



**A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of
Lawrence V. Lee**

September 12, 1954 — January 30, 2022

February 5, 2022, 1:00 P.M.



The Rev. Mark Sloss, Presiding Minister
Ms. Kit McCarthy, Assisting Minister
Ms. Laurie Stivers, Organist
Mr. Nicholai Schousboe, Usher

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

Please keep your masks on during the service. We ask that you put your cell phones on vibrate or turn them off during the service.

Facilities

- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

We welcome all who have gathered today to mourn the death of Lawrence V. Lee, and to give thanks to God for his life. Today we give voice to our sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Assisting Minister **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

"Hymn of Christian Comfort and Faith"

Welcome

The Assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the Presiding Minister begins.

P 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, Lawrence Lee, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

A Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Larry was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

A Amen.

Acclamation

P 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.

A We glorify you.

P 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.

A We praise you.

P Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

A We worship you.

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

A Amen.

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Greeting

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

A And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, we remember before you today our brother, Larry. 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.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

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

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19

R A reading from Isaiah.

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:

ELW Psalm Tone 11, 1 Flat



Refrain:

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

- ¹God is our ref- uge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

Reading from the New Testament

Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

R A reading from Romans.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, 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, 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.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The Assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel

John 14:1-7

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

A Glory to you, O Lord!

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In 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? ³ And 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Assembly is seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Children of the Heavenly Father (TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA)" Hymnal p. 781

The musical score is written for a soprano voice and a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the treble staff are four lines of lyrics in Swedish, English, and a numbered list of four lines of English text. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and consists of simple chords and moving lines.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

The Apostles' Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**A 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 the People

L Let us pray. *[A brief silence is kept.]*

L 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,

A hear our prayer.

L 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,

A hear our prayer.

L 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,

A hear our prayer.

L 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,

A hear our prayer.

L 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,

A hear our prayer.

P 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.

A Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Sending: God blesses us, and sends us out in peace and hope...

Commendation

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

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend your servant, Larry. 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.

A Amen.

Sending Song

"Thine is the Glory" Hymnal p. 376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The assembly stands.

Blessing

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through + Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Let us go forth in peace.

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Thine is the Glory"
Arranged by Brian Glyncannon

We Remember the Life of Larry Lee

Lawrence V. Lee

September 12, 1954 — January 30, 2022



Lawrence Vernon (Larry) Lee was born at Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston on September 12, 1954. That day was his parents Vernon and Anna-Lisa Lee's first wedding anniversary. Larry attended Wilmette Public Schools and New Trier East High School; he graduated in 1973. He was retired from the Wilmette Park District where he worked, first part time then full time, since he was 16 years old.

The Lee family loved to travel. Vern and Ann took their children on road trips and camped at many State and National Parks. Larry's international trips with his parents were to Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain. As an adult Larry continued to enjoy travel, especially by train. He and his parents took rail journeys in the US and Canada. He was a member of the Twentieth Century Railroad Club and loved to visit The Illinois Railway Museum.

In later years Larry's travel focus was on international travel. In 2018 he traveled to Iceland and the week before his death he toured the Panama Canal Zone. He was unhappy that COVID travel restrictions caused a trip to Scandinavia in 2021 to be cancelled. Sadly, a trip he planned to take to Alaska in June had to be cancelled.

Organ music was another of Larry's interests. He enjoyed attending organ recitals in movie theaters, churches, and historic buildings all over the Chicago area. Larry's fascination with organs stemmed from his love of Chicago sports; he especially liked the former White Sox organist Nancy Faust. Larry loved and followed all of Chicago's teams, but his very favorite were The Cubs. Larry is survived by his sister Elisabeth (Lisa) Lee Kmichik, her husband Craig, and niece Allison and nephew Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Donations in Larry's memory made be to Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

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