

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

✠ Gregory Thomas Barnier ✠

June 16, 1964 ~ February 19, 2023

Baptized in Christ

September 13, 1964

Confirmed in Christ

1978

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church – Livonia, Michigan

Thursday, February 23, 2023 – 2:00pm

GREETING

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

C **Thanks be to God!**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In holy Baptism Greg 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?"

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 casket is covered with the pall to recall Holy Baptism)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.** *Refrain*
- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.** *Refrain*

3. **All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.** *Refrain*
4. **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.** *Refrain*
6. **So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!** *Refrain*

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INVOCATION

- P** We begin this worship service in the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

OPENING VERSES OF COMFORT

- P** "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
C **He delivers them from all their troubles.**
- P** The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,
C **and saves those who are crushed in spirit."** *(Psalm 34:17, 18)*
- P** Jesus said: "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life,
C **And they will never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."** *(John 10:27-28)*
- P** The Lord promised, "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
C **I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."** *(Isaiah 41:10)*
- P** "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.
C **He will never let the righteous fall."** *(Psalm 55:22)*
- P** "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...
C **They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."** *(Revelation 14:13)*
- P** Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.
C **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."** *(John 3:15, 16)*

P "To all who received Him (Jesus), to those who believed in His name,

C **He gave the right to become children of God."**

(John 1:12)

P The Lord says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

C **I have called you by name; you are Mine."** *(Isaiah 43:1b)*

P "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him."

(Romans 8:28)

C **"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."**

(1 Peter 5:7)

PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 a reunion with those who die in the faith and at the last, a joyful resurrection to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

LESSONS FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 145:14-21

Philippians 1:19-21

Romans 8:18, 31-39

John 14:27; 15:5-9

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

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.**
3. **He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**
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!**

MESSAGE

"A Christian Soldier"

2 Timothy 4:5-8

PRAYERS**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken by the Congregation)*

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.

CLOSING VERSES

- P** "The eternal God is your refuge,
C **And underneath are the everlasting arms."**
(Deuteronomy 33:27a)
- P** "And my God will meet all your needs...
C **according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."**
(Philippians 4:19)
- P** "The Lord will be your everlasting light,
C **And your days of sorrow will end."**
(Isaiah 60:20b)

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

"For All The Saints"

LSB 677

1. **For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. **Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- △ 8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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Glenn A.J. Barnier
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John Lloyd Hughes, nephew
Joseph Hughes, nephew
Jackson Hughes, nephew
David Sutherland, cousin
Mark Wojcik, cousin's husband
Thomas Barnier, cousin
Robert Barnier, cousin
Richard Barnier, cousin

*Please join the Barnier family for a luncheon beginning at 3:45pm at
The Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf Course
8768 North Territorial Road
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In Loving Memory of:



Gregory Thomas Barnier

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Beloved Gregory Thomas Barnier peacefully went to his Savior on February 19, 2023, following a 48 - year battle with Neurofibromatosis Type 2. NF2 is a rare disorder resulting in multiple benign tumors of the brain and spine. It is often misdiagnosed for years. Take time to learn more to protect your family and friends. Since age 10, he had at least 12 brain surgeries and 5 spinal surgeries. Because of the tumors, he lost vision in one eye when he was 10 years old and lost all hearing when he was 30 years old.

Regardless NF2, Greg was positive, active and made health a priority to continually endure and recover from the numerous surgeries. Over the years he enjoyed swimming, road cycling, Taekwondo, triathlons, unicycling, golf, ice skating, snow skiing, baseball, and soccer. He was a MSU sports and Detroit Tiger's baseball fan. Growing up, he was a member of the Redford Township Unicycle Club and spent many Thanksgiving Days riding his 8 foot unicycle with the club in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade. More recently, Greg could be found regularly swimming 30-60 laps at the Livonia Recreation Center and taking his recumbent trike for a ride on Hines Drive, in Petoskey or around his neighborhood. In 2019, the Michigan Fitness Foundation recognized Greg as a finalist for the Governor's Fitness Award.

Greg was an avid adventure traveler, and eagerly explored many countries and lived a full life. Destinations on Greg's travel list were far and wide, and included Australia, Thailand, and Europe, but his favorite place was Hawaii. His 2018 trip to Maui included zip-lining, horseback riding, swimming and hiking using his trekking poles for balance.

Greg graduated from Bentley High School in 1982. He was enthusiastic about the marching band trumpet section and swim team. His passion for skiing grew on a sophomore ski club trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He graduated from Madonna University in Information Systems. Greg previously attended MSU.

Greg did not pray for an easy life, he prayed for the strength to endure. He was always grateful for the encouragement and love of his parents who sought out the latest NF2 treatments and best doctors which allowed him to maintain his quality of life and reach his goals.

Living with NF2, Greg dug deep within himself to find the mental strength to keep going every day. Greg said, "The enemy is frustration and the desire to quit. Never Give Up."

He will be remembered by all who knew him for his love for his Savior, enthusiasm for life, and resilience in the face of his setbacks.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."