

*“Jesus
Lives!
The
Vict’ry’s
Won!
Death
No
Longer
Can
Appall
Me!”*

— Lutheran Service Book # 490

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Saturdays, 5:00 pm
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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
Alvin Eugene Coles
into his Savior's Presence
Saturday, January 23, 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!

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. The Paschal Candle is a sign that Alvin is a baptized child of God.

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 Psalm Hymn:

LSB # 710, based on Psalm 23, a Psalm of David

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me



down to lie In pas - tures green; He



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.



2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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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, Alvin, 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 25:6-9

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P [By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Prophet Isaiah prophetically and poetically describes the day of the Lord's return and the deliverance of His people:] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8

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P [By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul writes:]

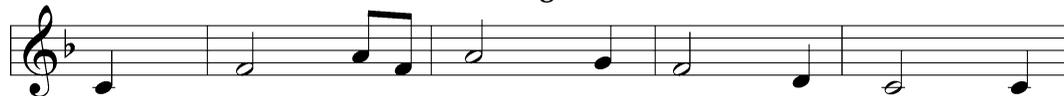
For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

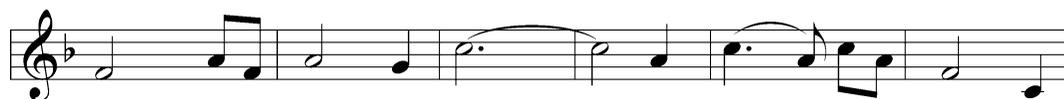
A Hymn:

"Amazing Grace"

LSB # 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.



4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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The Third Lesson:

John 14:1-6

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th 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:

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB # 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5. Jesus lives! And now is death • But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath • When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: • Jesus is my confidence!

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The Sermon:

“Too Good A Man!”

Romans 5:6-11

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person
 – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die –
 but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood,
 much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.
 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son,
 much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.
 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

The Apostles' Creed

- P God has made Alvin 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 Lance, Mike, Dale, Sam, Kirk, 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 Alvin, Pat, 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 Alvin 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.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

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*Alvin's body, a temple of the Holy Spirit, has been reverently cremated.
His earthly remains will be interred in a cemetery near Maxwell, Iowa, at some point in the future,
when the winter weather has passed and CoViD-19 is under better control.*

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Alvin Eugene Coles
December 24, 1929 – January 10, 2021

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Obituary

Alvin Eugene Coles, 91, of Des Moines and Maxwell passed away of Congestive Heart Failure on Sunday January 10, 2021.

Alvin Coles, son of William and Etta Coles, was born December 24, 1929 in Hardin County. He spent over 70 years in Maxwell, where he was very active in the community. He was an Elder with the Disciples of Christ Church there, prior to moving to Des Moines. He then became active in the Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

On June 6, 1954 he was united in marriage to Pat Kahler of Maxwell. They lived and worked in the Maxwell area most of their lives. After Pat's death, Alvin married Helen Dawson on June 17, 2006.

Alvin is survived by his wife Helen (Dawson) Coles. Two sons Lance (Linda) Coles of Ankeny and Mike (Deb) Coles of Huxley. Two step sons Sam and Kirk Dawson of Des Moines, and step daughter Dale Paula (Pete) Allen of Hamilton, Ohio. Six grandchildren; Staci (Eric) Mickelson of Newhall, California; Andrew Coles of Des Moines; and Dalton Coles (Abby Pagliai) of Newton; Courtney (Jay) Thompson of Des Moines; Zach Coles of Studio City, California; and McKenzie (Chris) Maggio of Stilwell, Kansas; Step-grandson Jeff (Heidi) Conn. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren: Keaton, Felix and Milo Mickelson; Kylie and Drew Coles and Journey Taylor; Ella, Wynn and Mick Thompson and Izzie Conn.

He was preceded in death by his parents William Coles and Etta (Kelderhouse) Coles. His wife Pat Coles and his siblings Orville (John) Coles; Vern Coles; Ruby Robertson; Wendell Coles, and Viola Stringham.

He graduated from Maxwell High School in 1947. He then went on to electronics school in Chicago. His friends called him Pee Wee.

Alvin served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, stationed in Alaska. He was an avid Cubs and Iowa State Fan. He enjoyed dancing, with his wife Pat all around Story County. He would frequent Lake Robbins, Prairie Meadows and the Ankeny and Des Moines VFW with wife Helen.

He was on the Maxwell City Council for several years and served as Mayor. He played disc golf and was instrumental in the placement of the Disc Golf Course in the Maxwell City Park. He was active in sports and enjoyed camping.

Alvin was very involved with the Maxwell VFW and American Legion.

He ran a gas station in Maxwell, worked at Maytag in Newton and John Deere in Ankeny, ran an insurance agency and worked (and retired from) Donnelley Marketing in Nevada, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: The Maxwell Historical Society,
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines,
or, St Croix Hospice, Ankeny

