

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

✠ James Robert Fornell ✠

Born: February 5, 1945

Baptized in Christ: June 22, 1952

Confirmed in Christ: May 17, 1959

Died: June 19, 2023

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia Michigan

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Saturday, July 1, 2023 ~ 11:00am

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTORAL 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 Jim 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)*

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!**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING OF RESURRECTION COMFORT

- P** Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The Apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God! When Christ, who is our life appears,
- G** **Then we also shall appear with Him in glory.**

- 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READINGS

Romans 8:31-39
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 14:1-6

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.

**1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain**

ref **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. Refrain**

SERMON

"Jim Fornell is a Child of God!"

Romans 8:31-39

PRAYERS

P 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 life and Your peace.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P 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.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Grant to us, who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Give courage and faith to the Fornell family, and all of us that mourn, that we may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in faith.

G Hear us, O Lord.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

G Hear us, O Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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,

G **And underneath are the everlasting arms."** *(Deuteronomy 33:27a)*

P "And my God will meet all your needs...

G **according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."** *(Philippians 4:19)*

P "The Lord will be your everlasting light,

G **And your days of sorrow will end."** *(Isaiah 60:20b)*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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- 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!**



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiating: Rev. Dean M. Davenport
Organist: Tom Schroeder
Elder: Dennis Puishes

Immediately following the service, you are invited join the Fornell family for a luncheon at Christ Our Savior in the gym at the West end of the building.



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