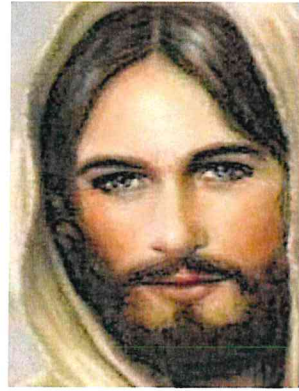


Psalm 23



The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

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

WELCOME - 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 Rick, 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, Rick was clothed with Jesus Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory!

C Amen!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P 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

P Let us pray. O God our Father of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Rick. 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

PSALM 23

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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!

C 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!

P 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!

C 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!

C 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

P 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 Rick. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Rick 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!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

POSTLUDE





*Celebration of Life Worship Service
For
Ricky Burl Swiger
January 2, 1949~December 13, 2023*

Gospel: St. Matthew 28:1-10

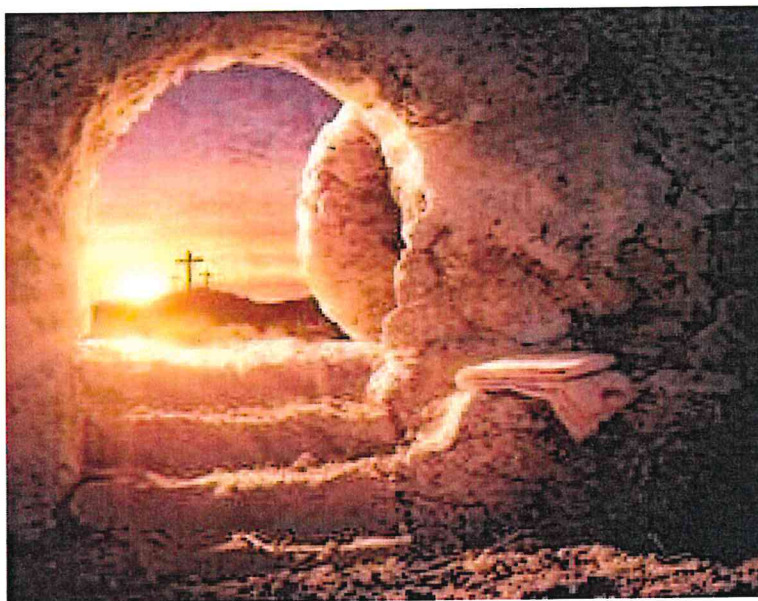
L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

L ¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.’ ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

Rick is survived by:

Wife: Coral Swiger

Son: Chad Swiger (Lisa)

Daughter: Cindy White (Trace)

Sister: Cindy Lunemann

Sister: Donna Nedley

Grandchildren: Joey Swiger, Dylan White, Taylor White, Brandon Popple

Many nieces, nephews and extended family

Beloved Friend: Annie (the Australian Shepherd)

Rick was preceded in death by:

Parents: Herbert & Waveline Swiger

Brother: Herbert Swiger, Jr.

Brother: Michael Swiger

Son: Billy Popple

**The family would like to thank
Pastor Dave and the Staff at Christ Lutheran Church.**

*Donations in Rick's memory
can be made to:
Christ Lutheran Church*





I'M FREE

Unknown

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free.
I'm following the path God laid, you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call.
I turned around and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found peace on a sunny day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A family shared, a laugh, a kiss,
oh yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; He set me free.

HYMNS FOR RICK SWIGER CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Prelude

Amazing Grace ELW 779

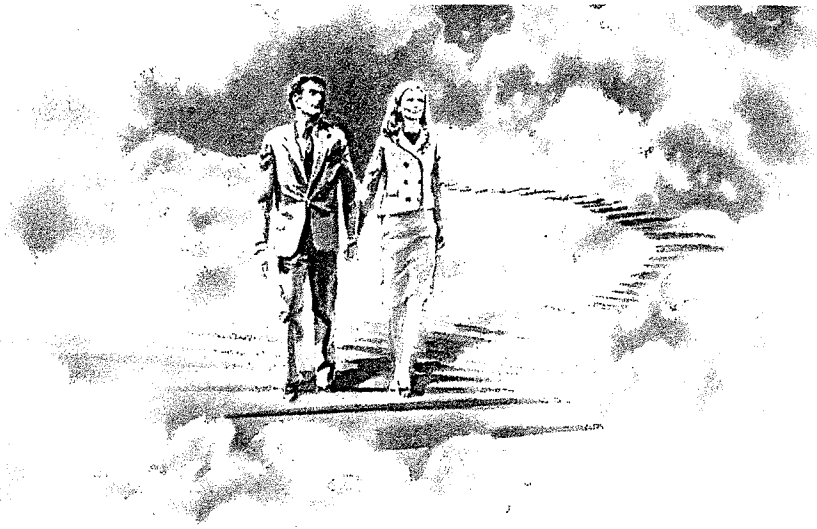
How Great Thou Art ELW 856

Morning Has Broken ELW 556

Nearer My God to Thee

Postlude

Nearer, My God, to Thee



Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Musical notation for the second system, including guitar chord diagrams and lyrics. The chords are G (hold), C (hold), G (hold), and D (hold). The lyrics are: (1) Near - er, like my the God, to Thee, (2) Tho' like the wan - der - er, Near - er sun to gone Thee, down, *mp*

Musical notation for the third system, including guitar chord diagrams and lyrics. The chords are G (hold), C (hold), G (hold), D7, and G (strum). The lyrics are: E'en tho' it be a cross me, That rais - eth me, Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone, *Play left hand softly, almost like a heartbrob*

Privately a rather radical believer in wider rights for women, Sarah Follen Adams, an Englishwoman, confined her public activities for the most part to writing hymns and anthems on religious subjects. These she contributed to the publications of her friend and Unitarian pastor, William Johnson Fox, a more outspoken partisan for women's rights and increased freedom of the press as well. "Nearer, My God, to Thee," written in 1840, is a poem based on the dream of Jacob at Bethel, as related in the Book of Genesis. The tune given here came about not on a dream-filled night but on a sleepless one, at least for Lowell Mason, the American hymnwriter. "One night, sometime after lying awake in the dark, eyes wide open, through the stillness in the house the melody came to me, and the next morning I wrote down the notes," he recalled later. That was in 1859, and the hymn became popular in this country to his tune, not to an earlier one by John Dykes. (It was the Dykes version that the ship's band played, according to survivors, on that tragic night when the Titanic collided with an iceberg and sank.)

The musical score is presented in two systems. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics: "Still all in my song shall be / Yet in my dreams I'd be } Near - er, my God, to Thee,". The second system covers the next two lines: "Near - er, my God, to Thee, / Near - er to Thee." The score includes guitar chord diagrams above the treble clef staff and a bass line in the bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

(3) There let the way appear,
Steps unto Heav'n,
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy giv'n,
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.

(4) Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs,
Bethel I'll raise,
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, etc.