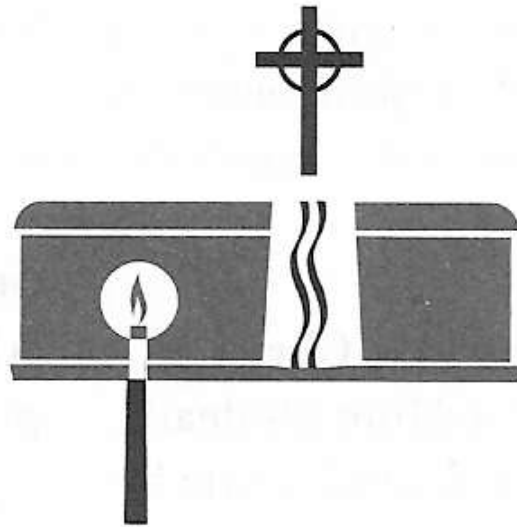


Peace be with you



Robert S. Gargas

May 30, 1942 – September 30, 2021

Welcome to all. We greet you in the name of Christ the Lord, and extend the hospitality of the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to you.

A Christian Funeral is a service of worship which involves all those present. We are here to worship God together. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and the promise of our own resurrection and life with God.

We offer thanks for the blessing which God has brought to us with and through Robert. By our Baptism into Christ, God makes us God's own people. Robert's baptism marked the beginning of eternal life for him. Along with him, we have the certain hope of life forever in Christ's presence.

Please participate as a fellow worshipper. By use of this booklet, you may join in all responses and prayers. **Bold print in this booklet indicates that the entire congregation responds.**

Robert S. Gargas

Born: May 30, 1942

Died: September 30, 2021

The Order for Burial of the Dead

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Greenville, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Gathering

(At the Presiding Minister's direction, the assembly stands to face the rear of the Church; as the processional cross passes, please turn to face it as it moves to the altar.)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, *(the urn is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism)*, we were baptized into his death. We were buried *(the white pall is placed over the urn)* 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.

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.

We glorify you.

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.

We praise you.

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

We worship you.

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

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother in Christ, Robert. 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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10

A reading from Isaiah:

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:4

(The psalm will be sung by the cantor.)

4 One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God | in the temple.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. 11 For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I believed, and so I spoke” – we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation

Memorial Alleluia

(Washill)

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead.
To him be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

(After the gospel is proclaimed, concluding:)

1 “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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

(The assembly is seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

(The assembly will stand for the Hymn of the Day.)

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing
bright in the spar - kling stars on
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing joy, my crown.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Apostles' Creed

God has made us God's own people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

Let us pray.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Grant us grace to entrust Robert to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Welcome into your presence all family and friends who have completed their journey on this earth, and have gone to their rest in the hope of rejoicing with you forever in heaven. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Organ Offertory

Interlude

(Scott)

The altar is prepared for the celebration of the Sacrament, a celebration of Christ's victory over death, and Christ's continuing nurture of the Church.

(The assembly stands.)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Redeemer,

receive all we bring you this day –

these gifts and the offering of our lives.

Refresh us with this holy food and drink

that we may reach the promised land,

the Easter feast of victory in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and gracious Father:

in your infinite love you made us for yourself;

and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,

you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son,

to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us to reconcile us to

you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,

and offered himself in obedience to your will,

a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering therefore the life he offered for us,
and celebrating his glorious resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
as the holy food and drink of unending life,
may serve you in unity, faithfulness, and peace,
until you bring us with Robert and all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

As the bread is broken:

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly is seated.)

Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: *We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.*

(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Commendation

Let us commend Robert to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

(Silence is kept.)

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Robert.

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.

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.

Amen.

(The service concludes:)

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(The assembly stands for the Sending Hymn)

Sending Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Please remain in place for military honors.

Postlude

Variation on *St. Anne*

(Young)

The family members will recess at the direction of the ushers.

