

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JACK PAGE
DECEMBER 27, 1930 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please make sure your cell phone is silenced.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.

Please stand as you are able and turn toward the baptismal font.

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Jack, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

ENTRANCE RITE – *read responsively*

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live. And those who live and believe in me shall never die. (John 11:25-26)

I know that my Redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold...and not as a stranger.

(Job 19:25-27)

None of us lives to ourselves, and none of us dies to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Whether we live or die, therefore, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. (Revelation 14:13)

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.

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

Please look toward the cross as it processes toward the altar.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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ACCLAMATION

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. **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. **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. **We worship You.**

To You, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

GREETING AND PRAYER

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, Jack. 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 as we mourn.

Help us to see in death the gate to eternal life and to 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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>How Beautiful</i>	Paris/Larson Sanctuary Choir
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A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Friends and family are invited to come forward at this time to share their remembrances of Jack.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Lloyd Larson Duet: Sharon & Phil Schroeder
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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

8:31-35, 37-39

Reader: Deacon Michelle Mehan-Conklin

³¹If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 27

Reader: Deacon Charlotte Downing

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge. Of whom shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and
contemplate his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me and
answer me.

Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of
the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and
wait for the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTES

3:1-8

Reader: Deacon Clyde Rosten

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every
affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and
a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time

to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to You, O Lord!

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and

take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

SERMON

Dear Lord, we are so grateful that You have made us all in your own image, giving us gifts and talents with which to serve You. Thank you for Jack’s life, and all the years we shared with him. We lift him to You today, in honor of the good we saw in him and the love we felt from him.

We thank you for the years we had him among us. Grant that the life which he only began here, reaches its maturity in your kingdom. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Home* Heather Sorenson
Soloist: Kim Mehan-Conklin

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES’ CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS – *spoken responsively*

Let us pray.

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

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 the gate of death, we may pass with him to our own joyful resurrection.

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.

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

Grant to us as we mourn a sure confidence in your loving care so that we may cast all our sorrow on You and know the consolation of your love.

Give us courage and faith to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love. Grant us grace to entrust Jack 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. Hold us, his family, in your most loving care in the days ahead, and grant us the peace that passes all understanding.

O God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are our strength while we live; You are our rest when we come to die. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember those who have lived in faith and who have peacefully died, especially those most dear to us who rest in You... *(pause for remembrance of departed relatives and friends)*.

Give us in due time our portion with those who have trusted in You and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, Lord God, with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance: **You have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Because He Lives</i>	(see insert)
	<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>	614
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	793
	<i>Shout to The Lord</i>	821

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As You have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Jack to the mercy of God, our Maker and Redeemer.

Silence is kept for a brief time.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Jack. 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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Please, follow Pr. Mattei to the Columbarium in the courtyard for the interment of the ashes. Please sit as you wish in the chairs provided.

COMMITTAL SERVICE AT THE COLUMBARIUM

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, You have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Jack, whose ashes we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Philippians: Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The ashes are placed in the Columbarium.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Jack, and we commit his ashes to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord's face shine on him with

grace and mercy. The Lord look upon him with favor and
✠ give her peace. **Amen.**

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

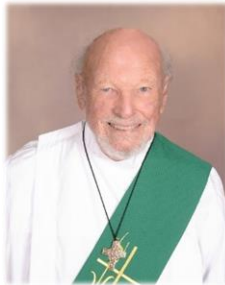
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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

Let us go in peace.

*Please join the family for a luncheon in Winemiller Hall after the
service (across the courtyard in the administration building).*



Jack L. Page, 91 of Weeki Wachee, Florida passed away at
his home, on September 11, 2022. He was born on December
27, 1930, to Elmer and Beatrice Page. Jack married Victoria
(Vicki) in 1975.

Jack graduated from Kalamazoo High School and attended Western Michigan University. He was born in St. Petersburg, Florida and lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan for 40 years; where he raised his children and was owner of Kalamazoo Label Company. Jack has always enjoyed being near the water and lived on Gun Lake and Gull Lake in the Kalamazoo area.

Jack had two sports he loved throughout his life: golf and sailing. After retiring he sailed throughout the world for 13 years on his boats: La'Bel and Argonaut; Crossing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans during his travels. He was licensed as a Captain with 100 Ton Ocean Operator qualification. After his boating experiences Jack concentrated on his golf game. He lived in Indian Wells, California and Loudon, Tennessee, both golfing meccas. He loved playing golf with his family and friends. He moved back to Florida in 2011, where he continued playing golf and enjoying retirement.

Being a parish deacon at Nativity Lutheran Church was very important to Jack. After studying for four years with The University of the South School of Theology Jack was able to work with Pastor Giuseppe Mattei to be dedicated as a deacon of Nativity Lutheran Church. Jack was a devout Christian and shared his faith whenever possible.

Jack is predeceased by his brother, Louis; grandson, Lennon Smith; two great grandchildren, Chance Smith, and Jillian Peet.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Vicki Page; four children, Jack Page (Sherri) of Brooksville, FL., Jill Carpenter (Charlie) of Shelbyville, MI., Robert Page of Wayland, MI., and Jayne Peet (Mark) of Hudsonville, MI., Nancy Vangilder, sister-in-law, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Dennis and Pam Rogers and Darrell and Dawn Rogers. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Robert, Kaleigh, Ryan, Michael, Nathan, Peggy, Amber, Shane, and several great grandchildren.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Ushers
Music Director
AV Director

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei
Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson
Suzanne Chelf & Gayle Howland
Donna Olsen
Art Alt



MISSION STATEMENT

**With the birth of Jesus in our hearts
we carry light and love to the world.**

OUR VALUES STATEMENT

We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

We recognize that God is making us, through grace, into a Fellowship that embodies and expresses the spirit of Christ.

In this fellowship, the Bible says, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). We, therefore, welcome equally all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability, or other distinctions. (Adopted 9/7/07)

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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.