

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR
HIS BLESSING THROUGH THE LIFE OF:

✠ **Rev. Dr. Joseph Paul Fabry** ✠

Born: September 26, 1929

Baptized: October 13, 1929

Died: March 28, 2021

Confirmed: May 31, 1942

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia Michigan

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Thursday, April 1, 2021 ~ 11:00am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

J.S. Bach

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB 802

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.**
4. **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

- P** In holy Baptism Joseph Paul Fabry 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 were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

(The casket is covered with a pall.)

- C** **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.** *(Romans 6:3-5)*

THE FUNERAL PALL

Pointing to the coming Messiah, the prophet Isaiah exulted, "I delight greatly in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness." (Isaiah 61:10 NIV)

When a Christian stands before God, it is not his sins that God sees, but the righteousness of Christ which is ours by faith. The funeral pall symbolizes this "robe of righteousness". It reminds us that this has been made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who took our death upon Himself when He died upon the cross and has destroyed the power of death forever.

HYMN

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"
(Pastor Fabry's Confirmation Hymn)

LSB 718

- 1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**
- 2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe To our home we go.**
- 3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

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4. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.

Heav'nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

RESPONSIVE READING

- P** The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.
- C** **Blessed be the name of the Lord.** *Job 1:21*
- P** I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.
- C** **I myself will see Him with my own eyes – I, and not another.** *Job 19:15, 27*
- P** We believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again.
- C** **And so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.** *1 Thessalonians 4:14*
- P** Do not grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. *1 Thessalonians 4:13*
- C** **For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.** *1 Corinthians 15:22*
- P** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
- C** **He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."** *John 11:25*
- P** The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.
- C** **Blessed be the name of the Lord.** *Job 1:21*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS

Psalm 100
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 15:5-17

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ Jesus. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- 1. In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**
- 2. Since He is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

SERMON

"SDG"

1 Timothy 6:11-12

PRAYERS

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.**

NUNC DIMITIS

- P** Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (*John 11:25-26*)
- C** **(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

1. **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**
2. **He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

CLOSING SENTENCES

- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!
- C** **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*
- P** When Christ, who is our life appears,
- C** **Then we also shall appear with Him in glory.** *Colossians 3:4*
- P** We will be before the throne of God
- C** **And serve Him day and night in His temple.**
- P** Never again will we hunger;
- C** **Never again will we thirst.**
- P** For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd.
He will lead us to springs of living water.
- C** **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.** *Revelation 7:15-17*

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" *LSB 633*

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

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6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Soli Deo Gloria!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: *Rev. Dean M. Davenport*

Assisting: *Rev. Joel S. Eden*

Rev. Tyler R. Cronkright

Organist: *Mr. Tom Schroeder*

Elder: *Mr. Larry Dibble*

Pall Bearers: *Adam Fabry, Andrew Fabry Madelyn Fabry,
Matthew Fabry, Luke Hoyer*

In Loving Memory:

Rev. Dr. Joseph Paul Fabry

September 26, 1929 ~ March 28, 2021

It has pleased the Lord of life to call unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in Christ, Joseph Paul Fabry, who was born on September 26, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Mary (Vydra) Fabry.

He was brought into God's kingdom of grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 13, 1929 at Zion Lutheran Church in Chicago. He renewed his baptismal vow in the Rite of Confirmation at Zion on May 31, 1942.

Upon the death of their pastor, Joseph's mother spoke to him about the need for pastors and encouraged him to consider the Holy Ministry. He was further motivated in that direction by Zion's new Pastor, John Bajus, and his son, Luther, who had also decided to prepare for the ministry. In September 1943, at age 13, Joseph enrolled as a ministerial student at Concordia High School, Ft. Wayne, IN, a preparatory school of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. In those years, the school had dormitories for out-of-town students. Joseph lived on campus for his four years of high school and two years of Junior College, graduating in 1949. He also participated in the four-year ROTC program.

In the fall of 1949, he entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO to continue his studies, receiving his theological diploma on June 4, 1954. Summer vicarages (internships) were spent at Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago, and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Dickson City, PA. He vicared at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Gary, IN, 1951-52.

Joseph's parents emigrated from the present-day Slovak Republic to the United States in the early 1900's. He and his sisters, Vera and Blanche, were reared in a bi-lingual home and this blessing made it possible for him to conduct worship services in English and Slovak throughout his ministry.

Pastor Fabry was ordained into the Holy Ministry at Zion Lutheran, Chicago, on June 13, 1954. He accepted the Solemn Call to Dr. Martin Luther Church, Gary, IN, serving the congregation until April 1963. During his pastorate in Gary, he conducted church services in two languages. He also served the Slovak community in Stevensville, MI, A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church.

On August 25, 1957, Joseph married the former Shirley Ann Mizerak of Gary, IN. The Lord blessed their marriage with four children, all of whom survive, Joel Steven, married to Kathryn, Downingtown, PA; Mark Joseph, married to Cecilia, West Chester, OH; David Paul, married to Nancy, Grosse Pointe Park, MI; and Ellen Marie, married to Todd Hoyer, Plymouth, MI.

On June 2, 1963, he was installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, in Smithville, Ontario and Missionary-at-large in Dunnville, Ontario. Under the blessing of God, Faith Lutheran Church, Dunnville, was organized during his pastorate. A new church was dedicated to God's glory in March 1968. He concluded his dual-parish ministry in Canada in 1972.

On January 16, 1972, he was installed as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. During his pastorate a preschool was begun in 1986, which, by the grace of God, continues to flourish. From 1979 until his retirement, he also served as interim pastor for the Slovak congregation

of Nativity Lutheran Church in Kingsville, Ontario. He was active in church work at both district and local levels.

Upon retirement in 1995, Pastor and Shirley Fabry moved to Lexington, KY, becoming active members of St. John's Lutheran Church, however, most Sundays were spent doing supply work at area congregations.

In August 2000, to be more centrally located to their family, they moved to Findlay, OH, becoming members of Concordia Lutheran Church. Joseph and Shirley were actively involved with International Friends in Christ, a program for Japanese women that helped them with English and American culture. They were volunteers in the reading program for students at Lincoln School. During the ten years in Findlay, he was privileged to serve as interim pastor for several congregations in the greater Toledo area.

In September of 2010, he and Shirley moved to Livonia, MI, and were happy to be much closer to family. They became active members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

On May 14, 2014, Joseph was awarded the Doctor of Divinity title by the English District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. "The Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Fabry"

From the Children:

As children of a pastor, we experienced many of our Dad's 65+ years in the ministry first-hand. While the world has undergone some incredible changes in that time, one thing has not changed: our father's love for Jesus and his willingness to share that love with others. At one point in his ministry, Dad's business card from Christ the King read, "A changeless Christ for a changing world." Ministry was a true calling for Dad, never work or a job; it was as natural for him as breathing. He and Mom were a true team of servant leaders - together they touched countless lives over the years while living their lives joyfully and thankfully. Even in his final days, he happily shared his unfaltering faith with the healthcare staff. During these last days, he found comfort in the words from the Apostle Paul - "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that outweighs them all." May we always keep our eyes focused on Jesus and our hearts devoted to Him. And may we seize every opportunity to share the message of His saving grace with others. Thanks to our risen Savior, death does not have the final word for Christians. As Paul wrote in Philippians, it is actually the path to life, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Throughout our Dad's illness, we were in awe of the love and graciousness from so many friends. The visits, phone calls and letters were so touching and meaningful to us all. And to the men from Christ Our Savior, who stayed the night with Dad these last few weeks and helped us in so many ways, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This outpouring of Jesus' love serves as a beautiful reminder how our parents' faith has touched so many and resulted in wonderful friendships and support from fellow believers. They set a great example of choosing each day to live such full lives due to a faith that has been lived out every day, front and center.

As we celebrate Dad's heavenly homecoming, we can all rejoice as His master welcomes him with the greeting, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" *Matthew 25:21 NIV*

In Christ's love,

Joel, Mark, David and Ellen