

*A Celebration of Life*

***Roland Lee Bronstad***



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March 23, 2021  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Richland Hills, TX

**P** 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.

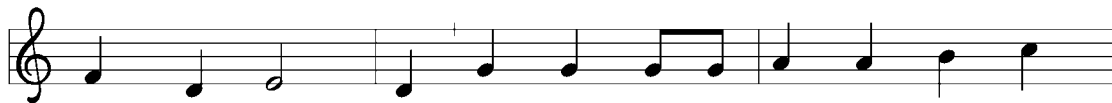
**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** When we were baptized in 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 a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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

**C** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Roland. 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 all 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 Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – spoken in unison**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff

they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth 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.

## Remembrances of Roland

### Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## James 2

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Matthew 25

<sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

# What Have We to Offer?

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?  
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?  
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.  
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;  
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare  
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.  
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there.  
 Lay it at the al - tar then.  
 Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to  
 give? Lives we will live.

Text: Ray Makeever  
 Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

## The Creed

**P** We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Roland lived and the faith in which he died.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## **The Prayers**

**P** Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

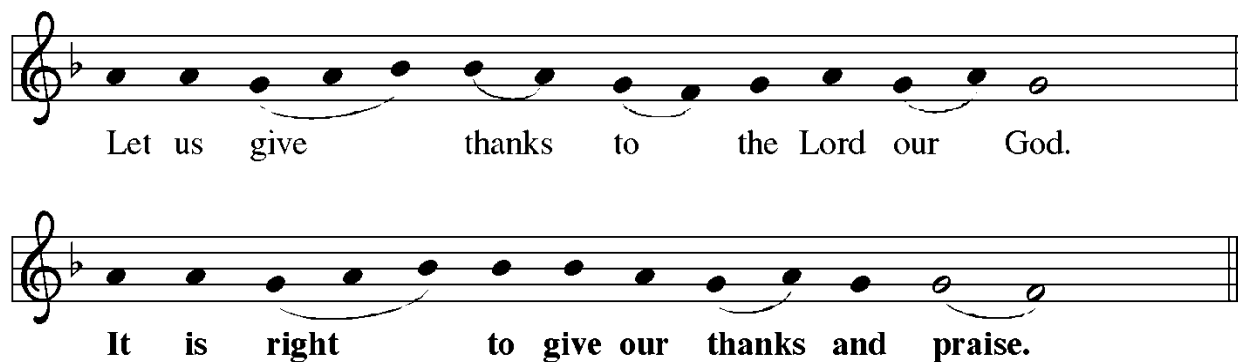
**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**





P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

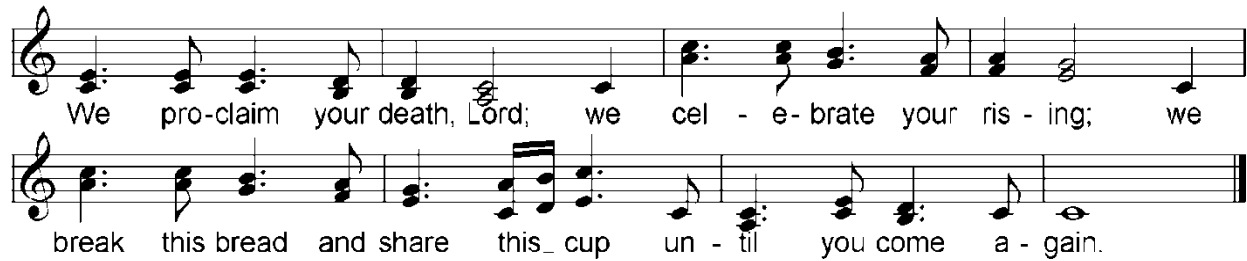
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na  
 in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

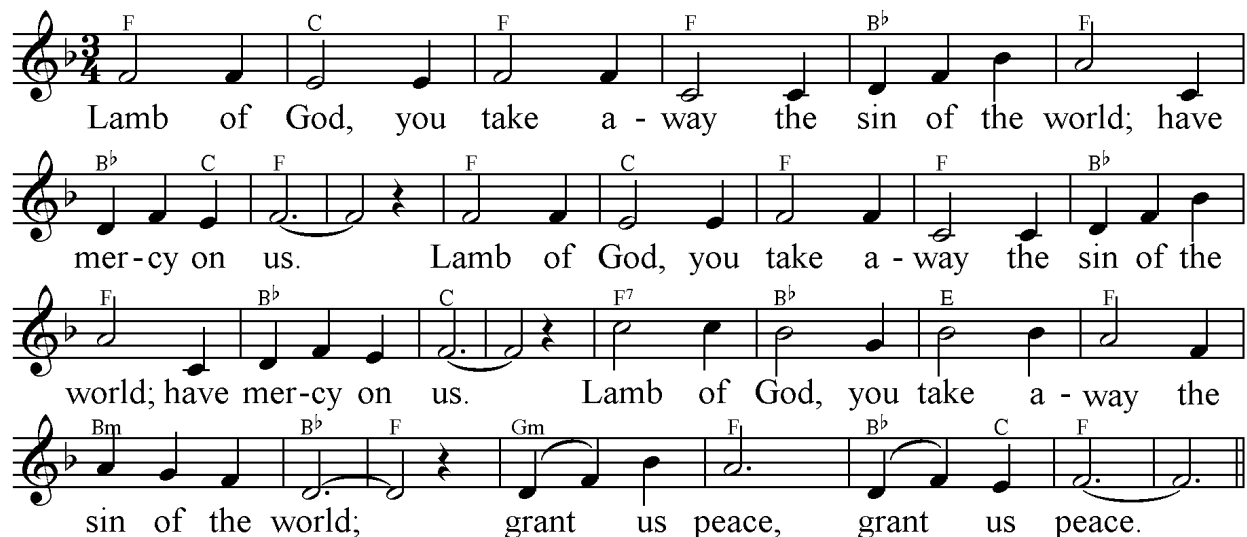


**P** Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## AGNUS DEI



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**The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.



## The Commendation

**P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Roland. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner 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.

**C** Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have everlasting rest.

## Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,

2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied

3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!



Worship Leaders

The Reverend Phillip Heinze  
The Reverend Kyle Rouze  
Intern Pastor Evan McVann  
Debbie Villavicencio, organ/piano  
Cheril Rios/Harpist



Pall Bearers

Paul Keller  
Cory Thomas  
Ken Laursen  
Terry Corbell  
Kris Grimland  
Phillip Heinze



Roland Lee Bronstad, of North Richland Hills, Texas, beloved husband and father of two, passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at the age of 74. Roland was born on March 20, 1946, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Esther and Otto (Bobby) Bronstad.

He married Carol Lynn Priesmeyer on December 28, 1968 and served in the U.S. Air Force as a T-37 and T-38 pilot, training pilots stateside during the Vietnam War. He had two children, Amanda (Mandy) and Darin. He attended Texas Lutheran College (now Texas Lutheran University) and graduated from the University of Texas, Austin.

He was a business executive in the agricultural industries, taking various jobs that moved him to Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and back to Texas. He retired as a pricing manager from BNSF Railway in Fort Worth.

Roland never met a stranger. He loved people. He had a big heart and a welcoming spirit, and he touched the lives of many around him. He was compassionate and kind, delivering meals to the elderly and to the homeless. He was very funny and was quick to laugh at himself.

He enjoyed history and travel and got the opportunity to take trips to Italy, Russia, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and Norway, the home of his proud heritage.

He loved sports, especially when the University of Texas was playing, and was especially fond of baseball, basketball and football.

He was a devoted Christian, active in his church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and served God through his actions, not just his words.

Roland is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Amanda (Mandy), her husband, Walton, and grandson, Walton Robert, of Pasadena, California; and son, Darin, his wife, Kathleen, and grandchildren Amelie and Anders, of Weatherford, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Presbyterian Night Shelter, Meals on Wheels, N.E.E.D. or a charity of choice.