# Celebration of Life




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## Dana Timothy Connor
## October 31, 1961 – July 26, 2026

✢ *indicates making the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.*

**Gathering**

*The assembly stands as able.*

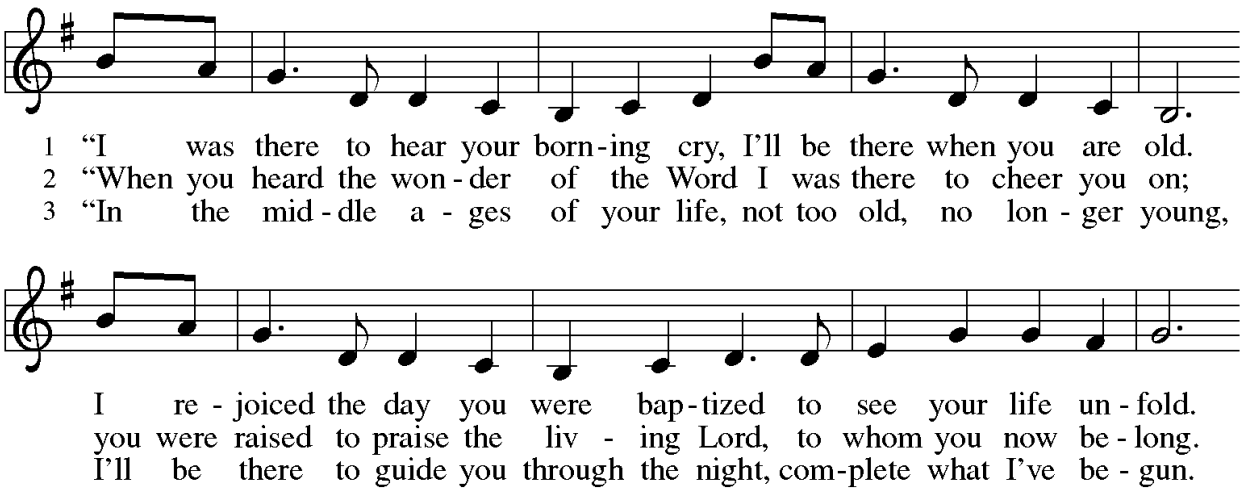
Pastor Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy
and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
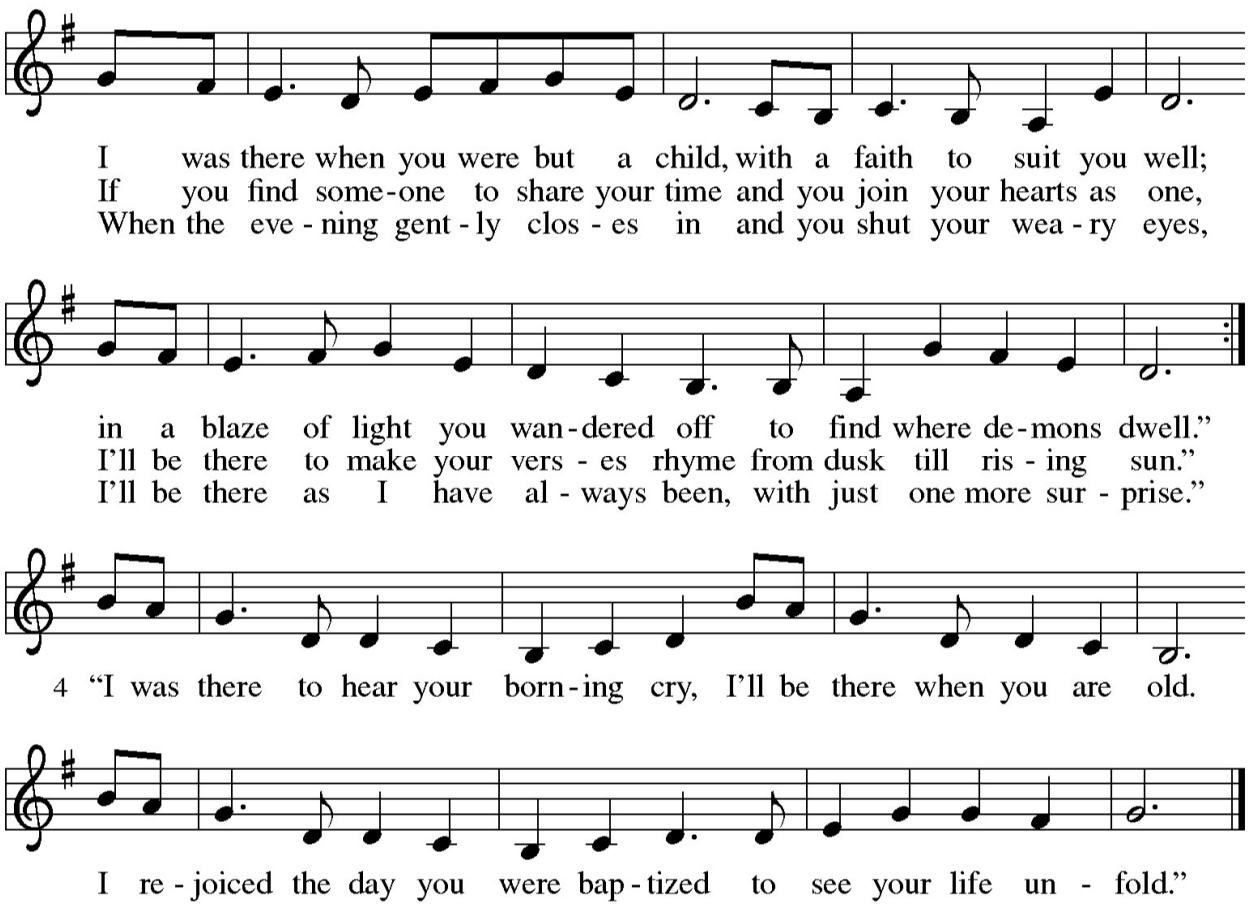
**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor 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.

**Gathering Song**

## Borning Cry






**Greeting**

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Dana. 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, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Word**
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**
3 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

Leader Word of God. Word of Life.
**All Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23 (Please join in reading the bold verses)**
1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
**4 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.**
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Please stand as able to receive the reading of the Gospel*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter
**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 10:25-37**
**10** **25** An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.[a] "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" **27** He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."
**29** But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
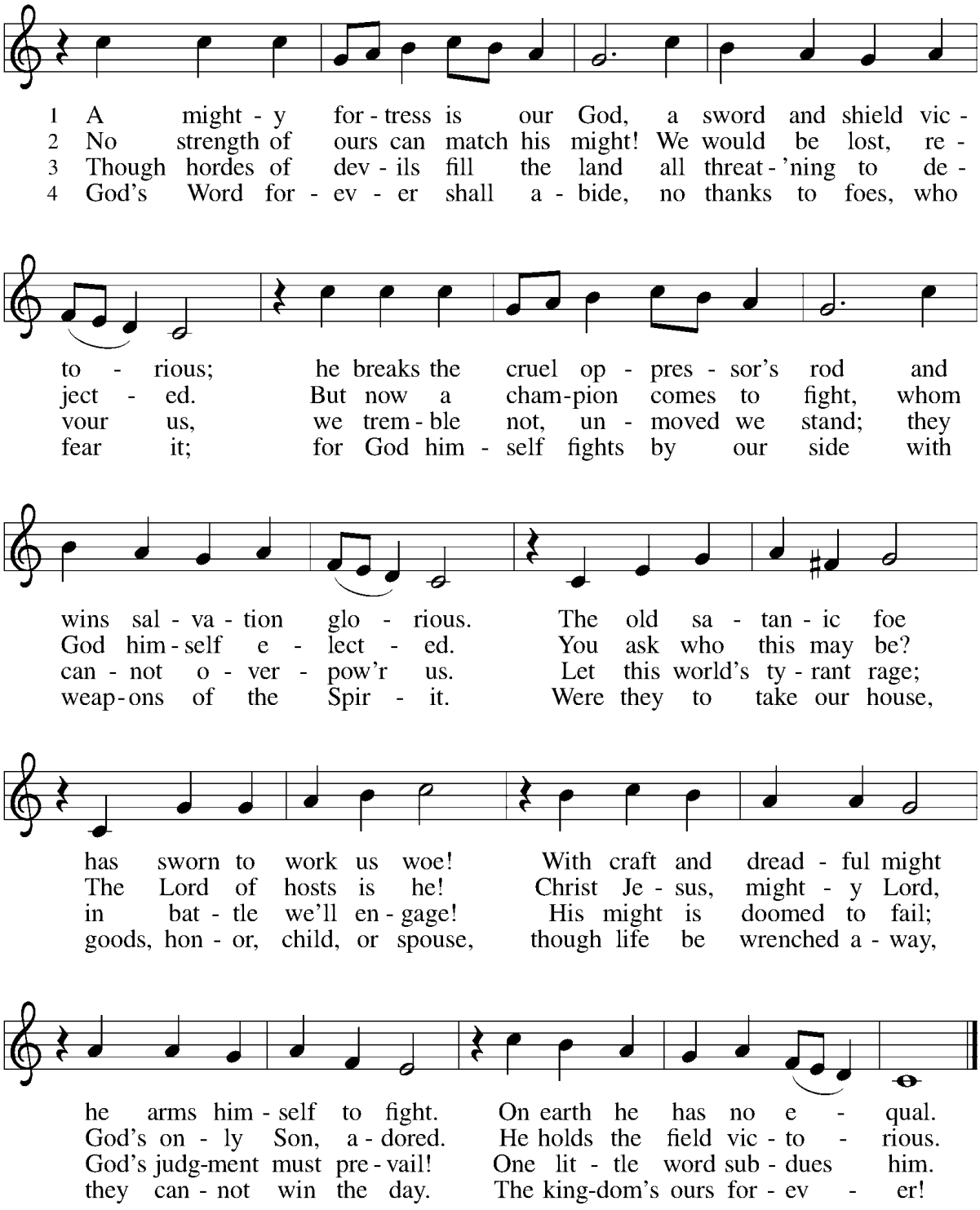
Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**
*Please be seated.*

**Homily** **Pastor Richard Rhoades**

*Please stand as able.*

**Song of hearing** A Mighty Fortress

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



**Creed**

Pastor Let us affirm the Christian faith with
the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All** **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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Pastor Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept*.

Pastor Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Help us, 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. God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor 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 believers. 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.

**All** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Commendation**

Pastor Let us commend Dana to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
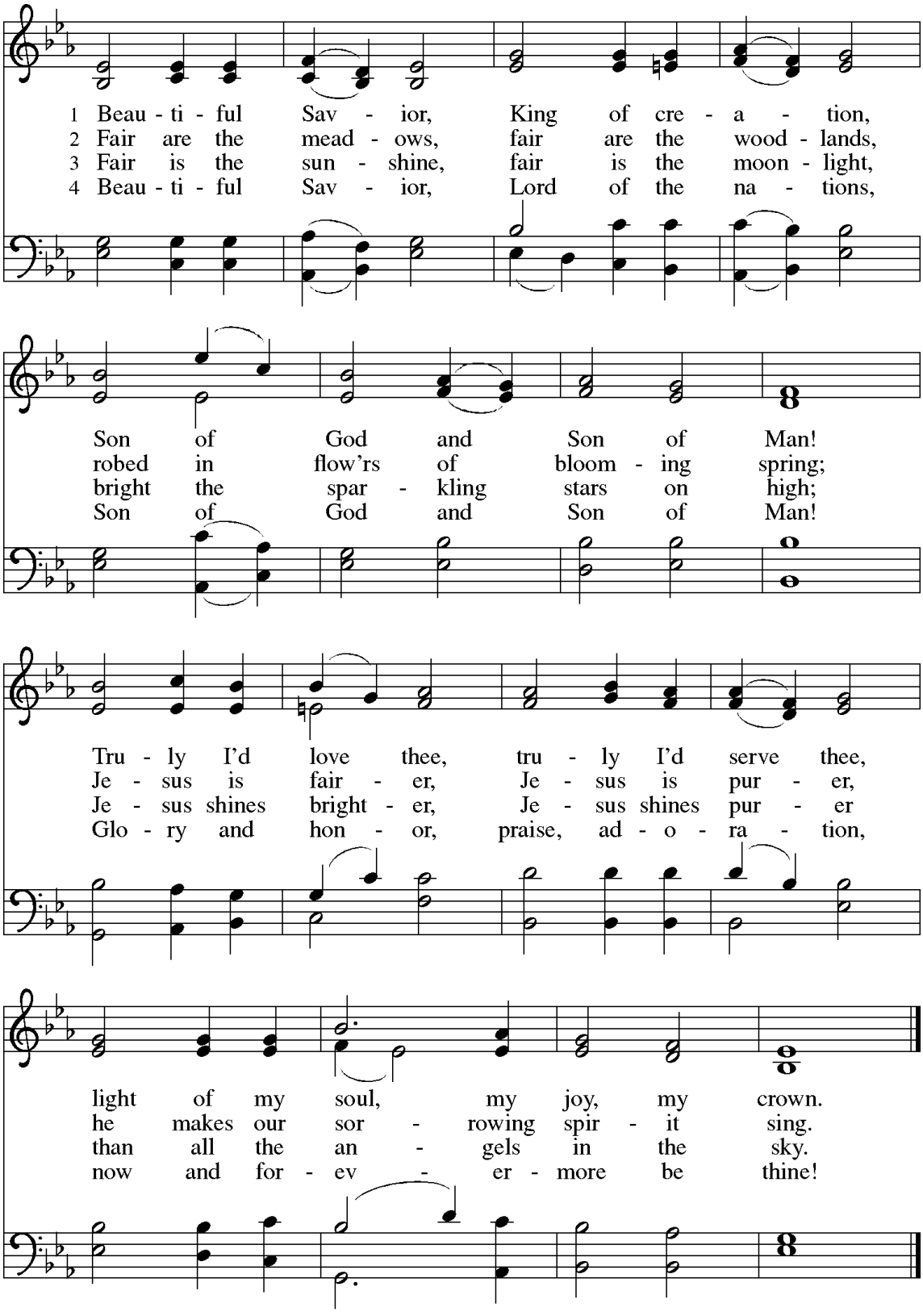
*Silence is kept*.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant,
Dana Timothy Connor
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.

**All** **Amen.**

**Song of Hope** Beautiful Savior

# Beautiful Savior



*Please stand as able.*

**Blessing**

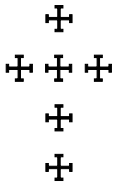
Pastor The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**All** **Amen**

Pastor Let us go forth in God's peace,

**All** **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please join Dana's family for a light reception in the Parish Hall.*



***Welcome to this worship service.*** *The Lutheran funeral service is a celebration of the promise of Christ given in holy baptism. In holy baptism God yokes us to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection giving the promise of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life to the baptized. The funeral service is thus a celebration and remembrance of baptism. Trusting in the promise God made in baptism, the church gathers to commend the deceased to God's eternal care. The service includes scripture readings that lift up the promise of eternal life as well as a thanksgiving for baptism and prayers of thanksgiving and for comfort. Worship as you are able and listen for the proclamation of the Good News given through Jesus Christ.*

**Serving today:**

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| Presiding Minister | The Reverend Richard A. Rhoades,<br>Senior Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Galveston, TX |
| Organist | Don Hermanson |
| Crucifer | Adam Palmer |



**Dana Timothy Connor** passed away peacefully on July 26, 2026, following a long illness.

Born October 31, 1961, in Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada, Dana moved with his family to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1963. He attended Castleberry High School and North Texas State University, and later worked for many years at Tarrant County College and alongside his father in the family painting and construction business.

Dana loved adventure and the outdoors. He was an avid surfer, fisherman, and accomplished scuba diver. His interests led him to work in British Columbia's commercial fishery and aquaculture industry. He returned to Texas and made his home in Galveston, where he served on the custodian at First Lutheran Church, participated in its Men's Club, and brought enthusiasm to the church's annual Oktoberfest.

Dana was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth and remained a lifelong Lutheran.

He is survived by his father, Alan Connor; siblings David Connor, Diane Higgs, Dale Connor, Debra Fry, Darin Connor, Daniel Connor, and Dallas Connor; and their families. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Connor.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 2415 Winnie Street, Galveston, Texas. Friends may visit one hour before the service. Memorial gifts may be made to First Lutheran Church of Galveston or one of its ministries.