



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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Arthur Hugo Danner

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Gathering

Prelude

We extend a warm welcome to Art'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.

The following is spoken at the entrance to the church:

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, Art 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.

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.

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.

We worship you.

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

Amen.

Hymn

Now All the Woods Are Sleeping



1 Now all the woods are sleep - ing, through fields the shad -
2 The ra - dian sun has van - ished, its gold - en rays
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star -
4 Though long our an - cient blind - ness has missed God's lov -



ows creep - ing, and cit - ies sink to rest; let us, as night
are ban - ished from dark - 'ning skies of night; but Christ, the sun
light ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and we, this mar -
ing - kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; one day, when life



is fall - ing, on God our mak - er call - ing,
of glad - ness, dis - pel - ling all our sad - ness,
vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish be - ing
is o - ver, shall death's fair night un - cov - er



give thanks to him who loves us best.
shines down on us in warm - est light.
for joy of beau - ty not our own.
the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

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

Reading

Psalm 23

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Reading

Hebrews 3:1, 14-16, 18; 7:22; 11:8-10; 12:5-7

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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

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, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

Announcements

Commendation

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

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Art.
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.

Hymn

Onward Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain

On-ward, Chris-tian sol-diers, march-ing as to war,
with the cross of Je-sus go-ing on be-fore.

Postlude

Following the funeral liturgy at Trinity Church, interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Then join us downstairs at Trinity for a time of fellowship and remembering. All are invited, and all are welcome.

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Committal

Greeting Grace and peace from our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer

Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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, Art, 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

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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