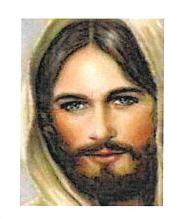
Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd,



He makes me lie down in

green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Amen

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

<u>WELCOME</u> - Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN

WELCOME

P Welcome in the Holy Name of Jesus, the Lord and Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, to remember before God our Father our brother John, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief. All who are baptized into Jesus Christ have put on Christ. In his Holy Baptism, John was clothed with Jesus Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory!

C Amen!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother John. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, console us who mourn. Grant us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all of your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

C Amen!

SCRIPTURES HYMN

SPEAKERS

Lori Parker Thom Parker Sarah Parker Eulogy Poem "Keep My Memory" Poem "As We Look Back"

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SERMON

Pastor Dave Connell

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord God our Father,

 ♣ Son and Holy Spirit!
- It is right to give the Lord our God 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 your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and 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!
- C Amen!
- 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!
- Amen!
- P 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!
- P Send now, we pray, The Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus and of His resurrection, that we who receive Jesus' precious Body and Blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light!
- C Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

LORD'S PRAYER - PRAY

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!
- C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. In it, we remember Him and we receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. If you wish to refrain from taking communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup in the center aisle from the cup stand as you approach the chancel altar rail. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor from the pouring chalice. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Hand sanitizers are available, hold your hand under it to receive sanitizing foam. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

TABLE BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God our Father, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy, through the power of The Holy Spirit, you continue to strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

C Amen!

BLESSING & COMMITIAL

P Into your hands, O merciful Lord and Savior Jesus, we commend your servant John. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive John into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of all of your saints in light!

C Amen!

SENDING HYMN

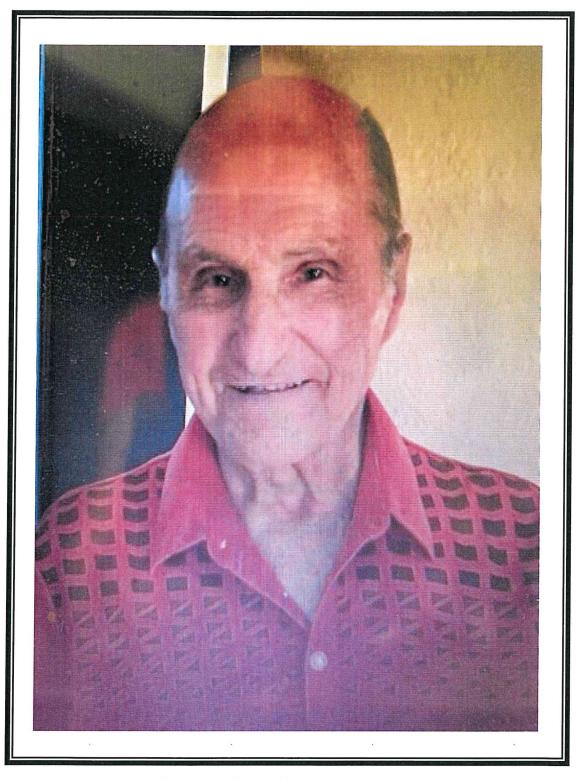
SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share Jesus' death and resurrection great good news!

We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

POSTLUDE





Celebration of Life Worship Service For John Marrocco December 19, 1933 ~ April 17, 2024

Gospel: St. John 14:1-6

- **L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

L ^{14:} 1"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. 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. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

- **L** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.



The family would like to continue John's Celebration of Life

by having you join them for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Committal is at Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513 at 2pm.

John is survived by:

Wife: Susan Marrocco Sister: Beverly Kimball Daughter: Lori Parker (Thom)

Daughter: Carol Marrocco (Kevin Lahti)
Grandson: Jonathan Parker (Ashley Whitaker)
Granddaughter: Sarah Parker (Matt Kurdt)

John was preceded in death by:

Brother: Sam Marrocco
Brother: Al (Poncho) Marrocco
Brother: George Marrocco
Sister: Mary Calamussi
Sister: Anne Annino

Sister: Time Timino

In Lieu of flowers Donations in John's memory can be made to:

Christ Lutheran Church- Mortgage Fund P.O. Box 693, Summerfield, FL 34492

Hospice of Marion County 3231 SW 34th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474

Farmington Volunteer Fire Department 76 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032

FOOTPRINTS

Author Unknown

One night a man had a dream,
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other belonging to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you have said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied," My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints in the sand it was then that I carried you."

