

a celebration of life
and resurrection



Robert Brewer Franklin

MARCH 31, 1937 – JANUARY 31, 2025



**Trinity
Lutheran**
LONG LAKE

AN ELCA CONGREGATION
2060 CTY RD 6 | LONG LAKE, MN 55356

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 AT 11AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING and THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

GREETING and PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN | *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ELW 759, w 1, 3

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

REMEMBRANCES | Ron Schulte, Becky Lentz

HYMN | Psalm 23 | *The Lord's My Shepherd* (on back cover)

READING | Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL | John 14:1-7

[Jesus said:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Pastor Ann Fenlason

HYMN | *Just As I Am, without One Plea* ELW 592, vv 1,3,4

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse
relieve; because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

APOSTLES' CREED

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

After "God of mercy," please respond, "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 and TABLE GRACE

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, *Robert Brewer Franklin*. 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG | *God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW 536, vv. 1,3*

God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

POSTLUDE

Officiating | Pastor Ann Fenlason
Music Director | Mark Hemingway

*Immediately following the service, you are invited to
greet the family in the Great Hall where lunch will be served.*

OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) Brewer Franklin: Husband, father, journalist, teacher, and community activist. Born March 31, 1937, he suffered a massive stroke and died January 31, 2025. Bob worked for the Associated Press from 1962-67 and at the Minneapolis Star Tribune from 1967-2007. As a reporter, he covered state government, then philanthropy and outstate Minnesota. He was a former City Editor and State Editor, and from 1985-2009 served as adjunct faculty at the University of St. Thomas. Bob was also a member of the Medina City Council from 1971-76 (with the title of Chief of Police from 1971-73), and was a past president and Freedom of Information chairman for the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). He was also a founder of the Lake Independence Citizens Association. Survivors include Norma Jean, beloved wife since 1966; children James Robert Franklin, Rockford; and Mary Jean (Mark) Benjamin, Minneapolis, and their family Tucker (Brooke), Natalie and Charlotte; siblings Susan Franklin, Batavia, Ill, and Jack (Patti), Batavia, Ill.

Bob loved his family, friends, faith, and students, good journalism and bad jokes, small-town stories (think Herman bachelors and Darwin ball of twine). He would like to be remembered as a defender of people's right to know government information, and as caring, passionate, professional, cheerful and funny. In retirement, he was a judge since 2010 for SPJ's national investigative reporting contest.

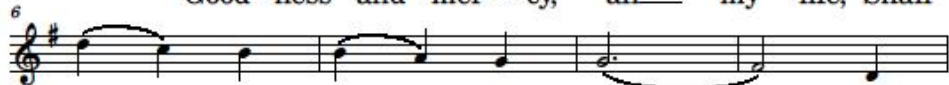
Memorials to University of St. Thomas for the ThreeSixty youth journalism program, where he was a frequent volunteer.

The Lord's My Shepherd

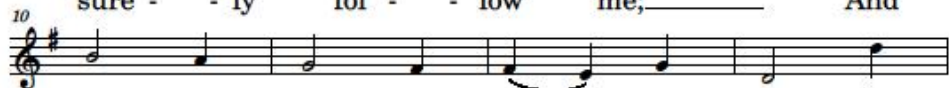
Gardiner



The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; He
My soul He doth re - store a - gain, And
Yeah, tho' I walk in death's dark vail, Yet
Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie . In
me to walk doth make. With -
will I fear no ill; For
sure - - ly fol - - low me; And



pas - tures green he lead - eth me, the
- in the paths of right - eous - ness, E'en
Thou art with me, and Thy rod and
in God's house for - ev - - er - more My



qui - - et wat - ers by.
for His own name's sake.
staff me com - fort still.
dwell - ing place shall be.