



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOUIS HENRY PAFF
AUGUST 8, 1940 - MARCH 3, 2026

2:00 PM, IN THE CATHEDRAL
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

AN OPEN AND WELCOMING CONGREGATION



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OBITUARY

LOU PAFF was born in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on August 8, 1940. When he was a small child his family moved to Minneapolis, where he grew up. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1965 and joined the Peace Corps, serving in Liberia, West Africa, for two years. After finishing his Peace Corps service he began his teaching career, first in Philadelphia, then Hawaii, and finally at Oregon Episcopal School in Portland, where he taught until his retirement. He enjoyed playing and building pipe organs, singing in choral groups (including the Trinity Choir), and spending quiet weekends at his cabin on the Oregon coast. He was known for his altruism and left a legacy of love to his family and his many friends when he passed away on March 3, 2026.

Lou considered his time at OES to be the high point of his teaching career. He loved the school and all the people there. He taught there for 39 years, from 1972 until his retirement in 2011, and was an innovator in the Lower School science curriculum. He introduced computers into every classroom in the Lower School, taught keyboarding to students and staff, and created the school's first website.

Because of his great love for the school, his family requests donations to OES in lieu of flowers.

On April 2, 2026, Lou's ashes were buried at Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, after a service in the chapel there. Our service today is intended to be a joyful celebration of his life here at Trinity, with all those who held him dear.

Lou is survived by Lynn, his wife of 55 years, and Christopher, their son, as well as his many friends. All of us will find comfort in the memories we share of his devotion to his family, his patience and understanding, his kindness, his generosity of time and efforts to help others, and his love of life.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and has committed themselves to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in themselves, and none becomes their own master when they die. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Lou, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Lou, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Lou. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING • *Lamentations 3:22-26*

Gisela Walitzki

Lector A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING • *Revelation 21:2-7*

Lee Garrett

Lector A reading from the Book of Revelation.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things

have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • *I’m But a Stranger Here*

1. I'm but a stran - ger here, Heav'n is my home;
 2. What though the temp - est rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3. There at my Sa - vior's side, Heav'n is my home;
 4. There - - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 I shall be glor - i - - fied, Heav'n is my home.
 What - - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - ery hand;
 Time's wild and win - try blast soon shall be ov - - er past;
 There are the good and blest, those I loved most and best;
 And I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 There, too, I soon shall rest, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

Please be seated.

THE GOSPEL • *John 14:1-6*

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

EULOGY

Warren Tyler

HOMILY

The Rev'd Canon Vijendran Sathyaraj

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant

I believe in God,

People

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 to the dead.

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.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

PRAYERS

Intercessor For our brother Lou, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Lou, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People **Hear us Lord.**

Intercessor Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People **Hear us Lord.**

At the end of the prayers:

Celebrant Loving God, we pray to you for Lou, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet one another in peace.

WELCOME

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able, while the Celebrant continues.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it

to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Lou and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

AMEN.

Celebrant

And now as our Savior has taught us. we are bold to say,

All

**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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
People **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Lou. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a soul 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.

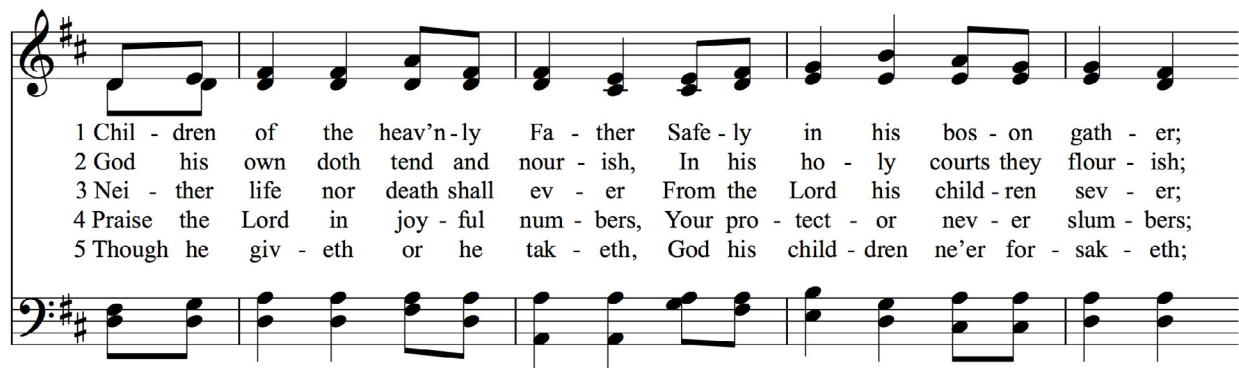
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

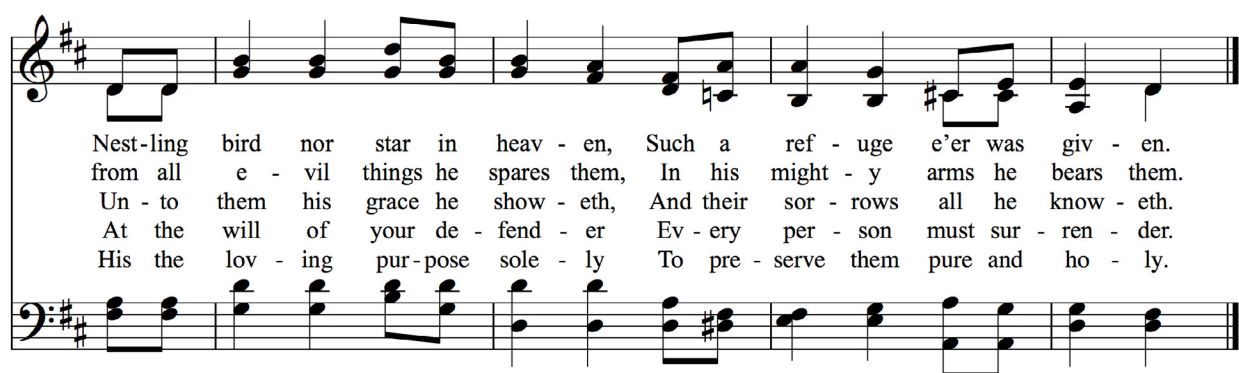
People **Thanks be to God.**



CLOSING HYMN • *Children of the Heavenly Father*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bos - on 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 child - ren sev - er;
4 Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his child - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



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.
At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

POSTLUDE

RECEPTION

*Following the service you are cordially invited to
a reception in Kempton Hall.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev'd Canon Vijendran Sathyaraj, *Celebrant*
The Very Rev'd Brendan Barnicle, *Assisting*
Lanny Collins, *Organ*
Warren Tyler, *Eulogy*
Gisela Walitzki, Lee Garrett, *Lectors*
Christopher Hardman, Scott Serpas, *Vergers*

*The service will be streamed to **YouTube** and **Facebook**.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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