

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

for the life of

Richard “Dick” Conrad Wangeman

February 29, 1944 – March 25, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church - Alexandria, Virginia

Saturday in the Fifth Week of Easter

May 13, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

“Andante” (G. F. Handel)

“Siciliano” (J. S. Bach)

Horn and Organ

Welcome

Opening Rite

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P In Holy Baptism, Dick 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?”

G 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 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.

(Romans 6:3-5)

P Christ is risen!

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

"This Joyful Eastertide" (LSB 482)



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

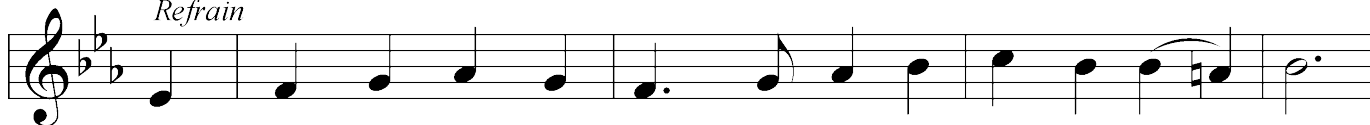


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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Opening Sentences

P Through Holy Baptism, our gracious God forgives sin and creates new life. In Baptism, we are reborn to a new life where we know God as the loving, forgiving Father that He is. While we live, this new life is nourished by God's Word and the Sacraments. As we grow in God's grace, our faith becomes more mature. Understanding and wisdom are coupled together with compassion and servanthood. God's people become more Christ-like.

The hope and joy which we have in Christ does not end at the grave. God's loving purposes for his people are not destroyed by death. Rather, death becomes the

gateway to eternal life with God in heaven. The grave for God's people is not the end, but the beginning which brings about God's ultimate purpose for his people. Today, we are gathered here to remember and to celebrate the life given to our brother, Dick, who now lives with Christ in heaven. We grieve, and yet we hope. We are sad, yet we are able to celebrate and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection. Our faith in Christ reminds us that no matter how painful death may be, it is ultimately victory, not defeat. Because Christ lives, Dick lives. This is our faith, our hope, and our joy.

Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

O God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for your loving-kindness shown to Dick and to all your servants who, having finished their course of 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.**

First Reading

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!”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

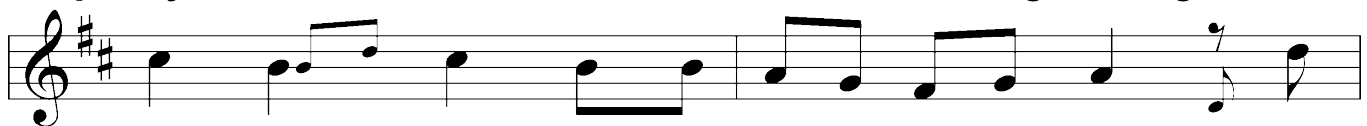
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

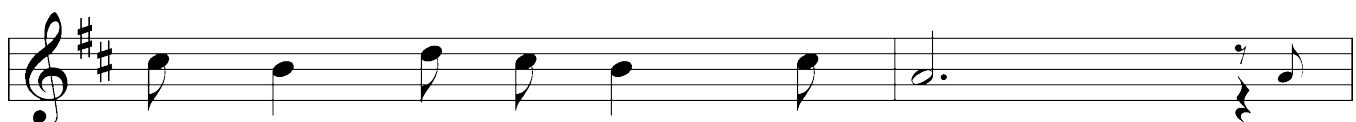
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

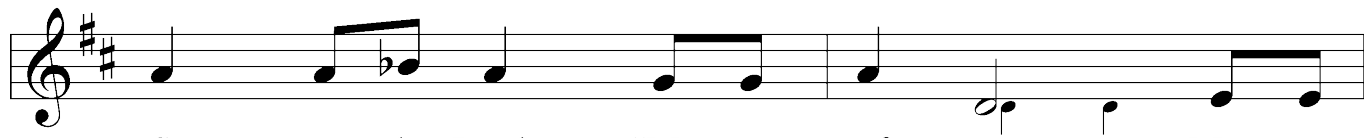
"On Eagles' Wings" (LSB 727)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

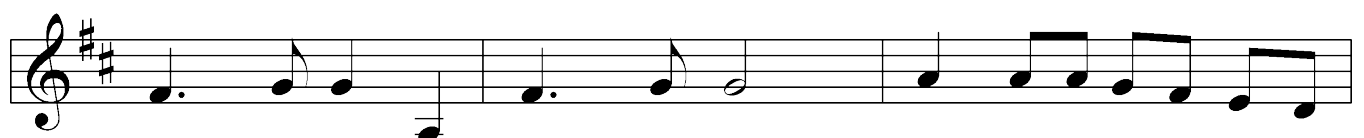


rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:13-17

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

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

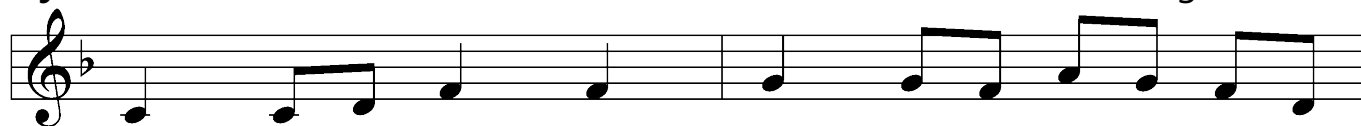
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

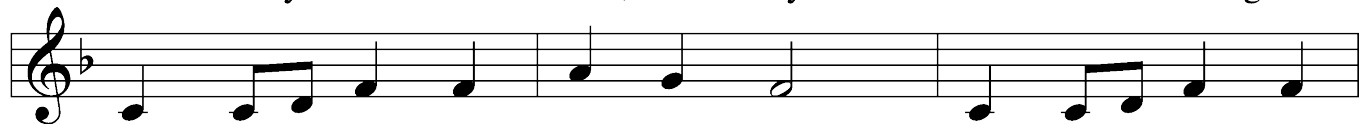
Homily

Hymn

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB 782)



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Profession of Faith

The 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, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People *(please kneel or be seated)*

P Trusting in the promise of eternal life given to us in Christ's death and resurrection, we come before our Lord in prayer:

P O God the Father in heaven,

G **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

G **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit,

G **have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. We give you thanks and praise for the hope of the resurrection and the life to come which we have in you. Give us your comfort in our need. Lord, in your mercy;

G **Hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, give your gracious presence and your saving peace to Dick's family: his wife, Pat; children: Laurie (John), Gil, Kellie (Ryan); grandchildren Kelcie (Tim), Brett (Katie), Lance, Malachi, and Phoebe; brother Dennis (Luann), nieces Jana (Lance), Andrea (Kevin) and five great nieces and nephews. Surround them with your love and comfort them with your strength to meet the days ahead knowing that you are with them always, even to the end of the world. Lord, in your mercy;

G **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy;

G **Hear our prayer.**

P O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor, and the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who now rest in you. Give us, we pray, our portion with those who have trusted in you and have lived out your gracious will in their lives. To your name, with the Church on earth, and the Church in heaven, we give all honor and glory, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen One, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

Please stand

Commendation

P Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Dick. In the sure and certain hope of our resurrection in Christ, we trust that you acknowledge a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming, and 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.**

Benediction

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. The blessing of Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C **Amen.**

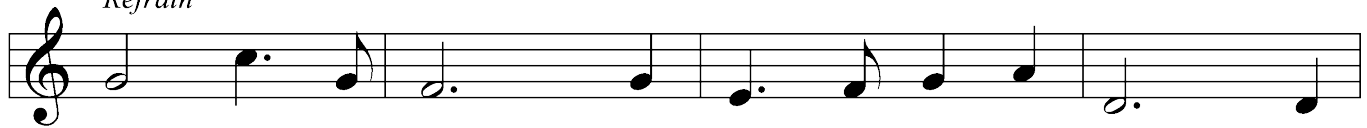
P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the Name of Christ.**

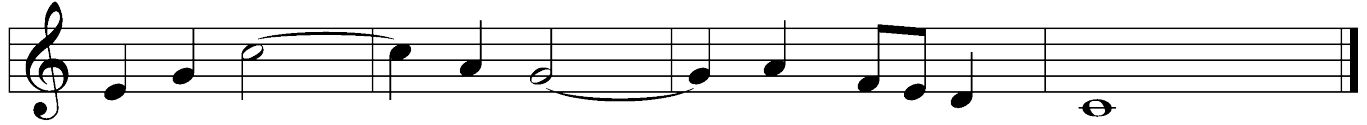
Recessional Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" (LSB 837)

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 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5) Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Postlude

"Air" (J. S. Bach)
Horn and Organ



Following the service, you are cordially invited to a reception
in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's.



A private interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to:
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5952 Franconia Road
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*Please indicate that your memorial is in memory of
Dick Wangeman.*



Richard “Dick” Conrad Wangeman



Richard C. Wangeman, “Dick,” was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois where his parents taught him the Love of God, the love of helping others, gardening, and fishing in the Great Lakes.

Dick attended Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas where he majored in finance. He passed the CPA exam and had a career auditing for the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA). He spent time at Leavenworth, Kansas; he loved to tell people that “He spent time in Leavenworth!”

In 1982, Dick came to Virginia to work at Cameron Station rewriting Federal auditing procedures for completing audits on the computer—previously all audits were completed by hand using paper, pencil, and an adding machine! DCAA sent him across the country teaching the new procedures. It was then he learned that he liked teaching others new skills. He managed an audit agency of 60 people and then eventually took early retirement.

Upon retiring, Dick learned how to manage his own stock portfolio online and was at the Kingstowne Library daily pursuing this. He also volunteered to help others who inquired about this "new way" to buy and sell stocks.

Dick also enjoyed volunteer work at Pat's school and loved having time to take their dogs on long walks and to play daily at South Run Dog Park.

Both at St. John's and at St. Mark's, Dick participated in outreach and evangelism programs. Although he was tone deaf and not able to sing well, he loved the quality of both pipe organs, especially when brass accompanied the hymns. Dick would joke that maybe in Heaven he will be able to sing!

Dick enjoyed a good auction, antique shops, estate sales, and has an extensive collection of Revolutionary War era furniture and items. He donated to educational programs at several historic sites.

Dick loved good stories, good jokes, playing bridge, his children, and his grandchildren. Giving life to others was a high priority, so he was a regular blood donor and organ donor upon his death. We have placed green wrist bands from Infinite Legacy on the lunch tables in the Fellowship Hall to remind us of the "gift of life" we can give. Please take one (or more) wrist bands home with you today.

When Dick married Pat in 1988, they became the parents of three children: Laurie (John), Gil, Kellie (Ryan), and later grandparents of five Kelcie (Tim), Brett (Katie), Lance, Malachi, and Phoebe.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Dick is survived by wife, Patricia, brother Dennis (Luann), nieces Jana (Lance), Andrea (Kevin), and five great nieces and nephews.

Serving This Day:

Officiant/Preacher	Rev. John S. Meehan
Organist	David Leahey
Greeters	Christy Hoins Cathy Schreiner
Ushers	Joe Godwin Greg Miller
AV Team	Mark Gilbertson Greer Putnam
Horn	Rev. Albert W. Triola St. Mark's Lutheran Church



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