



A Celebration of Life

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company.

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Kenneth George Hammer

April 20, 1932 – January 5, 2021

Gathering

Prelude

We extend a warm welcome to Ken's family and to the extended community of friends and mourners. If there is any way in which we may assist you, simply speak to a member of our leadership team.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Ken was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed in victory.

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.

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.

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

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honour, forever and ever.

Amen.

Song

768 – Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r



2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.



be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.



I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.

Refrain



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Ken. 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 Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Reflections

Word

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

Psalm 23

Second Reading Romans 8:31-39

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Trinity Choir River in Judea – *Leavitt*
Originally recorded at Trinity on May 26, 2019
6th Sunday after Easter

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together in 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Commendation

Let us commend Ken to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Ken.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a beloved child 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.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Song

773 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Following the funeral liturgy at Trinity, the inurnment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Committal

Grace and peace from our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Ken, who we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And, at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all your faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading John 11:25-26

Act of Committal

As the remains are committed to the earth...

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Ken, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon him with favour and give him peace.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Prayer

Merciful God, you heal those whose hearts are broken and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits, and dispel our doubts and fears.

In Christ's rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with our brother, Ken.

Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Sending

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.



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