

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FUNERAL LITURGY FOR

+ John Carl Andersen +

May 31, 1948 – October 10, 2025



Monday, October 20, 2025

11:30 a.m.

*In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to
St. Mark Lutheran Church*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come”

GATHERING

The assembly STANDS and turns to face the baptismal font and funeral procession.

Welcome in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother John, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

The pall placed upon the urn is a reminder of the righteousness of Christ we receive in Holy Baptism.

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 his baptism, John was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ’s coming, he 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 - Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit - be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.





1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes my sor - rowing joy, my crown.
 than all our sin - ning spir - it sing.
 now and for an - gels in the sky.
 er - more be thine!

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, John. 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. **Amen.**

The assembly is SEATED.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31

Larry Huber, John's brother-in-law

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Pam Thornton, John's niece

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Angela Wilkerson, John's niece

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE: *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Following the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. *Please be SEATED.*

SERMON

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,
in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."
4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - *The response to “God of mercy,” is “Hear our prayer.”*

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God’s peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments as the table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY

“Balm in Gilead”

Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together...

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you,
who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

S 152

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

S 153

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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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.

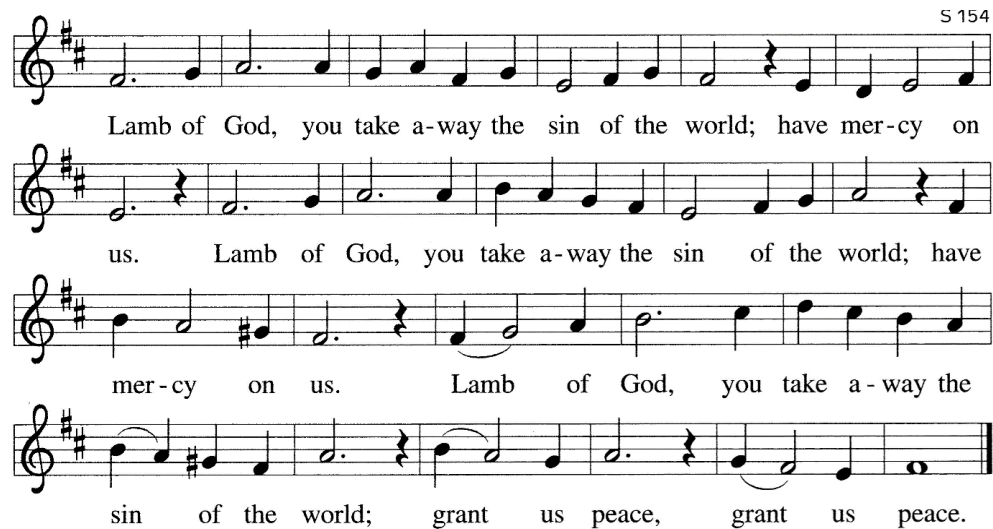
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✠ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✠ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✠ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✠ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

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SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“On Eagle’s Wings”

ELW 781

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God’s wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Refrain

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

Final refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

“Let Me Lift My Voice in Song”

1 I was frightened by the world and all alone.
Ev’ry step I chose took me farther from my home.
Then he washed away my sin.
Baptism brought me home to him.
I live daily in the grace he’s given me.

Refrain:

Let me lift my voice in song; Let the choir sing along
Let the whole world know of your love;
Let the bells ring out your word;
Let there be justice in the world;
Let the whole world know the love of the Lord.

Performed by Matt and Angela Wilkerson

Written by Cheryl Newsome in honor of John’s Retirement

2 Jesus said “Take up your cross and follow me.
There are people in the world that you must see.
Feed the hungry, clothe the poor
Work for justice ever more.
Show the grace to them that I have show to you.

Refrain

3 All my talents Lord come daily through your grace.
My possessions from your loving sweet embrace.
All my time I’ll spend in praise.
Let me serve you all my days.
Let me leave this world with your song upon my lips.

Refrain

TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our resources with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long”

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. 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. **Amen.**

Now, Lord, 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 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.**

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The service continues with the interment at

Walnut Hill Cemetery, 1101 Mascoutah Avenue, Belleville, IL

There is no formal funeral procession. Please take a map with directions to the cemetery, and be conscious of normal traffic laws and regulations.

*Following the graveside service, guests are welcome to attend a luncheon in John's honor in the Parish Hall of **St. Mark Lutheran Church, 410 N. High Street, Belleville, IL***

POSTLUDE



John Carl Andersen, 77, of Belleville, IL, born May 31, 1948, in Chicago, IL, entered eternal life on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Memorial Hospital East, Shiloh, IL.

John was a devoted member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Belleville, IL. John loved music and earned his bachelor's degree in music education. He was very active in St. Mark's music ministry and served as a choir director in several churches for over 40 years. John worked as a manager for JCPenney until his retirement. He had various hobbies including trains, building Legos, reading, camping, and fishing. He loved watching Chicago Cubs baseball and Star Trek. Above all, John loved celebrating Christmas with his family, friends, and church family.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Adam Andersen; and his parents, Andrew and Hulda, nee Heleen, Andersen.

Surviving are his loving wife of 54 years, Peggy Sue Andersen, nee Braeutigam, whom he married on June 19, 1971, at St. John's United Church of Christ, Mascoutah, IL;
two daughters, Anna (Chris) Curnes of Murfreesboro, TN
and Jessie Nixon (Chris Lutes) of Ogden, UT;
his grandchildren, Quinnten and Arianna Curnes;
two sisters, Helene (Tom) Kiefer of FL
and Audrey Huber of WI;
three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, Rosalie Braeutigam, Jim (Gail) Braeutigam, Shirley Braeutigam, Larry Huber, and Tom Kiefer;
several nieces and nephews and their families;
and his grand dog, Apollo and grand cats, Odysseus and Conan.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison, *Pastor* + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan
Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther + **Crucifer & Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens + **Usher:** Danielle Tribout