

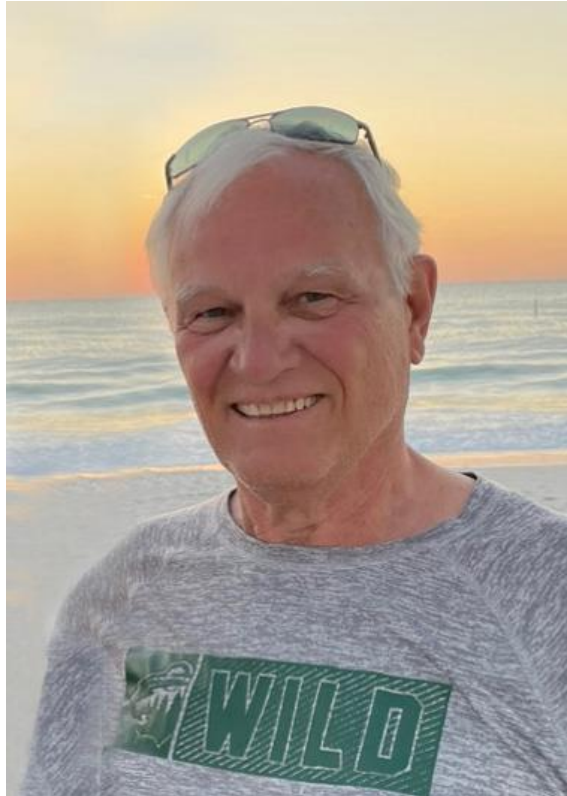
**Funeral Service for  
*Greg Drewianka***

Vasa Lutheran Church

April 23, 2023

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Anne Anderson, musician



**WELCOME**

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 Greg Drewianka, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

**ELW 733**

## **GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Psalm 23** (read in unison by the congregation)

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup> *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*King James Version*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (in unison)

P: Let us pray, ***O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Greg. 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. Amen.***

## **REMEMBRANCES**

**HYMN**

**I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES**

**ELW 619**

*We will sing verses 1-4 and 8.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Job 19:25-27** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; 26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

**Romans 8:37-39** 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.

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN**

### **BORNING CRY**

**ELW 732**

### **CONFESSION of FAITH                      Apostles' Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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** P: God of mercy,                      **C: hear our prayer.**

### **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 ever. Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMENDATION** Let us commend Greg Drewianka to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Greg. 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. **C: Amen**

**RECESSIONAL:                      PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND                      ELW 773**  
*Please stand as the family leaves the sanctuary.*

Greg's remains will be interred in the Vasa cemetery at a later date.

You are invited to join the family in the Lutheran Center for a light lunch and time of fellowship immediately following the service.

