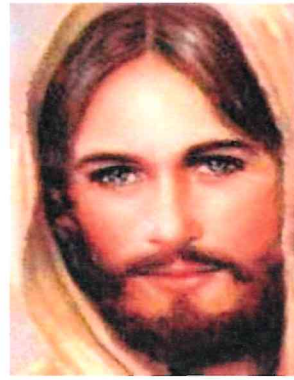


Psalm 23



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

Danny Boy-Devin Howard (grandson) on Bagpipes

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

GATHERING HYMN

Old Rugged Cross

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

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 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!

SPEAKERS

SCRIPTURES HYMN

How Great Thou Art-Jeff Gwaltney-Solo



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.

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 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

Amazing Grace-Devin Howard (grandson) on Bagpipes

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

I'll Fly Away





*Celebration of Life Worship Service
for
John H. Lotz
August 6, 1939~September 6, 2026*

Psalm 23 (front cover)

Congregation

Job 19:23-27a

P A Lesson from Job Chapter 19 verses 23-27a.

P ²³ ‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

P A Lesson from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-11.

P ³For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Romans 14:7-9

P A Lesson from Romans Chapter 14 verses 7-9.

P ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

P Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel of St. Matthew 28:1-10

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P 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.

John was preceded in death by:

Parents: Floyd & Esther Lotz

John is survived by:

Wife: Vicky Lotz

Son: David Lotz (Lisa)

Daughter: Melissa Keeterle (David)

Step-daughter: Linda Crowton (James)

Step-daughter: Cindy Snyder (Larry)

John also has 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Inurnment to be at a later date in Ohio.

The family would like to thank everyone who has reached out to help us in any way.

Please join the family for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the Celebration of Life.

**Donations in John's memory can be made to:
Christ Lutheran Church
Mortgage Fund
P.O. Box 693
Summerfield, FL 34492**



I'M FREE

Author 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.

GREETINGS FAMILY & FRIENDS

Author Unknown

If you are here today to mourn my death,
 I would like to change your minds. I did not die.
 True, my mortal life came to an end as all life must,
 but I am alive in Christ.
 Instead I would like you to celebrate my life.
 Celebrate the blessing of a long life.
 Celebrate the many years with me and the children.
 Celebrate the blessing of many friends I have made through my life.
 Celebrate the blessing of any talents I have been given that I shared.
 Celebrate the blessing of the knowledge that I have started my new
 life in God's Kingdom.
 Please listen to the words of the hymns and the lessons as they are
 read and sung.
 They form the basis on which I tried to pattern my life. If I have
 touched your hearts in any way, I am grateful.
 So, farewell until we meet in God's Kingdom.



MUSIC FOR CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR
JOHN LOTZ

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Old Rugged Cross~Congregation

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Blessed Assurance ELW 638~ Congregation

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