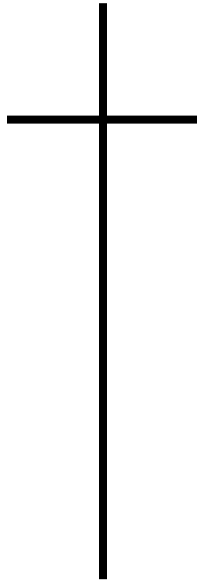


Memorial Service of Holy Communion

for

Leonard George Berghaus

July 16, 1938 – January 10, 2023



February 11, 2023 ■ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday in the Sixth Week after Epiphany

Grace Lutheran Church ■ River Forest, Illinois

FOR AS MUCH as Len departed this life in the Christian faith, we his brothers and sisters in Christ are gathered to worship, express our mutual grief, and seek comfort in the hope of the resurrection. We gather to worship the Lord of Life, who keeps us in fellowship with the saints of every time and place, particularly as God gathers us together in Holy Communion.

IN THE LORD'S SUPPER the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. We welcome all baptized Christians to the table where Christ himself is host. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic the distribution of Holy Communion will take place under special circumstances. Verbal instructions will be provided at the time of distribution.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 11

Symphonie gothique, Op. 70

II. Andante sostenuto

Johann Sebastian Bach

Johannes Brahms

Charles-Marie Widor

We stand and face the entrance to the nave.

ENTRANCE RITE

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

G 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.

We face the processional cross as we sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Praise the Almighty

Setting by Paul Bunjes



1. Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore him!
2. Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3. Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4. Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death;
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay.
Whose help is from the Lord most high,
Of him who does such won - drous things!



With songs and an - thems I come be - fore him
Vain are their coun - sels at life's last por - tal,
Whom from sal - va - tion noth - ing can sev - er,
All that has be - ing, to praise him sole - ly,



As long as dark he al - lows me breath.
When the dark grave en - gulfs its prey.
And who hope in in to Christ draw nigh.
With hap - py heart its a - men sings!



From him my life and all things came;
Since mor - tals can no help af - ford,
To all who trust in him, our Lord
Chil - dren of God, with an - gel host



Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly name.
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Setting by Richard Hillert

Women sing parts marked Ⅰ. Men sing parts marked Ⅱ.

All sing parts marked ☑.

☑ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅰ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☑ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅱ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☑ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅰ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Len.

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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call,
we are reunited with those who have gone before us;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6–9

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.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

C ANTIPHON (*below*)



C Let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord, Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Choir Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;
Praise him in the firmament of his power.

C ANTIPHON

Choir Praise him for his mighty acts;
Praise him for his excellent greatness.

C ANTIPHON

Choir Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn;
Praise him with lyre and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance;
Praise him with strings and pipe.

C ANTIPHON

Choir Praise him with resounding cymbals;
Praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

C ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12–17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15

Robert Hobby

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, worshipping day and night within the temple, and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.

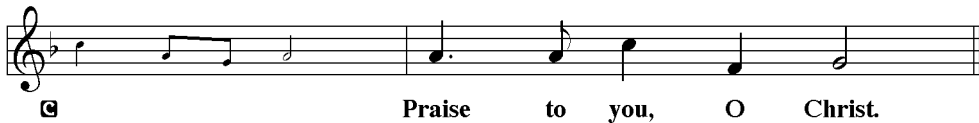
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-5

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² He called a child, whom he put among them,³ and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

SERMON

Pastor David R. Lyle



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart Stanza 3 Setting: Hans Leo Hassler



- 1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
Choir 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bo - som bear me home,



with ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share,
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh-bor.
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
Let no false doc-trine me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
And then from death a - wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved,
that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope,
and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Help us, we pray, 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. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Grant us grace to entrust Len to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to bring life and immortality to light.
We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death
and by his resurrection has 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
shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

VOLUNTARY: Sonata in D Major, Op. 1, No. 4

George Frideric Handel

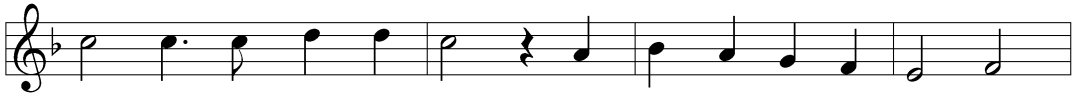
We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

Setting by Michael D. Costello



- ☐ 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
Choir ☐ 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
☐ 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
☐ we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

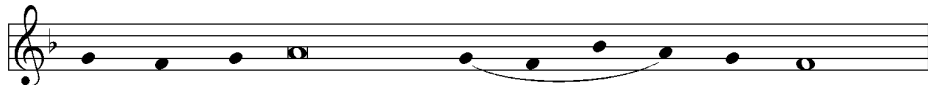
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of his glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

☐ You are indeed holy, O merciful Father, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come
and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,
his ascension to the seat of power,
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
 that we and all who share in this bread and cup
 may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,
 and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
 and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
 until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
 might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

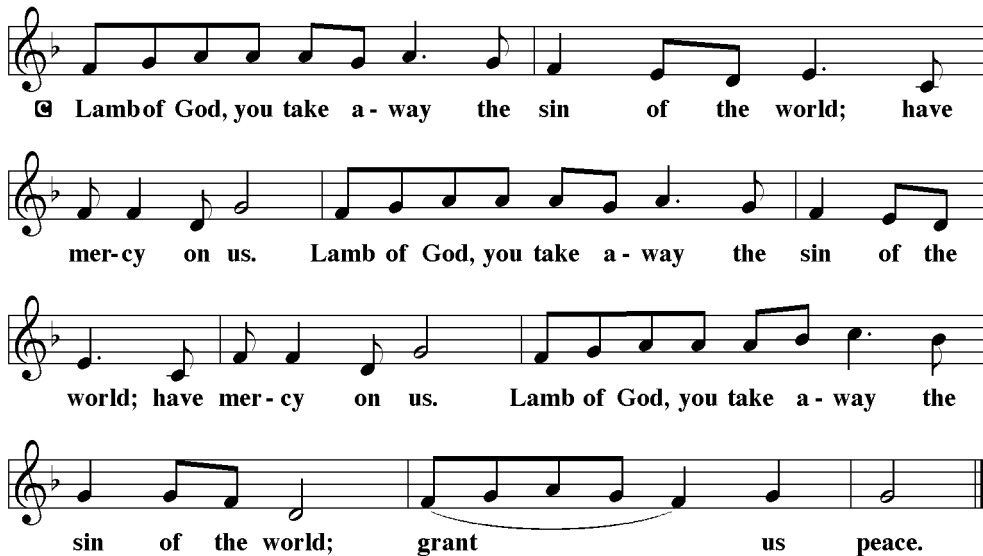
- P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- P** Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

*The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

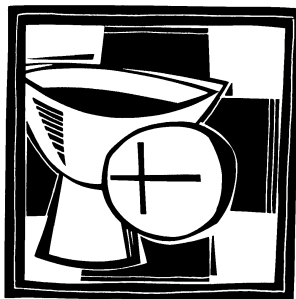
Setting by Michael D. Costello

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

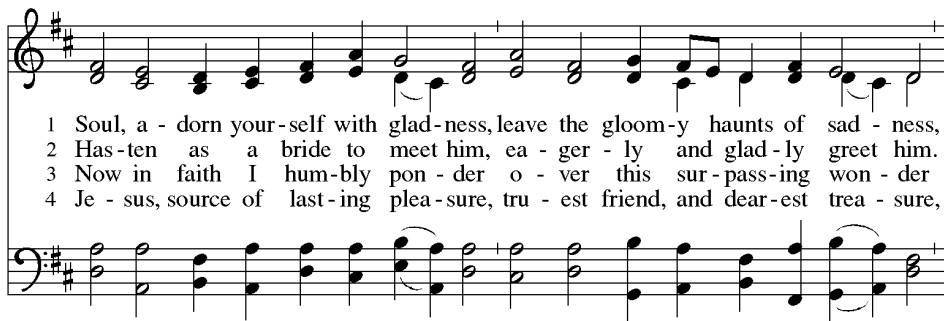
Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel host attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.

Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.



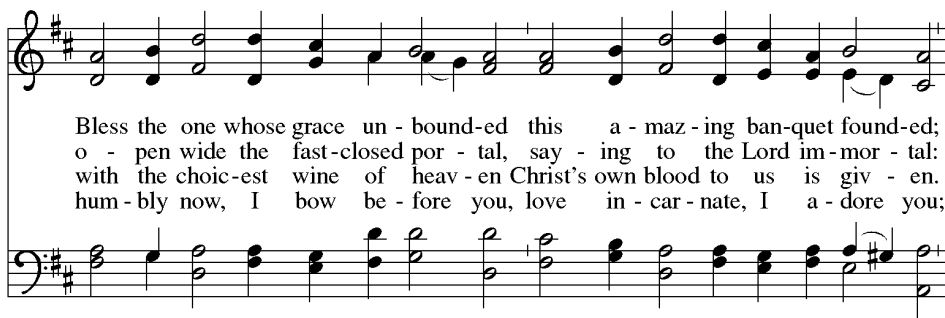
HYMN: Soul, Adore Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
 o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you 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 of life eternal, where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

COMMENDATION

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

Silence is kept.

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

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 Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Concertato by Richard Hillert



- 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
 Choir 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 but, lo, he now is rout - ed, his boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,



when the realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

- Choir 4 Now I will cling forever
 to Christ, my Savior true;
 my Lord will leave me never,
 whate'er he passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 he breaks through sin and pain;
 he shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow him through all.
- 5 He brings me to the portal
 that leads to bliss untold,
 whereon this rhyme immortal
 is found in script of gold:
 "Who there my cross has shared
 finds here a crown prepared;
 who there with me has died
 shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.
 Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

We sit.

VOLUNTARY: In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach

✠ COMMITTAL ✠

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed,
you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your saints.
Keep Len in the company of all your saints and, at the last,
raise him up to share with all your faithful people 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.

G Amen.

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

[St. Paul writes:] Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

READING: Philippians 3:20–21

Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

BURIAL

P In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Len, 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 and be gracious to him.

The Lord look upon him with favor and give him ✠ peace.

G Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.**

PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death.
Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way,
that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness;
to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

REQUIEM

P Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

C **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

BENEDICTION

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us go in peace.

All are invited to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Lori Martin, deacon

Julie Hinz, assisting minister

Paul Eichwedel, lector

Bob Jandeska and Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers

Laurie Schubkegel and Linda Street, altar guild

Martin Becker, Dan Lehmann, Julie Lehmann, and John Roberts, ushers

Liz Hanson and Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

Grace Parish Choir

Douglas Anderson, baritone

Michael D. Costello and Mark Laubach, organists

Loren Conley, violinist

Christian Anderson, Lindsey Frazier, and Greg Rohlfig, trumpeters

Johanna Johnson, hornist

Tim Coffman and Brad Payne, trombonists

Tina Laughlin, timpanist

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Leonard George Berghaus died peacefully on January 10, 2023 in Bloomingdale, Illinois with his family surrounding him. “Len” was born July 16, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio to Arthur and Winifred Berghaus. Growing up, his interest in pipe organs began at his grandparent’s Lutheran Church, where he would stand by the console and listen to the organist play the postlude. He took piano lessons and then began organ lessons in high school, where his clarinet study led him to involvement in a Bach cantata, introducing him to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland. Built by Rudolf von Beckerath of Germany, Trinity’s organ mysteriously piqued young Len’s interest in organ building and he spent many hours watching the installation of the instrument, memorizing all the incredible mechanics of the simple action.

Berghaus attended Concordia Teacher’s College (now Concordia University Chicago) in River Forest, Illinois from 1957–1961, preparing to teach in Missouri Synod Schools and minoring in music education. During this time, he discovered the 1888 tracker organ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago and began an “apprenticeship” of restoring the instrument to playing condition, unknowingly laying the groundwork for a career in organ building.

From 1961–1967, Berghaus was a beloved 5th & 6th grade teacher at Grace English Lutheran School and Jehovah Lutheran School in Chicago, all the while continuing his involvement with pipe organs and becoming a representative for the Casavant Frères Ltée organ company out of Canada and starting to service instruments from Fort Wayne to Des Moines.

In 1967, Berghaus resigned from teaching and embarked on his organ building career full-time. He treasured being able to work and apprentice with Paul Jochum and Fred Lake early in his career. These craftsmen imparted the German master organ building tenets of slider chest and mechanical action building along with tonal finishing on the fledgling Berghaus and created the foundation for his success in the trade. Berghaus in turn lovingly and enthusiastically imparted his knowledge to many a young organ builder and inspired scores of aspiring artisans to make their marks on the organ world.

The first instrument he built was a non-tracker for Christ Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio (1969), but Opus One is considered to be the 1971 tracker at O'Fallon United Church of Christ in O'Fallon, Illinois – still beloved to this day by the congregation. In 1973, the company relocated from the Berghaus garage to Bellwood as Berghaus Organ Company and then to a larger facility in 2000. The firm was known in the early years for building neo-Baroque tracker instruments, and evolved with changing tastes to build respected American Classic instruments and to become Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders. Highlights include rebuilding the Schlicker at Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, Illinois (1986) as well as new instruments at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (2003) and Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago (2005). Since 1967, the company has built or restored over 225 instruments from Arizona to Maryland, and primarily in the Midwest.

Mr. Berghaus was a member of the Chicago chapter of the American Guild of Organists, The American Institute of Organbuilders, The Organ Historical Society, The International Society of Organbuilders, and a member firm of the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. Len retired from full-time organ building in 2005 and pursued his other interests more fully. A longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, Len sang bass in the choir for many decades. His other pastimes included model train building and entertaining guests at the family's Detroit Island house in Door County, Wisconsin.

Len is survived by his wife of 58 years, Judy, and his children Debbie Conley, Todd (Margie), Brian (Collene), and Sue Hempen (Michael), six grandchildren, and his two brothers David Kim and Norman.

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