

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Keith D. Berkeley

December 19, 1931 – September 7, 2023

Lesley B. Berkeley

November 1, 1932 – September 10, 2023

Celebration of Life

October 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

as family enters

Please Stand

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother and sister, Keith and Lesley, to give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GATHERING HYMN

He Leadeth Me

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- 1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In their baptism, Keith and Lesley, were clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, they shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother and sister, Keith and Lesley. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord 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 your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 139:1-18

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-14

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was

raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL: John 14:23-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please Sit

MEDITATION

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

ELW 785

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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 your peace. **Hear us, Lord.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind. **Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Hear us, Lord.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Hear us, Lord.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust Keith and Lesley to your never-failing love which sustained them in this life. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor you bear for your people. **Hear us, Lord.**

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Keith and Lesley to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants Keith and Lesley. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The family will follow the pastor to the cemetery for the Committal of Ashes.
All friends are welcome to join them.*

COMMITTAL

The bell tolls 91 and 90 times for each year of Keith and Lesley's lives on earth.

A reading from Psalms:

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

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

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely 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. (*Psalms 23*)

A reading from Lamentations:

22The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

25The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD. (*Lamentations 3:22-26*)

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Let us pray. Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Ted, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from First Corinthians:

⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*)

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother and sister, Kieth and Lesley, and we commit their bodies to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless them and keep them.

The Lord's face shine on them with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon them with favor and + give them peace.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to our family.

*The family will receive friends for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
following the service. All friends are welcome to join them.*

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OFFICIATING MINISTER	The Rev'd Frank W. Anderson Pastor, Saint Michael Lutheran Church
MUSICIAN	Karen Shevenell Cantor, Saint Michael Lutheran Church



FOR LESLEY—

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*

--Mary Elizabeth Frye



FOR KEITH—

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back 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 that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

--Anne Lindgren David

Lesley was born in Ferndale, Michigan a suburb of Detroit. Her beloved parents, Nell and Ernest Benner had 5 children of which Lesley was the second. Her family was a close knit one through all her life. Ernest emigrated to the US from England around 1921 and met Nell (from Canada). Ernest was a milk man who drove a wagon and horses to deliver the dairy products. Lesley was very proud of her English and Canadian ancestry. Moving to Marysville, MI, Lesley was involved in the milk business helping out and working in the ice cream parlor where they sold the ice cream that they made. The family developed an interest in horses and riding. Her family was also active in the Congregational Church close by in Port Huron where she met Keith in the church Youth Group.



Keith and Lesley were high school sweethearts. Upon graduating Lesley began nursing school in Detroit. Keith rode the bus from Port Huron to visit her whenever he could. He was a wonderful love letter writer and we have found stacks and stacks of beautifully written letters. Keith's nickname for Lesley was Pinky. She had beautiful auburn hair and a lovely complexion. Lesley graduated from the 3 year nursing program as an RN and worked full time for a few years and then part time most of her adult life.

Keith was born in Port Huron, MI. His parents, Marion and Geraldine Berkeley had 2 sons with Keith the elder. Marion was an employee at the Bell Telephone Co. Geraldine was a homemaker and a wonderful cook. They instilled a great work ethic in Keith. He proudly tells stories of his paper routes and all the people he met. He was helpful to the people in his neighborhood. Keith spoke lovingly about the summers he stayed with his grandparents on their dairy farm a few miles north of Port Huron. He learned much about farming and taking care of a dairy herd. Many of the life lessons that he passed on to his children came from the evenings spent around the kitchen table with his grandparents and his uncles. Keith met Lesley and fell in love. Upon graduation, he began work at a mens clothing store, United Shirt Store. He became a manager and buyer for the company all the while courting Lesley and being with her family. He was included as a son and brother of the Benner family. Keith lost his brother in a boating accident. Keith had also learned carpentry from his father and grandfather and was a proficient wood worker and builder. He could fix anything. He was a true thinker. Keith began night school in Detroit around the time he married and eventually earned a doctoral degree in Elementary Education.

Keith and Lesley began their married life in 1953. Keith was in the US Army. They married shortly before he was sent to Germany. Lesley was able to join him for 6 months in Germany. In 1955, the children came along, Sabrina, Keith and John. Their love for their children was apparent in so many ways. Teaching, talking, having long talks around the dinner table listening and learning those life lessons. Memories include snow sledding and skating, vacations to upper Michigan, vacations with the extended family, owning and riding horses on the property on Nursery Hill Rd. and piano lessons for Sabrina with Lesley sitting listening and saying "again". Keith spent many hours with his boys building and repairing what needed to be done either at home or at Mrs. Porters where the boys rode horses. Lesley spent time shopping with Sabrina always looking for that bargain. In 1968, Keith finished his education and the family moved to Columbia and Keith began his career teaching at USC. But still their family was the most important thing in their lives. After the children each graduated from college and married, the grandchildren came along, all 7 of them. They would say that they loved each one as if they were their own. The memories we have that are in the forefront are how loving and helpful Keith and Lesley were to all of us. They would drop everything and be on the road to come help with whatever was needed, always there to talk and love us where we were. We will truly miss them.