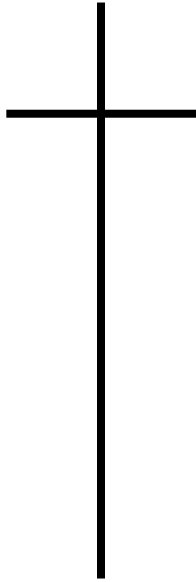


Memorial Service of Holy Communion

for

Donald James Heimburger

April 24, 1947 – June 10, 2022



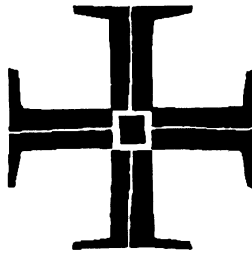
July 16, 2022 ■ 11:00 a.m.
Saturday in the Sixth Week after Pentecost

Grace Lutheran Church ■ River Forest, Illinois

✠ GATHERING ✠

FOR AS MUCH as Donald departed this life in the Christian faith, we his brothers and sisters in Christ are gathered to worship, express our mutual grief, and seek comfort in the hope of the resurrection. We gather to worship the Lord of Life, who keeps us in fellowship with the saints of every time and place, particularly as God gathers us together in Holy Communion.

IN THE LORD'S SUPPER the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. We welcome all baptized Christians to the table where Christ himself is host. For those who find it difficult to walk forward for the distribution, please contact an usher so that Holy Communion may be brought to you.



PRELUDE: Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin (In Peace and Joy I Now Depart)

J.S. Bach

We stand and face the entrance to the nave.

ENTRANCE RITE

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.
He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others
in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

G Thanks be to God.

P 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.

We face the cross in procession as we sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness

WOV #771



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Donald.
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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,
that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call,
we are reunited with those who have gone before us;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
G Amen.
We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1–3a

- ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord.

- L** I will bless the LORD | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
- C** **I will glory | in the LORD;***
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
- L** Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;*
let us exalt his | name together.
- C** **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me***
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
- L** Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- C** **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me***
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- L** The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.
- C** **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;***
happy are they who | trust in him!
- L** Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
- C** **The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,***
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
- L** Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
- C** **The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,***
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:3–4

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15

Robert Hobby

They are before the throne of God, worshiping day and night within the temple,
and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:25–27

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

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

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor David R. Lyle



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Hopefulness

LBW #469



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

P 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 CHURCH

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion,
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church
in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection
may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith,
that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved,
that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope,
and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Grant us grace to entrust Donald to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all grace, 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 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,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit as the gifts are presented and the table is prepared.

VOLUNTARY: O Welt, ich muß dich lassen
(O World, I Must Now Leave Thee)

Johannes Brahms

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

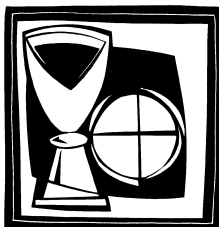
A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

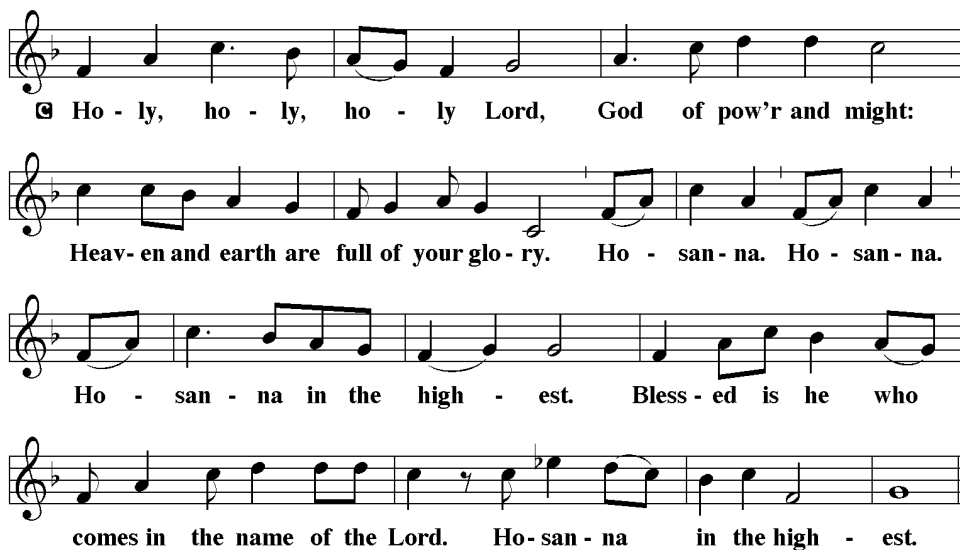


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ¶ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of his glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



- ¶ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.
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 salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

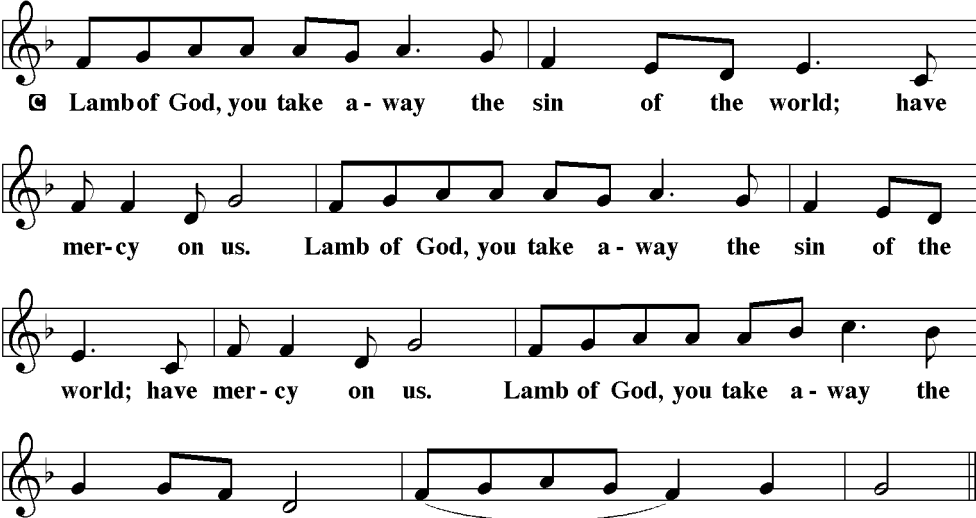
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



♩ 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.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.



MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Peace I Leave With You

Paul Bouman

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; such as the world cannot give.
Let not your hearts be troubled, and neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

HYMN: When Peace, like a River

LBW #346



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance of life eternal,
where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

COMMENDATION

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

Silence is kept.

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Donald.

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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Carl F. Schalk

Stanza three is sung by the choir.



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk 1929–2021

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DISMISSAL

P Let us depart in peace.

C In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

All are invited to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

*Fellowship Hall can be accessed by exiting the Sanctuary through the door next to the pulpit
and walking down the ramp and to your left.*

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The Rev. Troy E. Medlin	Presiding Minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle	Preaching Minister
Julie Hinz	Assisting Minister
Al Swanson	Deacon
Irmgard Swanson and Carol Ewald	Lectors
Paulette Reddel and Julie Modrich	Gift Bearers
John Sanger, Susan Weber,	Ushers
Stephanie Wilkening and Lawrence Caponigri	
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DONALD JAMES HEIMBURGER

Donald James Heimburger, born on April 24, 1947, in Urbana, Illinois, was welcomed peacefully into heaven on June 10, 2022, surrounded by his wife and two daughters. He was the son of Agnes (Ruhnow) and Raymond Heimburger.

Don always wanted to be a journalist and also be connected to railroads and model railroading. He was able to do all three during his lifetime. His interest in publications began when as a young boy he made short “magazines” weekly to give to his parents. His first job as a paper carrier further fueled his interest, and at the age of 15 he started his own publication—a model railroad periodical called the S Gaugian. He continued to hone his skills through a job as a newspaper reporter for the News-Gazette while earning his Journalism degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1969. After graduation, his job for seven years as Press Representative at the Illinois Central Railroad was put on hold when he was drafted for the U.S. Army in 1970. There he served as editor of the newspaper at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for two years. In 1979, Don purchased his hometown newspaper in Tolono, Illinois, all the while continuing to nurture his initial publication, the S Gaugian. Eventually it grew so much he decided to start his own publishing company called Heimburger House Publishing Company as well as a model railroad product company called Scenery Unlimited, both of which he ran with his faithful wife, Marilyn, until retirement in 2019. He published more than 50 different model and prototype railroad books, a second magazine called Sn3 Modeler, and worked with 75 major book publishing companies that published prototype railroad and kids’ railroad books, which his company sold to individuals, major hobby stores, and railroad museums in the US and foreign countries. Don himself authored more than 14 books.

Don met Marilyn at the University of Illinois when he carried her cake pans across the quad after a potluck at the University Lutheran Student Center.

Always seeking new and exciting adventures, later in life Don created the EuropeanTraveler.net website, where he and Marilyn posted intriguing travel stories and photographs documenting their many trips abroad. They also wrote feature articles for German Life magazine.

Don and Marilyn were faithful attendees at Grace Lutheran Church, where Don served for many years as head usher, using his leadership skills and humor to help everyone feel welcome. He loved being co-chair of Grace’s annual Oktoberfest celebration. With six grandkids, Don had plenty of opportunities to share his love of playing with trains and to be a fun and loving grandpa.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Marilyn, children Amy (Kyle) Luetgert and Alison (Steve) Ramsey, and grandchildren Kaitlyn (18), Kellen (16), Everitt (12), Laina (11), Maddock (9), and Deacon (7), brother John (Christine), sisters Louise (Gary) Bell and Ruth (Bob) Pietrzyk.

Memorial Gifts can be given to Grace Lutheran Church and School, 7300 Division Street, River Forest, IL 60305. To donate online: www.graceriverforest.org

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