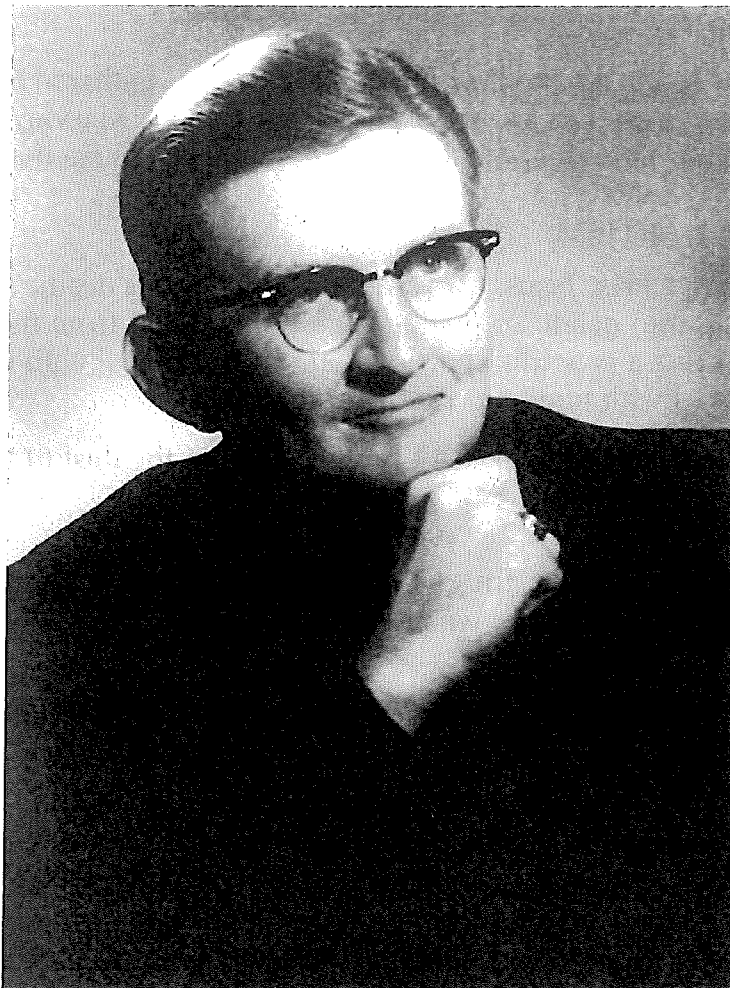


a celebration of the Resurrection for
THE REVEREND MARVIN E. DEWALT

Friday, October 1, 2021 ♦ 2:00 PM



June 3, 1927 — September 25, 2021

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Atonement Lutheran Church ♦ Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Rev. Arthur Wyse, presiding minister ♦ Rev. Paul Metzloff, preacher
Deacon Tom Yenser, director of music

The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

*Pie Jesu
Tate Dewalt and Rachel Himes-Dewalt
Grandson and granddaughter-in-law*

Lloyd Webber

WORDS OF 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 Marvin, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

#504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – st. 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The prayer concludes...

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

FAMILY REFLECTION

Dr. Mark Dewalt, son

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Blair Dewalt, grandson

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.

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. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

The reading concludes...

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37-39

Samuel Dewalt, grandson

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The reading concludes...

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to [the disciples], "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Following the Gospel, the assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Metzloff, Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reading, PA

HYMN OF THE DAY

#574 Here I Am, Lord

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**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 concludes...

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

...now and forever.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

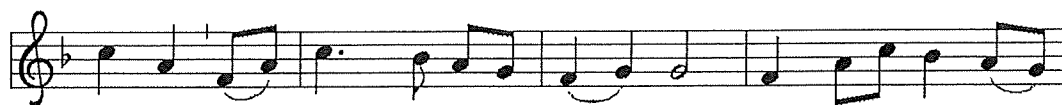
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling; and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Marvin and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Tate Dewalt, grandson

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Come down the center aisle to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive Communion with their parents' permission.

COMMUNION HYMN #790 Day by Day

After all have communed, stand at the invitation of the celebrant.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. At your table, O God, we have been made new. Our mourning and crying and pain pass away, and we see the glory of your presence among us. Unite us with this vision, and make us into your holy people, one in the body of Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

The commendation concludes...

...and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

The blessing concludes...

...and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

#660 *Lift High the Cross* – st. 1, 3, 4

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Widor

The Rev. Marvin E. Dewalt, 94, of The Highlands at Wyomissing, passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2021, in his home. He was the husband of Gloria L. (Snyder) Dewalt with whom he celebrated 71 years of marriage. Born in Pitman, PA, he was the son of the late Harry and Jennie (Morgan) Dewalt. Marvin graduated from Shamokin High School in 1945 and Muhlenberg College in 1950 earning his bachelor's degree. He then completed a Master of Divinity at The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He served in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II. Marvin served as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in East Bangor, PA, St. John's Lutheran Church in Morrisville, PA, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Reading, PA, Hill-Lobach Lutheran Parish, Pike Township, PA, and St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church, Boyertown, PA, retiring in 1992. In his retirement he served as an Interim or Visitation Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Mertztown, PA, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fleetwood, PA, Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, PA and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Douglassville, PA. He continued preaching throughout the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod as a visiting pastor until 2018. Marvin was a member of Atonement Lutheran Church, Wyomissing. Marvin is survived by his four sons, Mark W. husband of Carolyn of Gastonia, NC, Paul E. husband of Stasey of Reading, Timothy B. of Flying Hills and Luke E. husband of Elizabeth of Ithaca, NY; eight grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Also surviving is one sister Ruby Buckley of Danville, PA; and two brothers Alvin of Bridgeport, CT and Billie of Pittsburgh, PA. He is also predeceased by one sister Mae Milbrand. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Highlands at Wyomissing Endowment Fund, Attn; VP of Development & Marketing, 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing, PA 19610. The family would like to acknowledge The Highlands at Wyomissing Personal Care Team as well as Grane Hospice for their gracious care of Marvin and communication with the family during a difficult time.

WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! By God's grace, we strengthen one another in faith and share the good news of Jesus through worshiping, learning, and serving.

WE ARE GATHERED today to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before our brother Marvin, to give thanks for his life, and to comfort one another in our grief. 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.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space.

MASKS are required for everyone, whether or not you have been vaccinated.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



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!

Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

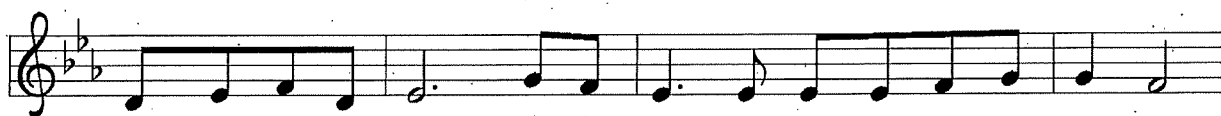


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Day by Day



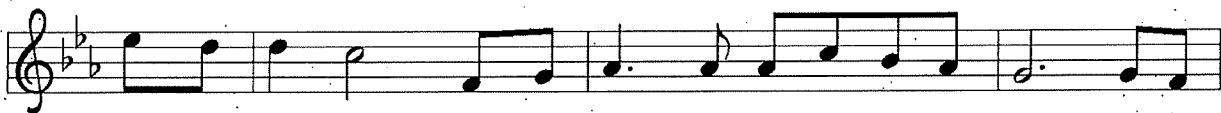
1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



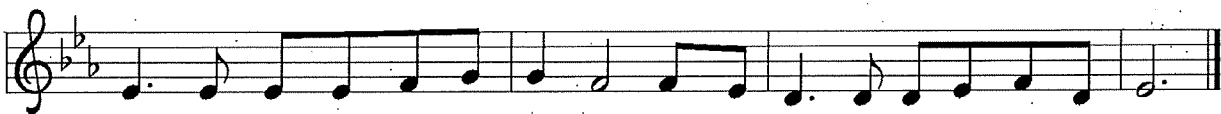
to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

