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*A beautiful light has gone out on earth
to shine even brighter in heaven.*

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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ GATHERING ✠

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 Loren, to give thanks for his
life, to commend him to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort
one another in our grief. **Amen.**

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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.**

+ GATHERING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today
our brother Loren. 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 to see that death
has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may live in confidence and hope until we are gathered
to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

**² He lets me rest in the fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.**

³ He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths,

**⁴ Even if I go through the deepest
darkness,**

**I will not be afraid, Lord,
for you are with me.**

**Your shepherd's rod and staff
protect me.**

**⁵ You prepare a banquet for me,
where all my enemies can see me;
you welcome me as an honored guest
and fill my cup to the brim.**

**⁶ I know that your goodness and
love will be with me all my life;
and your house will be my home as long as I live.**

READING Romans 8:37-39

A reading from Romans.

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

REFLECTIONS

offered by Dave Baumbach, Loren's Son

+ HOLY GOSPEL John 13:12-17

A reading from the gospel of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² After [Jesus] had washed [his disciples'] feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross" stanzas 1, 2, & 4

1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross.
2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de-spised by the world.
4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true,
the em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame;
has a won-drous at-trac-tion for me;
its shame and re-proach glad-ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,
for a world of lost sin - ners was slain,
to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry,
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain
So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
tro - phies at last I lay down: I will cling to the old rug - ged
cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

HOMILY

Pastor Phil Rund

ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me/Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

arr. Lennart Sjöholm, *led by Loren's grandchildren*

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little Ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

THE PRAYERS

Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless those, like Loren, who demonstrated so well our calling to love people through a smile, kindness, and joy. Inspire us to treasure our family, neighbors, and all people with the love of Christ. Bless this congregation, Bethel Lutheran Church, which meant so much to Loren and his family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. For the geological wonders of this world that Loren loved so much and the fascinating rocks he enjoyed collecting with loved ones. May we wisely study, protect, and preserve this earth for generations to come.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace and justice in the world. For teachers, like Loren, who support nontraditional and immigrant students pursuing an education. And we pray for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch as they continue their over 70-year ministry of walking alongside children and teens who have faced trauma, mental health struggles, and educational challenges. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and lonely. For those who suffer the challenges of heart conditions and debilitating joint pain, that they experience the care, treatment, and relief that they need. We give thanks for Cardiologists, Electrophysiologists, and their medical teams at Abbot and HCMC, as well as researchers working to improve treatments and develop new ones.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who mourn. Surround Loren's family, friends, and communities with your love, that we might lean on you in our loss, 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.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all people. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

Let us commend Loren to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Loren.
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.**

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Amen.**

We sing our farewell to this beloved member of our community.

+ SENDING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

POSTLUDE

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

Pastors

Pastor Phil Ruud
Pastor Ben Schori

organ & piano
Megan Engel

Bulletins provided with love by Bethel Lutheran Church

