

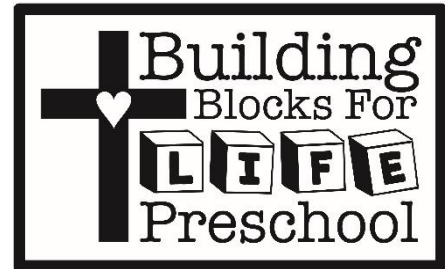


Funeral Service for Theodore Loescher

June 1, 2023

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

Cambridge, MN



WELCOME TO CHRIST!

We are so glad that you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today, and welcome to our church! Christ is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have been gathering around Word and sacrament since 1976. Our pastor would be happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

INFORMATION

Our restrooms are located by going to the right out of the sanctuary doors and proceeding down the hallway. They are at the end of the hallway on the right. There is also a **family restroom** with a changing station out the sanctuary doors to the left and around the corner.

We love hearing little ones in God's house but if you feel like your child needs a moment there are speakers to hear the service as well as books and toys in the entryway

Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

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Christian Funeral

With the Word of God, this liturgy, found on page 144 in the red hymnal, comforts the bereaved family and friends and confesses its lasting hope in the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please Stand.

GATHERING

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Ted and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates of life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing. ²He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. ³He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Resurrection Comfort

L: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

L: We will be before the throne of God

C: And serve him day and night in his temple.

L: Never again will we hunger;

C: Never again will we thirst.

L: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

L: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise 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.

C: Amen.

Anthem

Heaven Is My Home (Sung by the grandchildren)



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:14,15

¹⁴ Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!”

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹ because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³ Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵ What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6,23-27

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.” ⁵“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. ²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

Please be seated.

HYMN

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL | #154 (LAPPY)

SERMON

Joshua 24:14,15

Theme: “The God Ted Serves”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

LORD TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME | #439

(Grandchildren sing stanza 2)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, in this hour of sorrow we implore your grace to enable us to say in humble submission, “your will be done.” While our hearts are filled with sadness at the death of our loved one, yet our lips speak praise that you have removed him from all the trials and tribulations of this life and received him to yourself in heaven. Sustain us by the power of your Holy Word which promises strength and help in time of need. Comfort us with the precious hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LORD’S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE LORD’S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

LORD WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE | #219

Reading of the Obituary

Recessional

Funeral Arrangements – Strike Life Tributes

Officiant – Pastor Sam Biebert

Pianist – Steven Springborn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A light lunch will be provided following the service. You are all welcome to attend.

If you would like to view the recording of this service, you can find it on our YouTube channel: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church