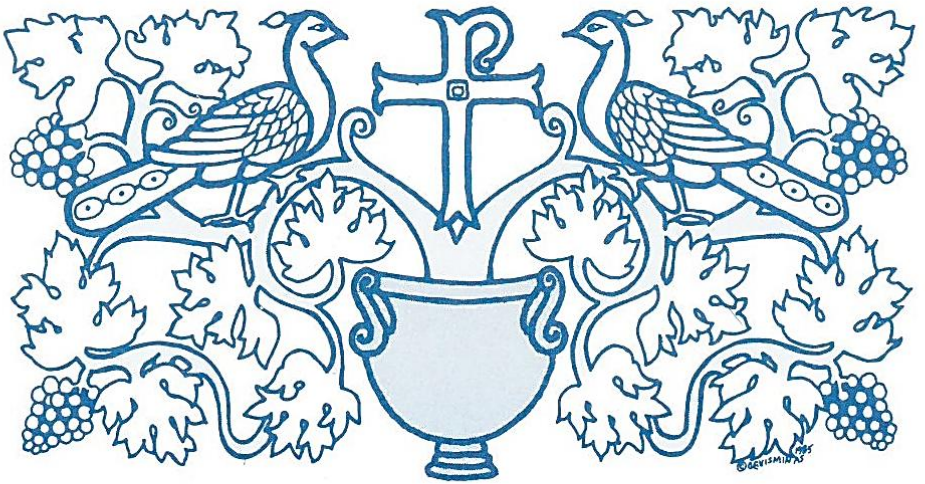
YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA
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Burial of the Dead

✢ Rodney Arthur Schrank ✢

November 20, 2026 + 3:00 p.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Born: August 4, 1935 + Died: October 29, 2026

We gather today to worship Almighty God, Father, ✢ Son and Holy Spirit, who now welcomes ✢ Rodney ✢ into his resurrection life.

The congregation is encouraged to participate in this service of worship by speaking the responses and prayers, and by singing the hymns. Please use this worship folder to follow the service.

The pall which is placed over the urn is a reminder of the white garment ✢ Rodney ✢ put on at his baptism, a sign that in baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, our hope in life and in death. The Paschal candle is a symbol of Christ's presence, granted through his saving death and resurrection, for Jesus' resurrection has now become ✢ Rodney's ✢ new and eternal life.

Entrance

PRELUDE

Partita on St. Anne – Paul O. Manz

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness – Michael Burkhardt

(This piece was dedicated to Rodney Schrank)

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

(Stand and face the entrance to the church when the bell sounds.)

℗ 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.

℃ **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

℗ 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.**

℗ Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

℃ **We worship you.**

℗ To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

℃ **Amen.**

As the hymn begins, the urn is sprinkled with water, recalling Rodney's baptism into Christ, and the congregation is also sprinkled.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" ELW 308

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: Treble voices
Stanza 3: All
Stanza 4: Organ (Setting by Michael Burkhardt)
Stanza 5: Low voices
Stanza 6: All

GREETING AND 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.**

℗ Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Rodney. 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.**

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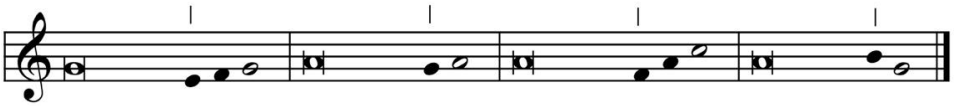
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a *(seated)*

Response: ℃ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 96

The assembly sings the verses in bold.

The choir sings the antiphon: Sing to the LORD a new song!



[1]Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, all | the earth.
[2]Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day | to day.

[3]Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders among | all peoples.
[4]For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared than | all gods.

[5]As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made | the heavens.
[6]Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanc- | tuary.

[7]Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor | and power.
[8]Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of | the LORD. *Antiphon*

[9]Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all | the earth.
[10]Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples | with equity."

[11]Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is | therein.
[12]Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to judge | the earth.

[13]You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples with | your truth. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Response: C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*

Sung by the choir *Setting by Robert Hobby*

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God,
worshipping day and night within the temple,
and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.
(Revelation 7:15)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:14-18, 27-29

Response after the announcement: C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(standing)*

"Abide with Me" ELW 629

Stanza 1: All in unison *Hymn setting by Robert Hobby*
Stanzas 2 -4: All in harmony
Stanza 5: All in unison

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(kneeling)*

Response: C **hear our prayer.**

PEACE *(standing)*

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

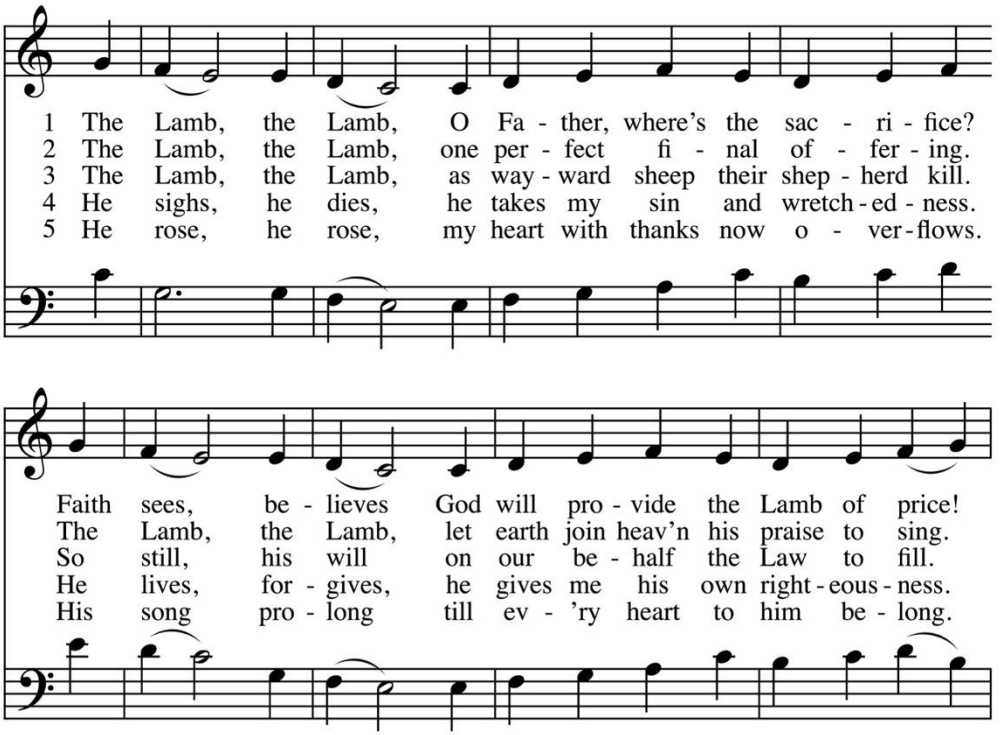
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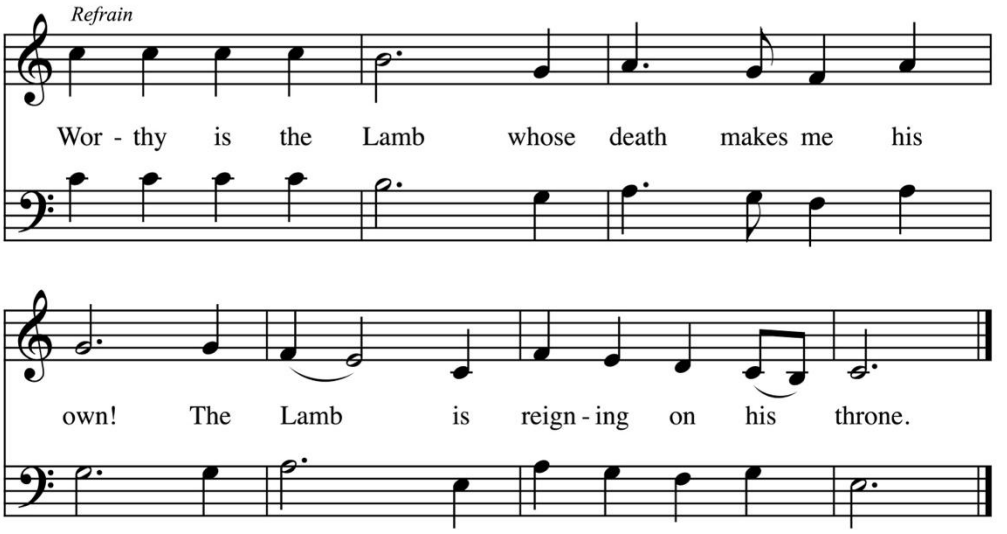
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR *(seated)*

"The Lamb"

Stanza 1: Choir *Stanzas 3-5: All in harmony*

Stanza 2: All



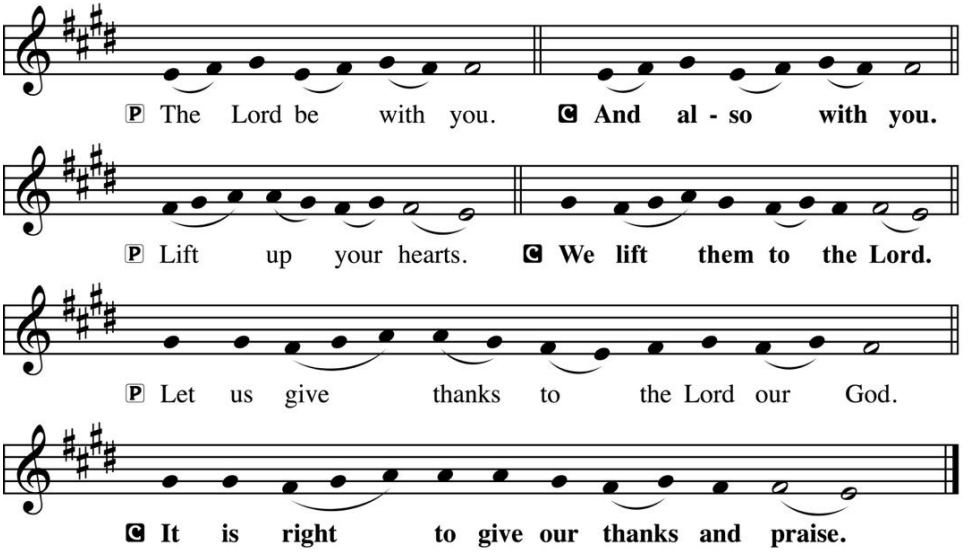


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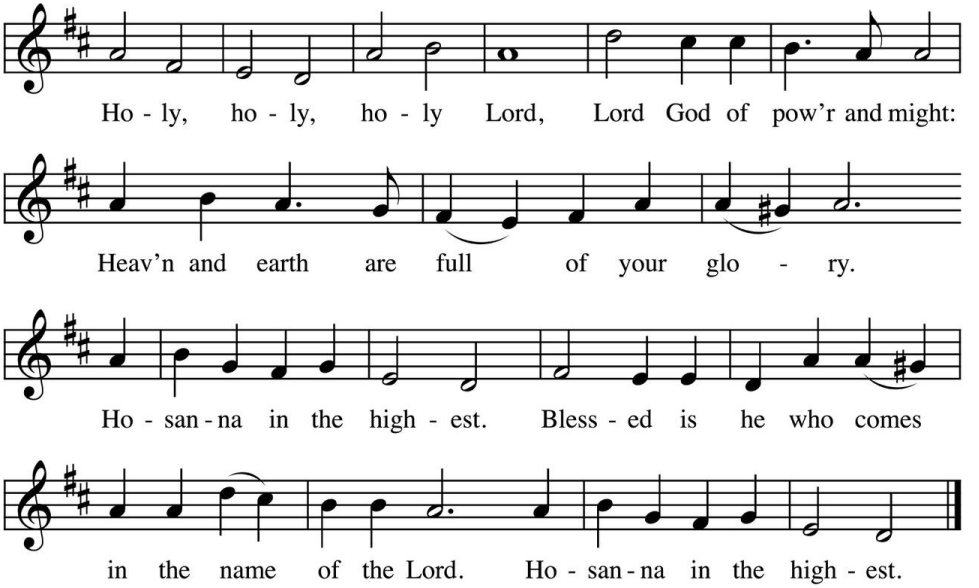
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *(standing)*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda



Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

℗ Holy God, holy and mighty, . . . the Lord's death until he comes.

℃ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

℗ Therefore, O God, . . . great and promised feast.

℃ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

℃ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

℗ Join our prayers . . . holy Church, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

℗ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

℃ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION *(seated)*

Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

"O Christ, Lamb of God" ELW 196

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 504

Introduction by Paul Manz

Stanza 1: All *Stanza 3: All sing stanza 3 of ELW 503*
Stanza 2: All in harmony *Stanza 4: All (ELW 504)*

POST COMMUNION

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" – Paul O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was, and is, and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon,
for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING *(standing)*

Response: C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: C **Amen.**

Commendation and Committal

COMMENDATION page 283

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

Into your hands . . . the glorious company of the saints in light.

C **Amen**

PROCESSION TO THE COLUMBARIUM

Nunc Dimittis "Now, Lord" ELW 201

COMMITTAL page 284

DISMISSAL

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God ELW 840

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale: "Nun danket alle Gott," op. 65, no. 59 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Following the liturgy, all are invited to the Chapel Lounge (on this level) for refreshments.

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+ Rodney Arthur Schrank +



Rodney Arthur Schrank was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Earl and Viola Schrank on August 4, 1935. He was baptized into God's family on September 1, 1935, confirmed on April 1,1949, and graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Early on, he showed a keen interest in sacred liturgical church music, learning first to play the piano and then the pipe organ.

He attended Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, Illinois, earning a Bachelor's degree in Education, and subsequently a Master of Music degree from Northwestern University. He then embarked on his career, teaching Lutheran elementary school and serving as a church organist and choir director at Lutheran churches in Baltimore, Milwaukee and Houston.

In 1969 he accepted a position at Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, rising to the level of Director of Music Publications. During his time at Concordia, he forged close collaborations with several distinguished composers, including Paul Manz. He also served as organist and choir director at churches in St. Louis.

In 1986 he founded MorningStar Music Publishers in St. Louis, along with his business partner, Ruth Lewis. Over the next 12 years, they grew MorningStar into an influential publisher of sacred organ, choral and instrumental music for Christian organizations around the world, with over 800 publications. MorningStar continues to thrive today in providing an expanding Christian music ministry. Throughout his career of more than 40 years, Rodney was active in the American Guild of Organists and other similar organizations, and he served as a mentor and confidant for aspiring church musicians and composers.
Rodney always loved the outdoors, particularly the Northwoods of Wisconsin. In retirement, he cherished being able to live year-round at his lake home in Mercer, Wisconsin, taking in the beauty of God's creation all around him.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents and his older sister, Beverly Belau (Jim). He is survived by his four children: Marc (Valoree) of Warwick, Rhode Island; Kathy Kendree (Dan) of Tempe, Arizona; Karen Wagener of St. Louis, Missouri; and Greg (Mary Kay) of Bloomington, Minnesota. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, their spouses, a great-grandchild, two nieces and their spouses and children.

Rodney was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 29, 2026, surrounded by his family.

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