

Leonard (Len) Grawe

Born into the world — September 5, 1938

Confirmation Vows - 1967

Entered God's Eternal Kingdom — December 3, 2023



*... for I am
gentle
and humble,
and you
will find
rest for
your souls.*

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Celebration of Life
December 9, 2023

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Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr.

Invocation

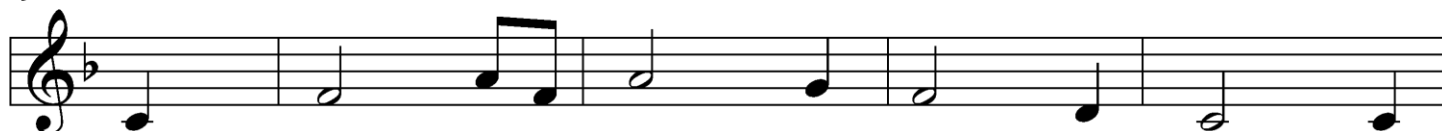
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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

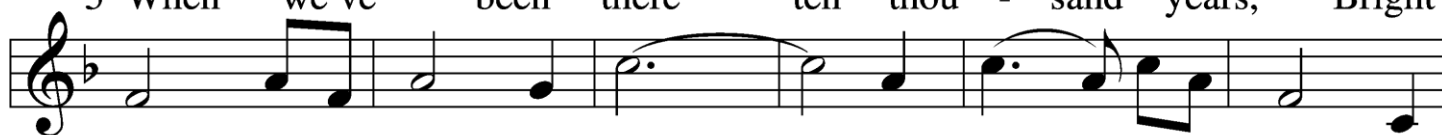
- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** In Holy Baptism Len was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- 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.

Hymn ~ Amazing Grace

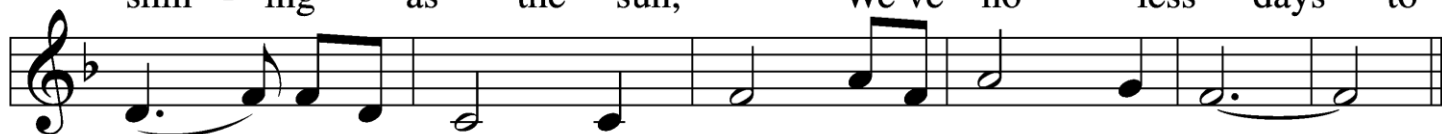
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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Introit (*Recited by ALL*)

PSALM 23 KJV

THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs 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.

Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end.
Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Len 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.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Lesson

Job 5:6-7, 17-26

Surely sorrow doesn't come out of the soil nor trouble sprout from the ground. But a man is born for trouble as sparks fly up. Happy is the man whom God *corrects; he shouldn't despise being corrected* by the Almighty. He wounds and bandages the wounds; He strikes, and His hands heal. He will save you from six troubles, and in seven no harm will touch you. In famine He will save you from death and in war from the sword. When the tongue lashes, you will be safe, and be unafraid when destruction comes. You will laugh at destruction and famine and not be afraid of the beasts on the earth. You will have a covenant with the stones in the field, and the wild animals will be your friends. You will experience happiness in your home, and inspect your house and find nothing missing. You will find your children are many and your offspring are like the grass on the ground. You will come to your grave in a ripe old age, like a stack of hay in the right season.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8

I'm now being sacrificed, and it's time for me to leave. I fought the good fight, I ran the race, I kept the faith. Now there is waiting for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only me but all who love to see Him come again.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

G to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:25-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now, there was in Jerusalem a man by the name of Simeon. He was a righteous man, fearing God and waiting for the One Who would comfort Israel. The Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit had told him that before he would die he would see the Christ sent by the Lord.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple. When the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for Him what was customary according to the Law, Simeon took Him in his arms, praised God, and said:

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant go in peace as You promised, because my eyes have *seen Your salvation* that You prepared for all people to see, *a light to shine on the Gentiles*, and the *glory of Your people Israel*."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 Ghost,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn~ Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Sermon

Kneel/Stand

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 Len 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 Receive our thanks for Len and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. 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.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

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."

C 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 Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Closing Hymn ~ Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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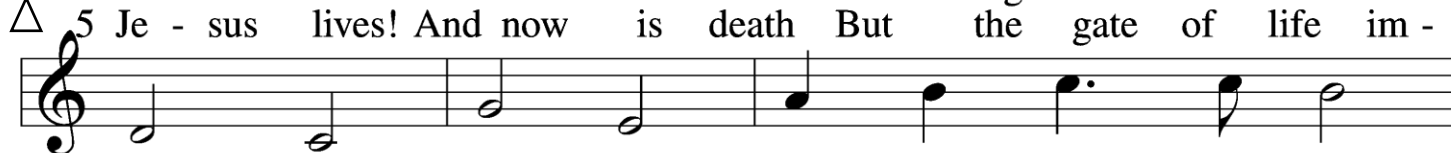


1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -

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

mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



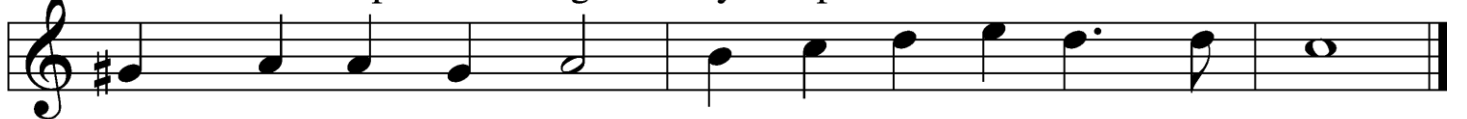
From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er

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

When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



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.

cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Committal

Nunc Dimittis

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.

I am the resurrection and the life

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless this grave that the body of our brother may sleep here in peace until You awaken him to glory, when he will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

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,
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**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.**

Sand or earth is poured on the casket in the sign of the cross.

P We now commit the body of our brother Len to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

P May God the Father who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.**

P Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep

us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

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OBITUARY OF LEONARD JOSEPH GRAWE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Leonard “Len” Joseph Grawe, of Linn Creek, Missouri. He died Sunday, December 3, 2023, after a series of hospitalizations and complications.

Len was born on September 5, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri and was the only child of Joseph and Frances (Ledwig) Grawe (predeceased).

He was employed as a forklift operator by Crown Zellerbach until his retirement in 2003. On weekends, Len and Lois spent time at their lake house water skiing, boating, and socializing with friends. At other times, playing cards was a favorite.

On June 2, 2007, they moved permanently to Linn Creek, Missouri. One of their greatest joys was living on the lake. They enjoyed many hours on their boat and relaxing on the dock. Len was a Trustee and active member at Hope Lutheran Chapel, where he was involved with building maintenance, sound and lighting. He developed multiple friendships with various contractors as a result of his position. He was also a dedicated volunteer at the Osage Beach Senior Center.

Len was a devoted and loving husband to Lois Grawe, for 61 years, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, animal lover, and friend. He loved music, billiards, cars, boats, all water activities, and collecting bird feeders.

He is survived by their daughters, Vicky Kory and husband Mark, and Elaine Grawe; grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Lauren Kory Ansari, Nichole Grantham (predeceased), Danielle Kory Roman, and Austin Kory; and great-grandchildren, Alexa Smith, Lily Smith, Ashlyna Smith; Calvin Harris, Cayden Harris, and Luca Roman.

Len will be lovingly missed by his family, friends, and the community. He will live on in our hearts.

Memorial donations may be made to Hope Lutheran Chapel.

Visitation will be held at 9:30am, Sunday, December 9, 2023, with Services at 10:30am at Hope Lutheran Chapel.

Interment immediately following at Hedges-Scott-Millard Cemetery.

