

Memorial Worship Service in Celebration of Life for
Rev. John Russell Lingen
August 3, 1930 – April 28, 2021



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Saturday, May 15, 2021
11:00am

Service in Celebration of Life

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PRELUDE MUSIC

Accompanist: Peter Lingen (Son)

GATHERING (Please stand as you are able)

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, John, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

P: 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. **Cong: We glorify you.**

P: 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. **Cong: We praise you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **Cong: We worship you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Cong: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hymnal #781

*1) Children of the heavenly Father...safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven...such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*2) God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them...in his mighty arms he bears them.*

*3) Neither life nor death shall ever...from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth...and their sorrow all he knoweth.*

*4) Though he giveth or he taketh...God his children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely...to preserve us pure and holy.*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, John. We thank you for giving him 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. **Congregation: Amen**

READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-3a, Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, Psalm 23 (NIV)
Rev. John Fahning

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Wayne Pedersen (Geri’s Son)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:11-18 (NIV)
Rev. Warren Jorenby

SERMON

Rev. Warren Jorenby

HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymnal #858

*1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!*

*2) Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not see all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?*

*3) Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.*

*4) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!*

APOSTLES’ CREED (unison)

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

P: Let us pray. 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,

Cong: hear our prayer.

P: 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,

Cong: hear our prayer.

P: 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,

Cong: hear our prayer.

P: 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,

Cong: hear our prayer.

P: 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. God of mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

P: 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Wayne Pedersen (Geri's Son)

COMMENDATION

P. Let us commend John to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. *(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. Acknowledge, we humbly ask of you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

"For All The Saints"

Hymnal #422

- 1) *For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 2) *Thou was their rock, their fortress and their might, thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 6) *But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 7) *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Alleluia! Alleluia!*

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Peter Lingen (Son)

*Following the service, the family invites you to
a brief committal service at the Holy Nativity columbarium
No refreshments will be served due to Covid restrictions
Memorials preferred to Augsburg College and Luther Seminary in St. Paul
Thank you to accompanist Lisa Baker and ushers Joe Gartner and Delbert Haase*