and a Deacon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harrison, AR. He was an avid fisherman and hunter taking his family and friends to enjoy these past times with him. He was also a model railroad hobbyist, always setting aside a room in his house for building the trains and background boards to run his trains on. Bill retired from the Federal Government (Dept of Defense and Dept of the Army) in 1991 where he held roles as Material Management, Foreign Country Liaison, and Inspector General traveling frequently to over half the states in the US and twenty-three foreign countries. A private memorial will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Texarkana on Wednesday, July 30th at 1:00 PM where he will join his wife, Jo.



+William Kope+  
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*"Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God,  
believe also in Me." St. John 14:1*

## The Order of Service for the Burial of the Dead

**The Prelude**      *“Herzlich lieb hab’ ich dich, o Herr”*      James Engel

**The Ringing of the Bell**

*Stand*

**The Processional Hymn**      *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*      TLH 429

**The Salutation**

**The Collect(s)**

**The Scripture Reading(s)**      Psalm 42, Psalter p. 155

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 90, Psalter p. 236, Tone 7

Revelation 22:12-17

Psalm 137, Psalter p. 326

St. John 14:1-6

Psalm 23, Psalter p. 119, Tone 2

*Sit*

**The Hymn**      *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*      ASBH 22

**The Sermon**      *I Come Again*

**The Reading of the Obituary**

**The Hymn**      *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*      ASBH 35

*Stand*

**The Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**The Recessional Hymn**      *“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”*      TLH 656

**The Postlude**      *“Den store hvide Flok”*      David Schack

**The Tolling of the Bell**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>“Comfort ye, comfort ye My people,” saith your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of Jehovah’s hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of one that crieth, “Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of Jehovah; make level in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain: <sup>5</sup>and the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.”

<sup>6</sup>The voice of one saying, “Cry.” And one said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath of Jehovah bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, “Behold, your God!” <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come as a mighty one, and His arm will rule for Him: Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed His flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them in His bosom, *and* will gently lead those that have their young.

**Revelation 22:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>“Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each man according as his work is. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” <sup>14</sup>Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone that loveth and maketh a lie.

<sup>16</sup>“I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright, the Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup>And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And he that heareth, let him say, “Come.” And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

**St. John 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>“Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. <sup>4</sup>And whither I go, ye know the way.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas saith unto Him, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.”