

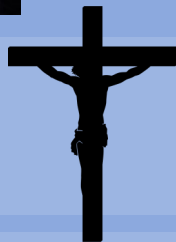
A Gathering to Remember
God's Resurrection Promise
and the life of Kurt Lehmkuhl,

lived in response to that promise

June 9, 1943—March 11, 2026



I asked Jesus, "How much do You love me?"
And He stretched out His arms on the cross
and said, "THIS much"



Greater love has no man than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.
— *John 15:13*

He is not here for He has risen
as He said. — *Matthew 28:6*

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

✦ GATHERING ✦

+ GATHERING HYMN "Be Still My Soul" verses 1 & 3



1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your
3. Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de -



side;— Bear pa - tient - ly the
part— And all is dark - ened



cross of grief or pain; Leave to your
in this vale of tears; Then you will



God to or - der and pro - vide;—
bet - ter know His love, His heart,—



In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your



main. Be still, my soul; your
fears. Be still, my soul; your



best, your heav'n - ly Friend Through thorn - y
Je - sus can re - pay— From His own



ways leads to a joy - ful end.
full - ness all He takes a - way.

We remember the presence of the God who identifies Himself as “I AM” — the One who is the source of all that exists.

We also remember the presence of the one who participates both in physical existence as well as spiritual existence.

*Many ages after the world was created, when God,
in the beginning, formed the heavens and the earth:
long after the great Flood;
some two thousand years after the birth of Abraham;
fifteen centuries after Moses and the passing over of Israel;
a thousand years after the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad,
the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of Octavian Augustus' rule;
in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace,
Jesus Christ, Eternal God, Son of the Father,
willing to hallow the world by His coming in mercy,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea,
God made flesh.*

We remember the presence of the spiritual reality which pulls us toward a living relationship within this total reality. And so we begin in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ APOSTLES' 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 to the dead.

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.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you are our refuge and strength, a shelter in this time of need. We remember before you today our beloved Kurt. We thank you for giving him to us to know and love, and for his impact on our lives. Give us faith to trust that death has a word, but not the last word. Help us to hang on to the hope we have in Jesus, that there is life after death and love that endures forever. Console us with your presence—ease our loneliness, dispel our fears, and revive our hope, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

READINGS FROM I CORINTHIANS *I Corinthians 15:20-23; 35-38; 54-55*
read by Cheryl Moon Thomason

These readings are from I Corinthians, the resurrection chapter.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

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³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

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⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM ROMANS *Romans 8:38-39*

read by Rev. Brad Urbach

A reading from Romans.

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REFLECTIONS

*offered by Lori St. John, John Lehmkuhl
& Michael Lehmkuhl*

+ HYMN

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu-tual bur - dens bear,
4. When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free

The fel - low - ship of kind - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

READINGS FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN *John 14:1-4; 15:3; 11:25*

read by Rev. Brad Urbach

The gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

...

13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live..."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

offered by Pastor Phil Raud

+ HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"



1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them
for my King; Take my lips and let them
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and



days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

THE PRAYERS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for your church. We give thanks for how Kurt lived in response to your promise, glorifying you with his humility, humor, curiosity and wisdom. We give thanks for Kurt's years of ministry that are still bearing fruit. May we too live out of and with a joyful hope like Kurt's. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of your creation, from the banks of the Wapsipinicon River in Iowa to the Cannon River in Minnesota and the

Missouri in South Dakota. We give thanks for the joy of recreation—how the focus on the present moment is intensified by sports Kurt enjoyed like baseball, basketball, and golf. We delight, too, in the enduring memories, like being the volleyball victors of Camp Okoboji. Help us in our own lives connect to creation, to each other, and to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace and justice. Kurt found so many ways, big and small, to build up people and communities. We give thanks for the kindness and acceptance he gave to others everyday, and his more formal work in mental health, mentoring new pastors, or supporting the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for families. We give thanks for the partnerships like Kurt and Janice's, that set a shining example of faith and love. Bless and guide us all in our commitment to and care of one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give thanks for all the saints who rest in your love. We pray for those who mourn. Surround Kurt's family and friends with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. May our memories bless and inspire us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ 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 forever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ COMMENDATION

Merciful God, we entrust Kurt to your eternal care.
Look upon him with favor and joy, as a child of your own creation,
a sheep from your own fold,
a sinner you redeemed with love on the cross.

Receive him into your holy presence, into your everlasting peace,
into the light and song of all your saints. **Amen.**

Grant eternal rest to Kurt, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

+ SENDING HYMN *"Thine be Amen"* ELW #826

+ BENEDICTION

(based on 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

May the heavenly Father give us a true faith and a sure hope
in Jesus Christ, who gives us the victory over sin and death.
May the Spirit strengthen us, that we who contemplate
the Lord's glory be transformed in His image
and live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION *Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"*

POSTLUDE

You are invited to join the family for a reception in the Christian Life Center.



How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

- Isaiah 52:7