

**“Lord, now You are letting
Your servant depart in peace
according to Your Word;”
Luke 2:29**



**A Celebration of
Life Service
Lee Roy E. Veland
6-21-23
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



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9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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Celebration of Life Service - Lee Roy E. Veland

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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.

OPENING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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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 Lee Roy 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.**

KYRIE



☐ 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 Lee Roy 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:

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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Gifts at Corinth

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:27-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel from St. John chapter ten

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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SERMON "God's gift of eternal life through Jesus!" (John 10:27-29)

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: Give to Laura, Josh, Jason and all of Lee Roy's family and friends who are in mourning, comfort in their grief, and 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,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give courage and faith to all 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 Lee Roy and 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 With Me

LSB 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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

People: **Amen**

Serving in Today's Service

Officiating minister: Rev. Ed Weber

Organist: Doris Pickering

†Lee Roy Ernest Veland†

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Lee Roy Ernest Veland, 77, of Weslaco, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home in Weslaco, TX.



Lee Roy Veland was born on February 1, 1946, at 21 degrees below zero in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Ernest W. Veland and Mary Steinwand Veland raised him on their farm in rural Ellendale, North Dakota. He attended Albion Country School until the seventh grade, then Ellendale ISD Jr. High School until 1959. His family relocated to Weslaco, Texas, in the fall of 1959, where they owned and maintained the Weslaco Hotel until 1969. During that period, he attended WHS before returning to North Dakota to farm with his father until the fall of 1969. He returned to Weslaco and worked for Sherry Barbee until 1979. Lee Roy then purchased Mid Valley Wrecker from Dan Callaway of Weslaco Motors and served the

community with his services for over 20 years before selling it and going to work for Weslaco Motors / Payne Auto Group. He was recently awarded Salesman of the Century and was ecstatic to have been given this Title; Lee Roy worked for Payne Auto Group for over 35 years and loved what he did. He enjoyed his Bible study group and would love to know that it will be carried on for years to come.

Lee Roy has made quite an impact on the community here in the Rio Grande Valley. He spent a lot of his time volunteering for various fundraising events and was a member of the Weslaco Elks Lodge, Lions Club (Melvin Jones Award), Ducks Unlimited, and Kairos Prison Ministry. He was awarded the Conservationist of the Year award from CCA where he served for over 40 years as one of the original founding members formerly known as GCCA. He sure did enjoy fishing and hunting in earlier years along with racing stock cars.

Lee Roy was an amazing man that planted a seed in everyone he met. The love he had for the Lord did not end with his passing. He rejoiced in sharing the word with all. It is not improbable to say his purpose in life was to carry others closer to God. Lee Roy loved his children Josh (Monica), Jason (Isela), Laura (RJ) and 8 grandchildren (Joshua Jr, Anica, Alesi, Jennakah, Eian, Ryan, Reed and Raegan). He was expecting his first great-grandson in July who would be taking part in his namesake "Walker Lee Roy" (Joshua Jr and Jasmine) Lee Roy's daughter was the apple of his eye and took pride and joy in sharing his love of cooking with her.

Lee Roy cherished spending time with his loved ones and enjoyed barbecuing. Lee Roy was a master of BBQ! He supported and provided food for numerous churches, Boy Scouts, and school fundraisers, including one for his daughter's 2nd-grade class at Margo Elementary to fund a trip to Florida's Disney World.

His biggest love, other than God and his family, was taking long rides on his B.M.W. motorcycles. With the exception of six mid-eastern states, he traveled 7800 miles here and there and up and down the highway to every state.

He is a man who was a great father, mentor, and friend to many here in the RGV and surrounding areas. He never met a stranger that didn't become a friend. He will be terribly missed, but he will always be remembered. Lee Roy lived a wonderful life and was deeply loved. Lee Roy would want his life to be celebrated and his Legacy to be carried on.

Lee Roy is preceded in death by his father Ernest, mother Mary, baby Lee Roy Veland, his brother Larry, and niece Leah Veland. Left to cherish his memory are his three stepchildren, Josh (Monica), Jason (Isela), Laura (RJ), eight grandchildren Joshua Jr, Anica, Alesi, Jennakah, Eian, Ryan, Reed and Raegan, special friend Lala (Maria Uribe), his cousin, Paul Veland, who felt more like a brother, the rest of the Veland Family in North Dakota and as well as many other relatives and friends who will deeply miss him.

The Weslaco Elks Lodge will host a reception in Lee Roy Veland's honor.

Pallbearers will be Josh, Joshua, Jason, Eian, RJ, Ryan, Reed and Louis. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church School in Mercedes or the Aurora House Foundation in Weslaco.

He will be taken back home to Ellendale North Dakota where he will be laid to rest in eternal peace.

