

A Celebration of Life

David Lynn Larsen



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“From eternity to eternity I am God.
No one can snatch you out of my hand.”
Isaiah 43:13

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.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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 David. 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 23rd 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 David

Kara Owens – daughter

Aaron Larsen – son

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-8

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:32-35, 37-39

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 11th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by;
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he gives,
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance
 and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives

all fear is gone; be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

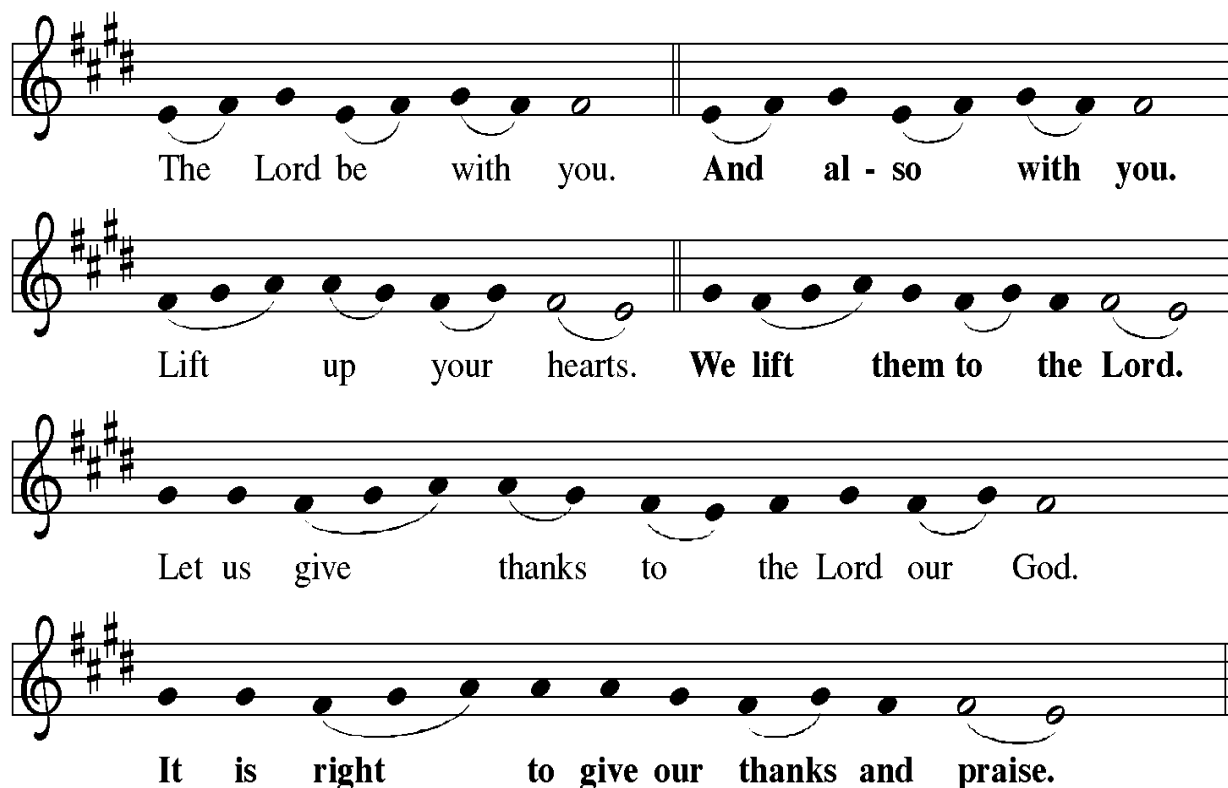
The Creed

- P We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith David 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 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

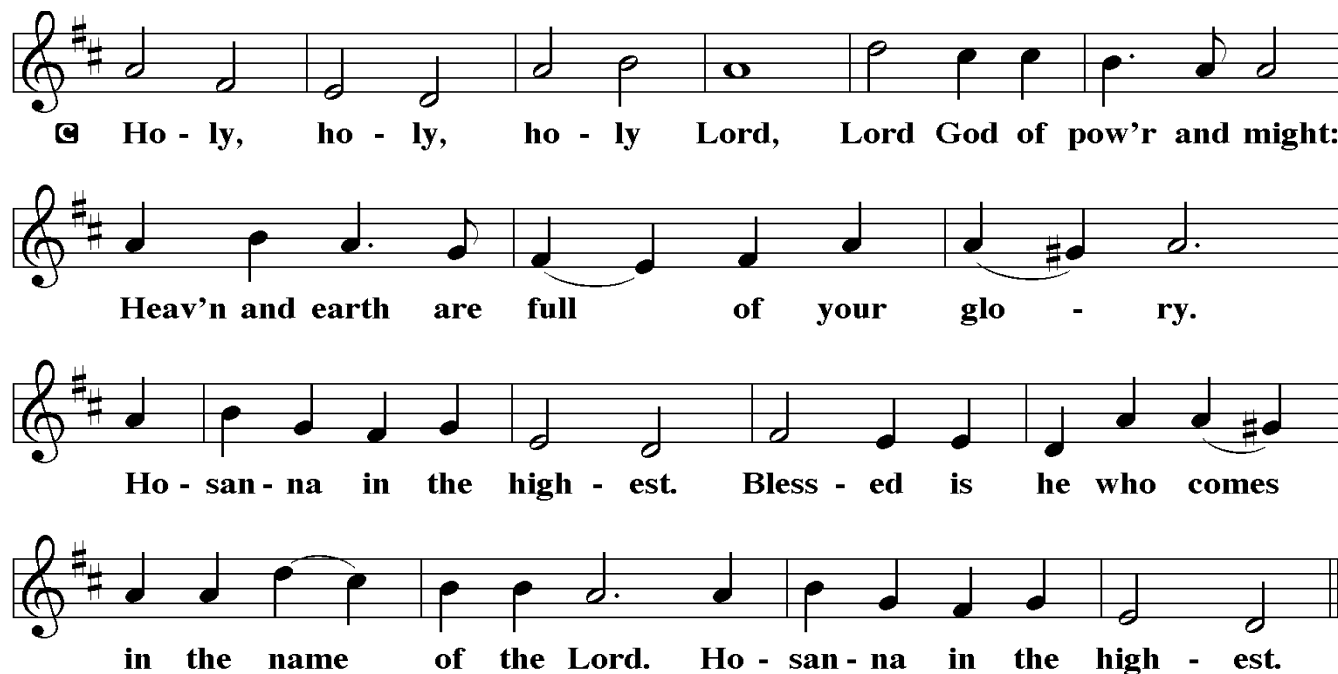
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy... with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



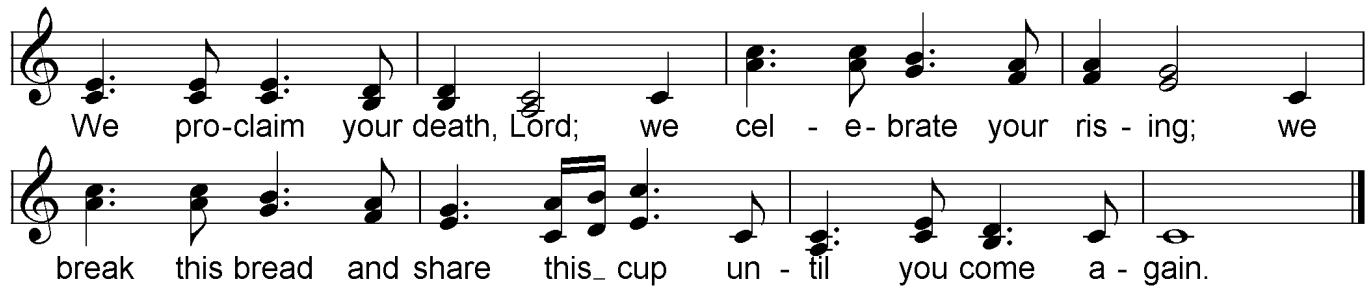
☒ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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.

Eucharistic Acclamation



Eucharistic Prayer

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**

Soloist during communion - Joey McIntosh

Here Is Bread

One Bread One Body

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

The Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

The Commendation

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, David.
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.**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The Benediction

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Recessional - American Pie



The Reverend Phillip Heinze
The Reverend Kyle Rouze
Intern Pastor Thomas Johnston
Debbie Villavicencio, organ/piano
Judy Paschall, piano



Lectors

Mary Larsen Sly and Kristine Larsen



Ushers

Bill Burns, Dale Schultz, Mike Bro, Roy Reichenbach



David Larsen passed away peacefully in his home on November 1, 2023, at the age of 68. A kind, gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor, David loved his family more than anything, especially the time he got to spend with his grandchildren. Born in Wichita, KS, his family moved to Urbandale, IA, when he was young before finally settling in Haltom City, TX. It was in Haltom City where he met many of his lifelong friends and his beloved wife, Debbie in Jerry Ellis' math class at Haltom High School. David played the tuba in the marching band and that started his love of music and bands. Soon after he graduated high school, he enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he started his photography business, a professional endeavor that he grew and cherished his whole life. Debbie and David soon started a family together, welcoming their children, Kara (1984) and Aaron (1988) as David built homes and continued to grow his photography business. David proudly built the Larsen family home in North Richland Hills which would host countless birthday parties, graduations, baptisms, and all of life's incredible moments. His life work was taking pictures, and he was a wonderfully skilled photographer. A proud small business owner, David took large group pictures with his 1900s panoramic camera capturing graduating classes, bands, sororities, and families, and photographed four different space shuttle launches in Florida throughout his incredible career. Over the years, David drove literally millions of miles in his beloved Chevrolets (Corvettes, Suburbans, Tahoes, Volt) taking his family to every corner of the United States (and Canada), sharing little nuggets of knowledge and fun facts through national parks, battlefields and even the Las Vegas strip. His love of the national parks was contagious, especially Yosemite and Yellowstone. But for David, there was no destination that could compare to Disney World, where, with a smile ear to ear, he brought his family countless times. In 2016, David adopted his favorite title, "Grandaddy." He was blessed with five beloved grandkids - Landon and Hattie Owens (ages 7 and 5), and Everly, Witten, and Chloe Larsen (ages 6, 4, and 11 months).

David is survived by his wife of almost 47 years, Debbie, his daughter, Kara Owens, and her husband, Kevin Owens of Glenview, IL, and his son, Aaron Larsen, and his wife, Lexie Larsen of Austin, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial contribution be made to Calvary Lutheran Church General Fund, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, or Knights of Comfort Hospice and Palliative Care.