

Service of Christian Burial for
Dennis Dzierzawski
February 17, 1942 – January 24, 2024



Saturday, February 24, 2024

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
5800 Backlick Road ~ Springfield, VA 22150
Rev. Dr. Albert W. Triolo, Pastor
Christan A. Michaelsen, Organist
Vanessa Ferrari, Assisting Minister

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist.....Dietrich Buxtehude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend.....Johann Gottfried Walther

Liebster Jesu wir sind hier.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Christian A. Michaelsen, organ

Impromptu in G-flat, Opus 90, #3..... Franz Schubert

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

WELCOME

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P 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.

P 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.

C We glorify you.

P 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.

C We praise you.

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

C We worship you.

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

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN, *O, God, Our Help in Ages Past*, ELW #632

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, 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 of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Dennis. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion 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. **C Amen.**

1ST READING, A Reading from Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)

¹For 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.

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

PSALM 90

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge

from one generation | to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,

“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,

they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**

in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;

we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,**

and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;

we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

**¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

**¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?**

**¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

**¹³Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?
Be gracious | to your servants.**

**¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.**

**¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

**¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.**

**¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

2ND READING, 2 Corinthians (4:13b-5:1)

We also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ¹For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

REMEMBRANCES

Mark Haupt, *friend*

Karen Randall, *dear friend*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

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.

Following the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

HOMILY, Pastor Albert

HYMN, *When Peace Like a River*, ELW #785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, *Each petition is followed by:*

P God of mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

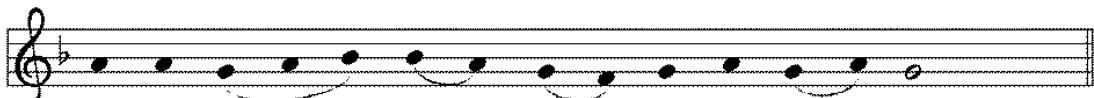
HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Morning Grace.....arr. Linda Scholes, St. Mark's Handbell Choir
Alice Real, Director*

THE COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Dennis to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Dennis. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

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Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has

been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion

which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,

is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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THE BENEDICTION

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN, *A Mighty Fortress*, ELW #504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

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wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

All are invited to join the family for a reception in the fellowship hall.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat Major (The "St. Anne"), BWV 552..... Johann Sebastian Bach

Dennis Dzierzawski

February 17, 1942 – January 24, 2024

Dennis Dzierzawski was born February 17, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois to Henry and Harriet (Tylinski) Dzierzawski. He was educated at Gage Park High School, John Marshall School of Law (UIC), and Illinois Institute of Technology (BSEE and MSEE).

His career in electronics/cybersecurity took him from Teletype Corporation to Dataproducts New England, American Radio Relay League headquarters (W1AW), Naval Research Labs, and finally into consultation with the United States Government through Booz-Allen & Hamilton and later IECA, Inc. Dennis' interest and involvement with electronics included Amateur Radio (K9EIS) and memberships in the American Radio Relay League, IEEE, and the local Mt. Vernon Radio Club.

Dennis was continuously involved in musical pursuits, playing various instruments (clarinet, jazz piano, accordion, and pipe organ). He was a longtime tenor with the Northern Virginia Chorale, St. Mark's Chancel Choir, and the St. Mark's English Handbell Ensemble.

As a consummate woodworker, he created many pieces for family and friends, and maintained a professional grade workshop, complete with every woodworking tool necessary to build prairie style (Frank Lloyd Wright) furniture, cabinets, lamps, bowls, and smaller items.

Dennis had no siblings. His sons Kevin Martin and Darren Lloyd were his treasure. Kevin is the organist at St. Pauls UCC in Chicago, Illinois and restores pipe organs for JL Weiler, Inc. Darren is a US Navy veteran, lives in Cheshire, Connecticut and works at Aircraft Welding & Manufacturing Company, LLC in Hartford, Connecticut as an aerospace welding technician.

Dennis' service today is followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Interment will be held at 2pm at Pohick Cemetery, Lorton, VA.

All donations in Dennis Dzierzawski's name
may be contributed to the Steiner-Reck Organ Restoration Fund, at
St. Mark's ELCA, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA, 22150.

So Go and Run Free

So go and run free with the angels
Dance around the golden clouds
For the Lord has chosen you to be with Him
And we should feel nothing but proud

Although He has taken you from us
And our pain a lifetime will last
Your memory will never escape us
But make us glad for the time we did have

Your face will always be hidden
Deep inside of our hearts
Each precious moment you gave us
Shall never, ever depart

So go and run free with the angels
As they sing so tenderly
And please be sure to tell them
To take good care of you for me

~ W. H. Auden