

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 **A.N.Y.T.H.I.N.G.E.L.S.E.**
I.N.A.L.L.C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N.

WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US
FROM THE

Love of God
THAT IS IN
CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD
ROMANS 8:38-39 NIV

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Saturdays, 5:00 pm
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Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
will be resuming at a later date.

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

Please join us!

A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise
upon the entrance of
David Christian Larsen
into his Savior's Presence
Friday, March 26, 2021

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 David is a baptized child of God.

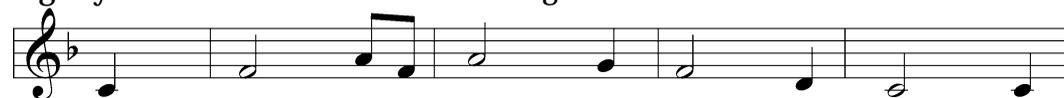
When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father we too might live in newness of life.

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*

Opening Hymn:

"Amazing Grace"

LSB # 744



I A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but



now am found, Was blind but now I see!



2. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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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.

A Psalm:

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

P We speak together Psalm 23:

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 overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. 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, David, 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: Job 19:21-27 ESV

P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Job says:]*

“Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?”

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

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 [that is, who declares righteous and not guilty of sin]. 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” *Ps 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 Third Lesson: John 10:11-18, 27-30 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P *[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]*

[Jesus said:] “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

“For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.” ...

[Later, Jesus also said,] “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 Sermon: "What Really Matters!"

Romans 8:31-39

The Apostles' Creed

P God has made David 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 our Savior 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 Lea, Adam, Beth, Mike, Deb, 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 David, Alvinda, Richard, 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 David 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.

Closing Hymn:

"Abide with Me"

LSB # 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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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

T T T

David's body, a temple of the Holy Spirit, has been reverently cremated.

His earthly remains will be committed to the earth in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery at 12:30 pm today.

If you will be attending his Committal, please bring this service order to the committal shelter.

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The Committal

Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Van Meter (Adel), Iowa

Located on the southeast corner of the interchange of I-80 west (exit 113) and Veterans Memorial Drive.

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.

The Word of God and Prayer

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. *John 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 place that the body of our brother, David, 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.

P *[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 *[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 ESV*

P We now commit David’s earthly remains 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. Let us pray together:

C O God our Father, You created David’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 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.

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.

Hymn:

“Abide with Me”

LSB # 878:1,6

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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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.

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.

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