

“Be faithful unto death, and
I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10b



Welcome in Jesus' name. The funeral for the believer in Christ reflects our confidence, trust and hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting won for us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. While we mourn the death of our brother in Christ, we rejoice that heaven has been opened to him, and look forward to the day when we will be joyfully reunited with him, by God's grace, through faith, in Christ. For this reason, the mood of the service is not somber, but joyful, and focused fully on confessing Jesus' victory for us over sin, death, hell and the devil. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Funeral Service of:

John Raymond Montgomery

Born: August 29, 1939

Baptized: March 24, 1940

Confirmed: February 28, 1963

Married: Patricia Johnson ~ June 25, 1961

Entered the Church Triumphant: April 2, 2020

April 7 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Anno + Domini + 2020

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

239 Frank Street

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

✠ In Domine Jesu ✠

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives.....LSB #461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence lives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

- P In Holy Baptism John was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

Introit (*Kantor*) *Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b*

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to John and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament ~ Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: “*All Praise to Christ for His Rich Word*” *Kantor*

Epistle ~ 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel ~ John 11:17–27

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he

live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Verse *Kantor 1 Cor. 5:7b-8a, c*

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacri- | ficed.*

Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alle- | luia.

Apostles' Creed

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

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing.....LSB #475



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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Sermon ~ "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." ~ Colossians 3:16-17

Post Sermon Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden.....LSB #672



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from carc re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng,
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the family of John and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will 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.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

K *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.*

*My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

P “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Concluding Collect and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction and Dismissal

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

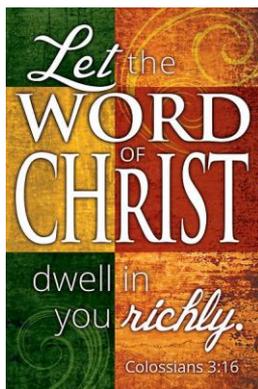
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**



Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won.....LSB #490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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 Organist.....Dr. J Gordon Christensen
 Trumpeters.....Rev. Timothy Frank, John Timm
 Kantor.....Lydia Sherrill

Interment will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
 Everyone is invited to be part of the procession to the cemetery.
 Please remember to stay in your cars. The committal will also be live streamed.
 Memorials suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

“All Praise to Christ for His Rich Word”

*All praise to Christ for His rich Word,
That has made flesh its dwelling.
Give thanks to Him, who laid His life,
Now sinners join in telling:
“Our God and Lord has drawn His sword
To pierce the devil’s clinging,
And tune our lips for singing.”*

*Sing proudly psalms which David sang,
While meekly out at pasture.
Sing boldly that which Israel learned,
While yearning for her Master.
“Our Shepherd, King, salvation brings;
Soon, soon He will deliver.”
We join with them forever.*

*Forever sing hymns to the Lamb,
Hymns many voices uttered.
Sing “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won,”
Hymns Satan prays are muttered.
Shout “Mighty Fortress is Our God,”
And “Church’s One Foundation.”
Sing every tribe and nation.*

*For music that brings glory to
Our Savior and our Brother.
We thank you, Father, for the gift
Of humble saints who labor.
To make so clear, Your Word most dear,
It is our deepest treasure.
Life’s only lasting pleasure!*

*Now strike a chord unto the Lord,
His jewel He has made us!
Praise be to Him who set us free,
By wedding us to Jesus!
Laud Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
His name on us is written,
Ours in His palm is printed!*

Tune: WAS GOTT TUT (87 87 44 77)
Texts: Col 3:16, Eph 5:18-20, 1 Cor 6:19-20

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:16–17