

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

for the life of

Gregory Paul Roseman

June 9, 1959 – March 23, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Virginia

April 7, 2025
12 Noon

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING 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 -

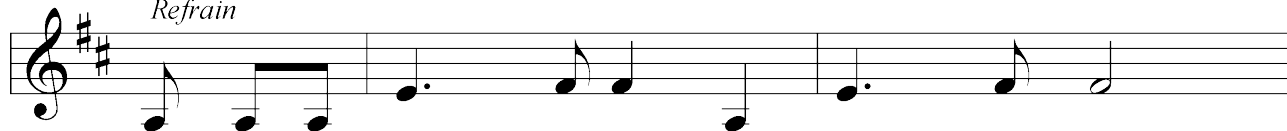


Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge, My _____
Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you, _____
on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



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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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND HOPE

P The church through the administration of Holy Baptism brings new life. Through baptism God makes for himself a new people a Holy Nation. As time passes, the new person is nourished through word and sacrament – nourished for greater faith and greater understanding and purpose of life. As the years pass, Christian maturity occurs. The traits of the maturing Christian become apparent. Understanding and wisdom are coupled together with compassion and servant hood. In short, the new person becomes Christ like, not in perfection, but in service.

This is the voice of the church as builds for God a new people in Jesus Christ.

Contrary to expectations, the voice of the church is heard again at death – not in defeat and despair, as though God’s will and purpose for his people were thwarted, but in triumph and joy, for death simply ushers in what God intends for his people – eternal joy and happiness with him forever. Thus, the grave for the Christian is not the end, but the beginning – the beginning the ultimate purpose that God has in mind for his people.

This afternoon, we are gathered here to proclaim our hope in the resurrection of the dead. Our brother has been called home, but as people of God – grieving, but trusting, knowledgeably, and in faith, nourished by Christ – we believe that our brother Greg will live again. Furthermore, we believe that death, no matter how painful for those who live on, is victory, not defeat. Greg will live again, that 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 Greg, 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.**

A LIFE REMEMBERED

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 14:1-6

P The holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit,

C **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;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, give your gracious presence and your saving peace to Jackie, Kaitlin, Zachary, Cameron, and James Fewell; and to all his relatives and friends. 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;

C **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;

C **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.**

COMMENDATION

P Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Greg. Acknowledge, we pray, 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.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

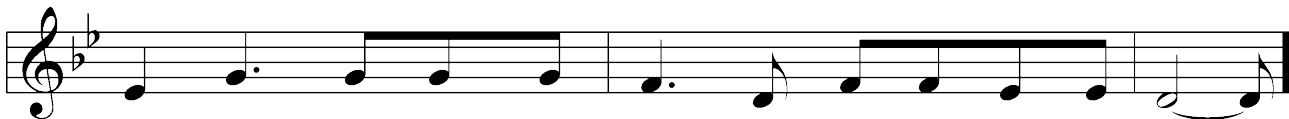
"How Great Thou Art" (LSB 801)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Reception following service in Fellowship Hall.

Condolences may be sent to the family at:

*Mrs. Jackie Roseman and family
6803 Trefor Court
Springfield, VA 22152*

Memorial funds have been designated by the family for:

St. John's Lutheran Church.

*(Please indicate our memorial is a contribution
in memory of Gregory Roseman.)*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant:	Pastor John Meehan
Organist:	David Leahey, Director of Music
Greeters:	Christy Hoins Jan Swicord
Ushers:	Barbara Pate Michelle May
AV Operators:	AV Team



“Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of dust” — and Greg Roseman did just that on March 23, 2025, at the age of 65.

Greg was a man who made it a point to know everyone. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jacqueline; his cherished daughter, Kaitlin (James); his treasured grandsons, Zachary, Cameron, and James Fewell (born April 1, 2025); his devoted parents, James and Barbara (Maw & Paw); his brother Michael (Beverly); sister Lisa Farmer (Eric); and his in-laws, Luann, Laurie and William McGraw, and Jane Teubner (Rich). Greg was also a fun uncle to numerous nieces and nephews and a beloved nephew to uncles Russell Sigmon and Gary Roseman. Beyond his large and loving family, Greg was adored by countless friends from all walks of life — college, work, NJ, his NA family, and neighbors. No matter where Greg went, someone would inevitably shout “Roseman!” through a crowd.

Greg was a graduate of Freeman High School and Elon University, where he was a proud member of the TKE Fraternity. Greg retired from a 33-year career with the Federal Government and continued to work as a government contractor. Known for his passion and dedication, Greg never did anything halfway — when he took up running, he became a triathlete; when he decided to work out, he sought the most intense programs, became a certified trainer, and even owned a professional gym.

Every morning, Greg began his day with his latest joke — he was lighthearted, quick-witted, and fiercely devoted to his family. His love for his wife, daughter, grandsons, parents, and siblings was evident in everything he did, as was his admiration for Elvis Presley. Greg loved driving his grandsons around in his Green Machine Dodge Charger, 392 Scat Pack, with the windows down and the music blaring, their laughter echoing with shouts of “Let’s go faster, Poppy!” He was known for quoting song lyrics and snippets from music, always finding a way to connect with others through humor.

Though larger than life wherever he went, Greg's favorite place was home, surrounded by family, finding joy in everyday moments. His laughter, jokes, and genuine love left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Greg's spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to call him family and friend.

"Until we meet again, may God bless you as he has blessed me." — Elvis Presley

In lieu of flowers, do acts of kindness and pay it forward.