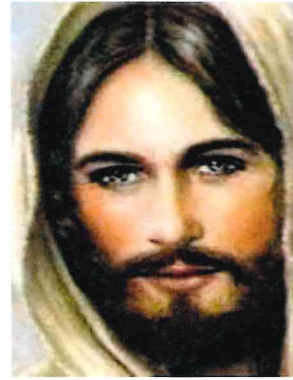


## Psalm 23



The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in

green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along  
right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; and  
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, and my  
cup is running over.

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

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE



### GREETING

### PRELUDE

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

### GATHERING HYMN

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742**

### 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 Ron, 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, Ron 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 Ron. 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!

### EULOGY

**Aimee Jimenez (Niece and Godchild)**

### SCRIPTURES HYMN

**Great is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733**

### PSALM 23

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### GOSPEL/LESSONS

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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 – SING**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

**C** Thanks be to God!

*All 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.*

## HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

Here Is Bread ELW 483

### 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 Ron. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Ron 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

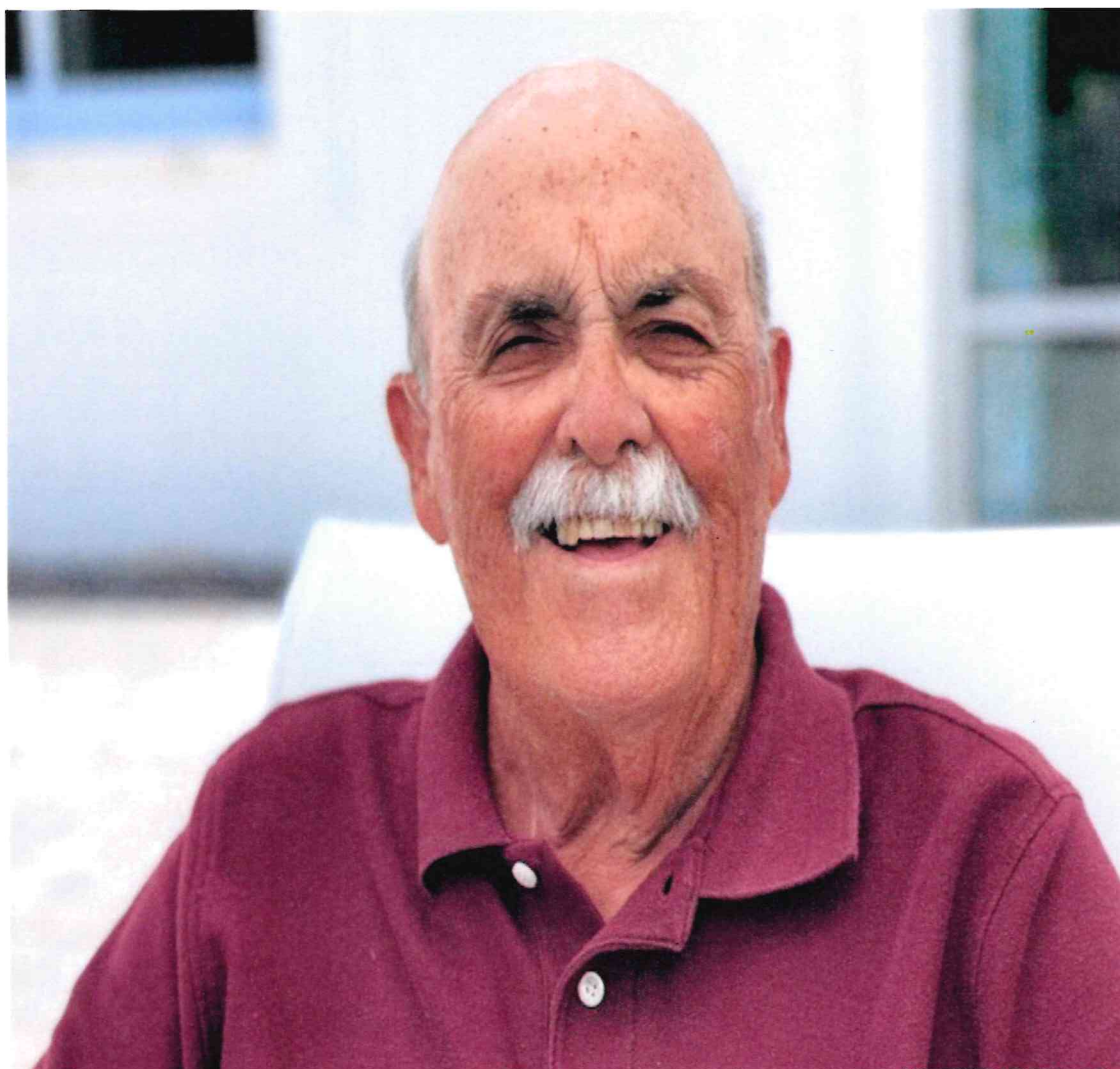
Amazing Grace ELW 779

### 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



*"Talk to people and make them smile."  
Ron Blake*

*Celebration of Life Worship Service  
For  
Ronald L. Blake  
August 15, 1940~July 17, 2025*

**Gospel St. John 14:1-6**

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**L** <sup>14:1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus 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.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Ron was preceded in death by:**

**Wife:** Beverly Blake

**Parents:** Lester and Evelyn Blake

**Parents-in-law:** Carl and Edna Alfnejd

**Brother:** Lee Blake

**Brother-in-law:** Donald Alfnejd

**Sister-in-law:** Norma Alfnejd

**Sister-in-law:** Nita Blake

**Nephew:** Randall Blake (Lee and Nita Blake)

**Niece:** Kelly Blake (Lee and Nita Blake)

**Special friends:** John and Judy Hicks.

**Ron is survived by:**

**Nephews and Nieces:** Tom Blake, Richard (Lisa) Blake, Robin Blake,

Kristie Whittemore, April (Marc) Matsui, Michael (Camille) Alfnejd,

Aimee (Manuel) Jimenez, Heather Alfnejd,

Mark (Lecia) Alfnejd, Richard Alfnejd, Bruce (Sue) Alfnejd,

Christopher (Marcy) Alfnejd,

and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

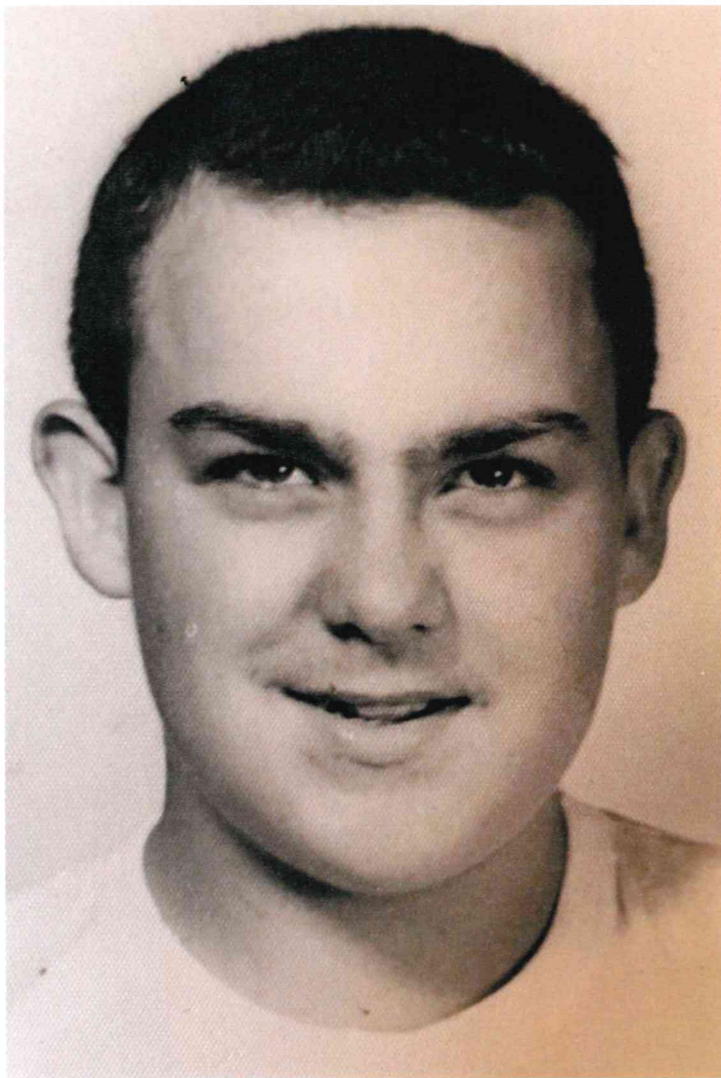
**Friends:** Charlie and Shirley Barnett, Larry and Rae Fran Gusewelle, Robb and Aimee Hicks, Matt and Sarah Rush, co-workers, community co-volunteers, neighbors, former employees, his retirement community friends and church family.

**Please proceed to Columbarium for the Inurnment of**

**Ron and Bev.**

**Please join the family for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the Inurnment.**





**In lieu of flowers, donations  
in  
Ron's memory may be made to:**

Belleview High School Band  
Attn.: Bookkeeper  
10400 SE 36th Avenue  
Belleview, FL 34420  
(memo line: Ronald L. Blake Memorial)

**The family would like to thank Pastor Dave and the church family of  
Christ Lutheran Church.**



## **THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME**

Author Unknown

God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.  
And knew that you would never get well on earth again.  
He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,  
he whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.  
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,  
we would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.  
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide,  
you live on through your family and friends, you're always by our side.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.



## **HYMNS FOR RON BLAKE CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

1. What A Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742
2. Great is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733
3. Communion-A. Here Is Bread ELW 483
4. Amazing Grace ELW 779