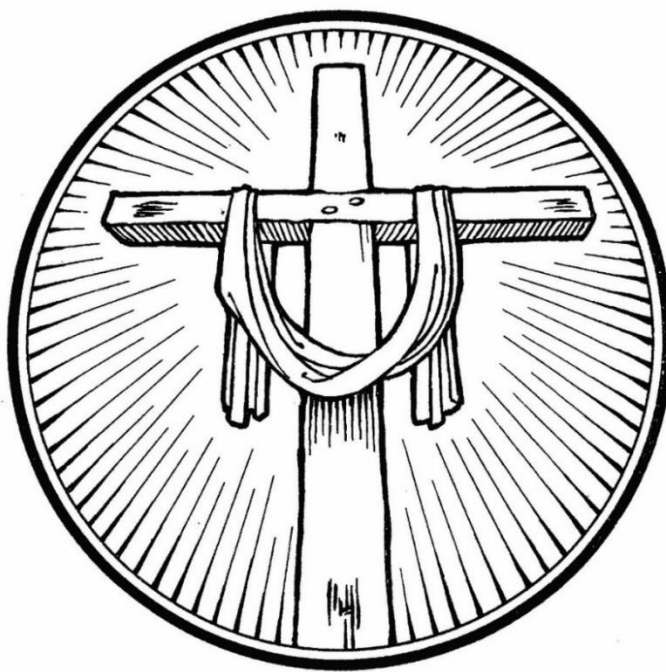


*A Worship Service to the Glory of God*

*In Memory of*

✠ ROBERT G. “BOB” MESSMANN ✠

*(September 3, 1922 – October 9, 2020)*



*“Delight yourself in the LORD, and  
He will give you the desires of your heart.”*

*- Psalm 37:4 -*

✠ Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Soest ✠

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.**

## ✠ The Rite of Christian Burial ✠

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### BELLS OF EMMANUEL

*(Stand)*

### OPENING MUSIC: “*Amazing Grace*”

### INVOCATION AND PRAYER:

**P** O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we implore Your mercy and ask that You come to us this hour and grant us Your blessing.

**C** Amen.

**P** O merciful Father, Creator of all, as you cared for Robert Messmann and kept him under Your warm embrace throughout his life, gather us under Your wing and take away our tears.

**C** We need your presence, keep us steadfast in Your love.

**P** O loving Jesus, Savior to all, as You gave Your life for Robert and prepared a place for him, assure us that we are Yours also and take away our fears.

**C** We need Your presence, keep us steadfast in Your Love.

**P** O living Spirit, mover of our minds and hearts, as You entered the heart of Robert and gave him a new birth in Holy Baptism, and granted him the power to believe, so grant us childlike faith to trust Your promises.

**C** We need Your presence, keep us steadfast in Your power.

**C** Hear and bless Your people for the sake of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

### PASTORAL GREETING

**P** May Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God Our Father, who loved us and gave us an everlasting comfort and a good hope through grace, inwardly comfort your hearts and strengthen you in all things. (2 Thess. 2:16-17)

*(Sit)*

## OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## **PSALM READING: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## **SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



# SERMON HYMN: "For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;  
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The  
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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**SERMON: “*My Delight is in the Lord*” -- Psalm 37:4**

*(Stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

- C** Almighty and most merciful God, You bring us through suffering and death with our Lord Jesus Christ to enter with Him into glory. Grant us grace at all times to acknowledge and accept Your Holy and gracious will, to remain in true faith, and to find peace and joy in the resurrection of the dead and the glory of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER AND CONCLUDING COLLECT:**

- C** 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.

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**THE BENEDICTION:**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## CLOSING HYMN: “Abide with Me”



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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✠ Please bring this service folder to the graveside committal at  
Concordia Lutheran Cemetery ✠

## ✠ The Rite of Christian Burial – at the graveside ✠

### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless this grave that the body of our brother may sleep here in peace until You awaken him to glory, when he will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–17*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.



## THE COMMITTAL

**P** We now commit the body of our brother Robert to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

**C** Amen.

**P** May God the Father who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**C** Amen.

## 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.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## CONCLUDING VERSICLES

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## COMMON DOXOLOGY: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**✠ Robert G. “Bob” Messmann ✠**

Robert G. “Bob” Messmann, 98, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Adams Heritage, Monroeville. Born in Woodburn, he was the son of the late Emil and Artie (Kerns) Messmann. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), Fort Wayne. He served his country in the US Army during WWII and was a member of American Legion Post 377, Woodburn. He retired as a lifelong carpenter in 1985. He enjoyed bowling, playing cards, fishing, antiquing, and working for Habitat for Humanity. He is survived by his children, Gregory (Marianne) Messmann and Gary Messmann of Fort Wayne and Gina (Kim) Graft of Ossian; daughter-in-law, Linda Messmann Coe of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Nicole Walter, Rebecca VanSpankeren, Christopher Messmann, Katy Caruso, Mark Messmann, Michael Messmann, Luke Messmann, Jessi Artimé, Matt Graft, and Korah DeArmond; and 27 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Alice in 2006; son, Grant Messmann; daughter-in-law, Beverly Messmann; and siblings, Paul, William, Norville, and Charles Messmann, Lavina Pabst, Helen Rekeweg, Edna Roemke, Delores Ort, and Marilyn Gilbert. Private services. Burial in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest) Carpenters Helpers.



**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP:**

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**Organist:** Jim Coe

**Violinists:** Rev. and Mrs. David Griebel