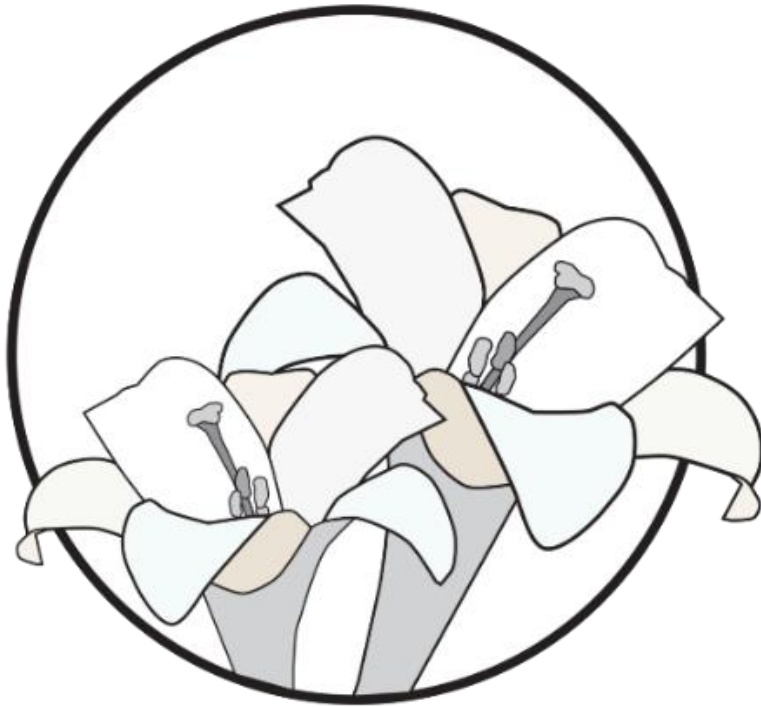


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE FOR

David Lance Kimble

March 11, 2024

Welcome from St. Paul's

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection, he saves all lost sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. We are delighted to share our worship with you. Please join us in worship again at 304 Monroe Ave in North Mankato.

OPENING HYMN

CW 582 | Not unto Us



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

GREETING AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Dave Kimble and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 23 *NIV*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴ 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.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

RESURRECTION COMFORT

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: We will be before the throne of God

C: And serve him day and night in his temple.

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: Never again will we thirst.

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

John 11:17-27; 32-35 *NIV*

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 *NIV*

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

HYMN

CW 444 | Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,
life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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SERMON TEXT

Revelation 2:10b *NIV84*

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

SERMON THEME

“The Promise of Victory”

HYMN

CW 884 | Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

PRAYERS

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Dave Kimble, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now, and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

CW 930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;

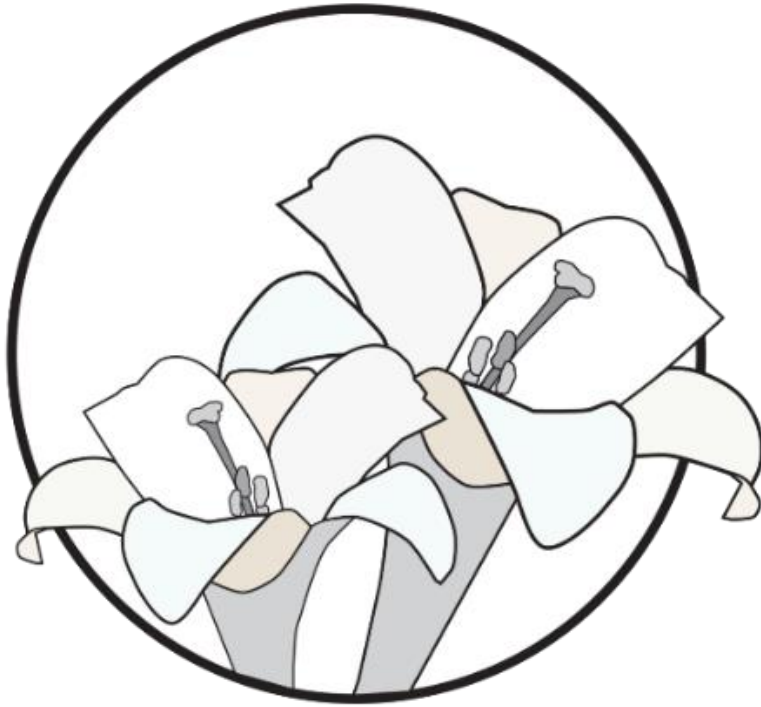


In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness." 2 Tim 4:7-8*

Serving at Worship

Preacher: Pastor Marques Nelson

Pianist: Cindy Horneber

Worship Schedule

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) North Mankato

Saturdays at 5:30 PM

Sundays at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

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David Lance Kimble

May 14, 1951 – March 3, 2024

David Lance “Butch” Kimble, age 72, from Madison Lake, MN, died Sunday, March 3, 2024, at the New Prague Hospital following a long bout with cancer. Visitation will be held from 10-11am, Monday, March 11, 2024, at Northview – North Mankato Mortuary with a service starting at 11am. Military honors will be provided by Mankato Area Veterans Memorial Rifle Squad. After a luncheon at Northview, burial will follow at Woodland Hills Memorial Park in Mankato.

Dave was born May 14, 1951, at Immanuel Hospital in Mankato to Robert and Ruth Kimble of Madison Lake. He was the youngest of four children, and his three sisters lovingly tormented him as a young child. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. As a youth, he biked the countryside with his friends, raised various farm animals, and enjoyed spending time with his dog, Deuteronomy “Deuter.” As he grew older, he developed a love of cars and mechanics. He served six years in the Army Reserves as a demolition specialist after high school. His career in maintenance started at Atlas Plastics, which led to working for Hiniker Company for more than 40 years until retiring in 2019. He met his future wife, Linda Paakkonen, at Bethany Lutheran High School in Mankato, and they were married on September 22, 1973, at King of Grace in Golden Valley, MN. They started their marriage in St. Peter, MN and eventually built a home on the Lake Ballantyne farm where he grew up. Dave enjoyed spending time in his garage, working on cars and other projects for friends and neighbors. A homemade tractor (jitney), log splitter, sheet rock jack, and engine hoist were among his building projects. He enjoyed road trips and traveled to both coasts and Phoenix numerous times, mainly to visit family. Crossword puzzles were a favorite pastime, and he acquired a bedtime reading habit in his later years.

Dave is survived by his wife, Linda Kimble; son, Damon (Christy) Kimble; daughter, Cybil (Jim) Sykora; son, Lance Kimble; grandchildren, Amiel Hassan, Zaakir Hassan, Reeanna Hassan, Maille Kimble, and Rylan Sykora; sisters, Berta Anton, Becky (John) Anton, and Susie (Dale) Fredrickson; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruth Kimble. The family wishes to thank Madison Lake Fire and Rescue and the medical staffs at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont, Mankato, and New Prague for the excellent care. They are also grateful for the spiritual support from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in North Mankato, and Friedens Lutheran Church in New Prague.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10