

**A Celebration of
Life Service
Donald Herbsleb**

**2-20-24
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



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***Sunday*
9:00 AM**

Worship Service

10:30 am

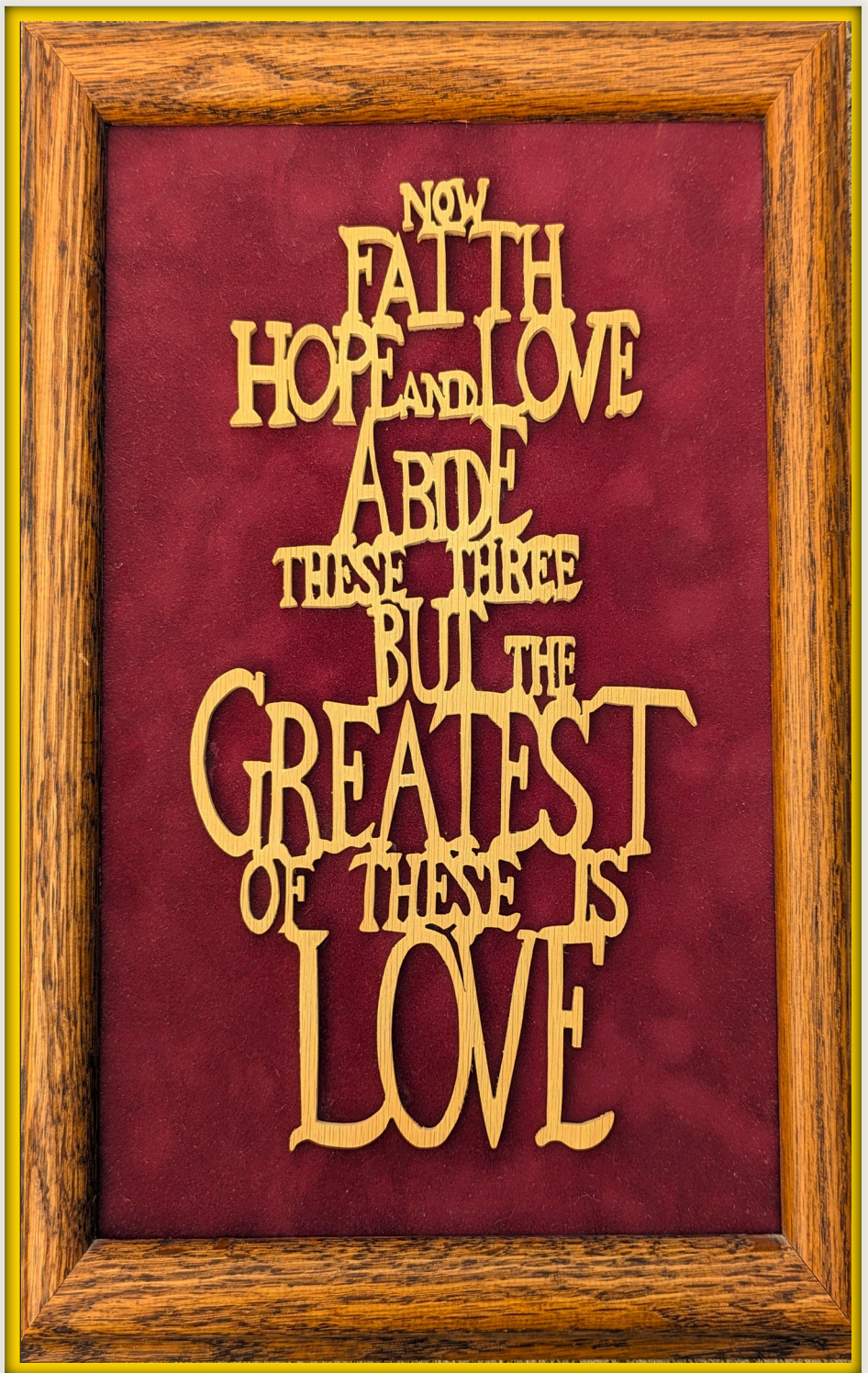
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Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
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Celebration of Life Service - Donald James Herbsleb

June 2, 1938 - February 12, 2024

WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Prayer Upon Entering Church— O Lord, our saving light and our shelter in the day of trouble, turn us not away in anger because of our sins. Calm our hearts, strengthen our faith, and lead us in Your straight paths until we see your surpassing goodness in heaven with all those who live in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

OPENING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our dear brother Don was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*"

People: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you all.

People: **And with your spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Don and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 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.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalms 143:8 "Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

John 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Revelation 7:14-17

"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

John 10:27-29

Jesus answered, " My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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SERMON "In Your Word do I hope" Psalm 130:5

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead: Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Through the Holy Spirit, give us comfort in our sadness and a sure confidence of Your loving care that, casting all our sorrow on You, we may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Don and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

People: **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Let us pray: Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Abide O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919



1 A - bid e, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bid e, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bid e with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bid e with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

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Pastor: Let us go forth in peace in the name of the risen Lord Jesus,

People: **Amen**

†Don Herbsleb†



Donald James Herbsleb, 85, was called home to heaven on February 12, 2024. As a believer in the Lord Jesus he was given the promise of sins forgiven and life everlasting. Donald was born on June 2, 1938, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Alfred and Viola Herbsleb.

Don graduated from West High School in 1956. He attended Chicago Tech and Gates Community College. He was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Barnett on June 14, 1958 who was the love of his life for 65 years. They always worked together.

Don worked at Iowa Public Service in Waterloo for 15 years. He and his father, Alfred built several homes in Waterloo under the name “Viking Homes”. Don and Pat were the owners of “The Kitchen Shoppe” in Waterloo and Cedar Falls. They retired in 2004 and moved to Weslaco, Texas. While in Texas, Don pursued his love of woodworking, creating “Scrollsaw Creations”. He was often referred to as a master craftsman.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mercedes Texas for about 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Viola Herbsleb, one son, Steven, and an infant daughter.

Don is survived by his wife, Patricia, his children, Tamara (Tim) Sorenson of Texas; and Mark (Paige) Herbsleb of Iowa, grandchildren, Joshua Sorenson, Anna (Ben) Grimes, Heather (Kyle) Maakestad, Leah Morrisett, Haley (Brian) Holscher, Logan Herbsleb, Luke Herbsleb, Skyler Herbsleb, and Mallory Herbsleb, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Weslaco Nursing and Rehab Center and A Healing Touch Home Care and Hospice for the help and care they provided during Don’s illness.

Memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, 703 W. 3rd Street, Mercedes, TX 78570, would be appreciated.

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Serving in Today’s Service

Officiating minister: Rev. Ed Weber

Organist: Doris Pickering