

*"I'm  
but a  
Stranger  
Here,  
Heav'n  
Is  
My  
Home"*

*— Lutheran Service Book # 748*

## **Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School**

A Member of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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*Worship:*  
*Saturdays, 5:00 pm*  
*Sundays, 9:00 am*

*Worship Times as of October 31, 2020*  
*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class*  
*will be resuming at a later date.*  
*Please join us!*

*Sunday School: 10:15 am*  
*Adult Bible Class:*  
*Sunday 10:30 am*

A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise  
upon the entrance of  
Pastor Roland Ernest Pillack  
into his Savior's Presence  
Monday, January 4, 2021

Greetings

The Invocation

*The sign of the T cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and hope through His unmerited love for us, who has born us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C Thanks be to God!

The Pall

P For Jesus' sake – because of His holy life, innocent death, and victorious resurrection – God the Father forgives all our sin and grants us eternal life. These gifts the Father grants to us in our Baptism, dressing us in Christ's righteousness. Those who are baptized He forever sees as His holy children. To show that Roland is a redeemed and baptized child of God so dressed in Christ's righteousness we now cover his casket with a pall emblazoned with the cross of Christ. *(the funeral pall is placed upon the casket)*

When we were baptized into 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 in newness of life.

C For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. *Romans 6:3-5*

A Musical Offering:

“The Old Rugged Cross”

by Donna & Dale Foltman

The Introit

Psalm 23

*A Psalm of David*

P We speak Psalm 23 together:

C The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside still waters,

He restores my soul.

He leads 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 runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall 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.

Kyrie

P O Lord, C have mercy upon us.

P O Christ, C have mercy upon us.

P O Lord, C have mercy upon us. Amen.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to our brother, Roland, and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful to death and receive the crown of eternal life; 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 First Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-3, 6a, 10

*ESV*

P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Isaiah writes:]* The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to

bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion – to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. ...

[B]ut you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God...

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### The Second Reading:

Romans 8:31-39

NIV

P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul writes:]* What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered” Psalm 44:22.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### The Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

C to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

### The Third Lesson:

John 14:1-6

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]* *[On the night He was betrayed, after Judas had left the upper room, Jesus said to the remaining disciples:]* “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

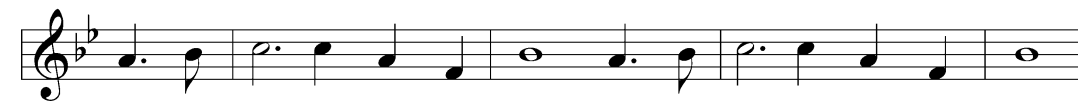
### Hymn:

“Rock of Ages”

LSB # 761:1-3



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

### The Sermon:

“Faithful to Death = The Crown of Life!”

Revelation 2:10b

Hymn:

“Rock of Ages”

LSB # 761:4

4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,  
 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

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The Apostles' Creed

P God has made Roland and us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our common Christian faith:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

The Prayers:

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together as one in the Church, which is the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church on earth and in heaven Your light and Your peace.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant that all who have heard the Good News of Forgiveness and Life which is ours as a free gift through faith in Jesus, Your Son, and who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to us who are still in this earthly life, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace for the sake of Jesus' life and death for us, that having been cleansed from all our sins we may serve You with a quiet mind.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love for each of them.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Give courage and faith to Sherilyn, Timothy, Becky, Beth, their families, and all the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in fellowship with You and with Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of the resurrection and eternal life with Roland, Norma, Carter, and those others they love who have departed in faith.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Receive our thanks for Roland and for all the blessings You bestowed on him, and through him, in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He has destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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 which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

## The Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said, "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." *John 11:25-26 NIV*

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation *Luke 2:29-32 ESV*  
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.

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

## A Concluding Prayer

P 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.

## Hymn:

## "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LSB # 461:1-2, 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 -  
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

5. 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.

7. 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.

[Stand] 8. 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!

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## The Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

The Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB # 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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P Let us go forth in peace,  
C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

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*This afternoon at 2:30 pm, the body of Pastor Roland E. Pillack, our brother in Christ, will be committed to the ground in the Union Cemetery, 500 East Center Street, Pomeroy, Iowa, next to that of his beloved wife Norma, to await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ and the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep with faith in Jesus as their Savior from sin and death to life everlasting. Please bring this worship order to the graveside for the Service of Committal which follows.*

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The Committal  
Union Cemetery, Pomeroy, Iowa

The Processional: Psalm 121 *A Psalm of Ascents*

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
 He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.  
 Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
 The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.  
 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
 from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C Amen.

Psalm 130

P Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!  
 C O Lord, hear my voice!  
 Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
 P If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
 C But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.  
 P I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;  
 C My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
 more than watchmen for the morning.  
 P O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
 For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.  
 C And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 C as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.
- P Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. *Jn 11:25-26*
- P Let us pray:  
 C O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless T this grave that the body of our brother, Roland, may rest here in peace until You awaken him to glory, when he will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### Readings from God's Word:

- P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes with respect to the resurrection of the dead when we shall all be raised body & soul:]*

What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second Man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the Man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the Man of heaven.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." — *Isaiah 25:8*

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" — *Hosea 13:14*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:42-57 ESV*

- P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul also writes:]*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

- P We now commit Roland's body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself. Together we pray:
- C O God our Father, You created Roland's body; O God the Son, by Your blood T You redeemed his body; O God the Holy Spirit, by Holy Baptism You sanctified his body to be Your temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Amen.
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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.
- P Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### The Dismissal

- P Christ is risen!  
 C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
 P Go forth in the peace of the Lord, assured that your sins have been forgiven for Jesus' sake and in glad expectation of the Lord's return and the resurrection of the dead unto life everlasting.  
 C Amen.

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**Rev. Roland Ernest Pillack**  
February 4, 1932 – December 29, 2020

**Funeral Officiant**

*Rev. Mark D. Kleckner*  
*Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School*  
*Des Moines, Iowa*

**Funeral Organist**

*Mrs. Kathy Brammeier*

**Committal Officiant**

*Rev. Kendall L. Meyer*  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church & School*  
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**Pall Bearers**

*Derrick Even*  
*Grandson-in-law*

*Andrew Jorgenson*  
*Grandson*

*Evan Jorgenson*  
*Grandson*

*Gage Pillack*  
*Great Grandson*

*Brody Law*  
*Great Grandson*

*Jared Jorgenson*  
*Grandson*

**Arrangements**

Iles - Westover Funeral Home  
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Obituary  
**Rev. Roland Ernest Pillack**

Rev. Roland Ernest Pillack was born on February 4, 1932 on a farm near Walburg, Texas to Lydia Louise (Mersiovsky) and Bernard Carl Pillack. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Fedor, TX. He attended high school at Concordia Academy, Austin, Texas, graduating in 1949. He went to Concordia Teachers College in Seward NE. While at college he met his wife, Norma Jean Seehusen. They graduated from college and were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pomeroy, IA on June 6, 1953. God blessed them with four children, Sherilyn, Timothy, Becky and Beth. He taught in Kingsville TX and Houston TX. He then moved the family to Springfield, IL where he attended Concordia Theological Seminary. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Divinity in 1969. He completed his vicarage in Garrison, IA before getting his first call to Wilbert, MN. He later served as pastor in Hampton IA, Russellville AR, and Nevada IA. In 1993, he became Visitation Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School. He served there until he retired in 2011, at the age of 79. He continued to worship at Mt. Olive until his death on December 29, 2020.

Roland is survived by his children, Sherilyn (Pat Crofton) Pillack of Houston, TX, Timothy (Stacey) Pillack of Waterloo, IA, Becky Pillack and Beth (Doug) Jorgenson of Des Moines, IA; grandchildren: Amy Hinckley, Hannah (Derrick) Even, Rob (Kirstin), Andrew, Ryan (Melissa), Evan, and Jared (MacKenzie) Jorgenson; and great grandchildren: Kobe Cross, Gage Pillack, Tobias Sabedra, Brody Law, Wyatt Jorgenson, Hunter Jorgenson, Noah Taphorn, Parker Jorgenson, Kaia Even and Bella Even; and a sister, Evelyn (John) Polen; and several nieces and nephews. Roland was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; his parents; brothers, Gilbert, Edwin, Clarence, Herbert and Raymond; sister Laverne Zoch and great grandson, Carter Even.

In lieu of flowers, please send any memorial contributions to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School, Des Moines, IA, or Unity Point Hospice.