



In the Name of Jesus  
Celebrating the Life of

## **Richard Dean Carlson**

September 29, 1946 to April 17, 2024

April 24, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

Baptized – October 20, 1946  
Confirmation – June 5, 1960

## PASTORAL GREETING

- P** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge. (1 Corinthians 1:3-5)
- C** Thanks be to God.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 744

## “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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- P** The funeral pall is placed on the urn as a reminder that in Holy Baptism, Richard Dean Carlson, 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 were baptized into His death? 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)

## INVOCATION

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

## PSALM 23 (KJV)

**P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**P** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**P** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

## PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our brother, Richard Carlson. 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 faith and confidence, so that we may see a Christian's death as the gate to eternal life. Grant us faith to follow You, to walk with You in newness of life, until You call us home, to be reunited with all those who walked by faith, died in grace, and now live in eternal glory forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING OF MEMORIES

Don Hoemke, Friend

Becki Bridenstine, Sister

Mark Rudeen, Friend

## THE FIRST READING, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE SECOND READING, Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL, John 1:9-13 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter:

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to you O Christ.

## HYMN IN SWEDISH, “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

(Children of the Heavenly Father)

## HYMN IN ENGLISH, LSB 725

## “Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## THE SERMON

Pastor Bob Gehrke

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** 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. Gathering in Your name today, may You bless our fellowship with Your love. For the food we will share, for those who have prepared it, and for those who will serve it, may all these gestures be a reflection of Your abundant compassion and love for us all. In thankfulness, we join to pray:

**C** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let all these gifts to us be blest.

**P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise every day to newness of life, looking forward to our passage through death, that we may by grace, see our joyful resurrection. Lifting our eyes to You, we pray,

**C** Comfort and cheer us, dear Lord.

**P** As we are still in our earthly pilgrimage, walking by faith, grant that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C** **Guide and keep us, dear Lord.**

**P** Acknowledging Your gifts of life and breath here on earth, and Your eternal victory and heaven's reality,

**C** **Receive our thanks and praise.**

**P** Grant to all who mourn in Christ, here and everywhere, a sure confidence in Your loving care, casting our sorrow on You, that we may know the consolation of Your love. Give us courage and faith, that we may have the strength we need to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with all Your sainted souls in heaven. We humbly pray,

**C** **Strengthen our faith and lift our hope.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Our trust remains in You, our Shepherd, our Savior, and our King.**

**P** Grant us grace to accept and respect Your holy will in all matters of life and death, that we may confidently commend all matters of our bodies and souls into Your almighty, loving, and eternal hands.

**C** **Trusting in Your almighty power and eternal love, we now pray:**

**All: 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**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen**



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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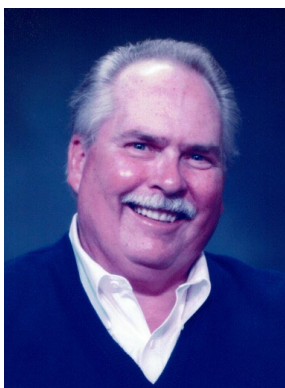
***The family invites you to join them for lunch downstairs  
 in the Fellowship Hall following the service.***

## PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Officiant.....Rev. Dr. Robert J. Gehrke  
Organist..... Dr. Jeffrey Burkart  
Elder .....Ed Lundgren  
Usher..... Vance England  
The Live Stream Tech.....Jayne Kurpius

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mark Bridenstein, Gene Kelly, Tom Toth,  
Bob Lindemeier, Greg Firestein, Sheri Carlson



## Richard Carlson

Richard Dean Carlson, age 77, passed away on April 17, 2024, in Shoreview, MN.

Richard was born in Minneapolis, MN to Victor Carlson and Ida Carlson.

Richard was awarded the National Newspaper Carrier Award in 1960. He was a member of the 1962-63 St. Paul City Championship Football team at Wilson High School. He graduated from Wilson High School in 1964.

Richard married Linda Gray on November 2, 1968. He worked for the family construction business, Carlson Contracting, eventually running it with his brother, Ken, before going to work for Andersen Cabinets, where he worked for 24 years before retiring in 2008.

Richard loved spending time with his family and friends, researching his genealogy, going fishing, bowling, and watching the Vikings, Wild and Twins.

Richard is survived by wife, Linda; daughters, Jill Seward (Steve) and Lindsey; son, Brad (Stephanie); 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sisters, Betty and Becki. He is preceded in death by his father, Victor Carlson; mother, Ida Carlson; brother, Ken; and sister, Doris.