

Norman Arthur Madson, Jr.
January 15, 1932 – April 30, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church
North Mankato, MN
May 7, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR NORMAN ARTHUR MADSON, JR.

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn | P. Nicolai

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER

“Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—I say, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” (Psalm 130)

Amen.

HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | ELH 354:1-3

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

King James Version

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 103:1-14

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: ³Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; ⁴Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; ⁵Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. ⁹He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. ¹⁰He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. ¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. ¹⁴For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

HYMN

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee | ELH 205:1-3, 7

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31-39

³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. ³⁴Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN

I Walk in Danger All the Way | ELH 252

Verse 1 – All

Verse 2 – Men

Verse 3 - Women

Verse 4 – Men

Verse 5 - Women

Verse 6 – All

GOSPEL READING

John 10:7-18

⁷Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ¹²But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. ¹³The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. ¹⁵As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. ¹⁷Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

DUET

All Our Sorrows Soon Are Over | Adie Harstad

1. We're passing through this world of strife.
Our lasting home is Paradise.
All our sorrows soon are over.
2. Sin brought upon us guilt and pain,
The curse of death. And we're to blame.
All our sorrows soon are over.
4. God's Son left heav'n and took our place,
Lived, died, and rose-our sin erased.
All our sorrows soon are over.
6. Endure your burdens patiently.
Your rest was won on Calvary.
All our sorrows soon are over.
7. Come quickly, Jesus. Come and say:
"My Paradise is yours today."
All our sorrows soon are over.

OBITUARY (p. 8)

SERMON

Die with Confidence | John 14:1-6 EHV

¹"Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way." ⁵"Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so how can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

BLESSING

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us

O God the Holy Spirit, true Comforter, have mercy upon us, and grant us Your peace.

Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

MADSON RELATIVES SING

I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus | ELH 178

ELH TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER (UNISON)

ELH p.169

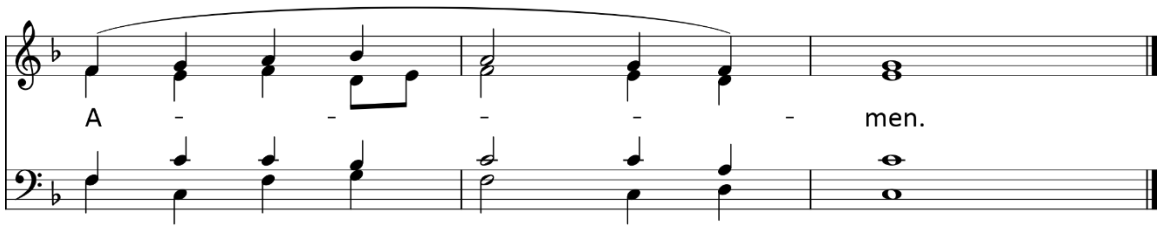
O only and eternal Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, You said: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest for your souls." My soul hungers and thirsts for You and finds no peace until it has found You. Have mercy upon me! Judge me not according to my failings and do not reject the prayer in which my heart this evening hour draws near to You. Take from me everything which would hinder You from revealing Your grace to me. I am poor, You be my wealth! I am weak, You be my strength; I am a child of death, You be my life. Teach me by Your own good Spirit to believe in You with all my soul, that I may not take the great love of Your heavenly Father to myself in vain, but by that love become His child. Teach me to give You my whole heart, that I may be Your own as a special possession and always serve You in a holy and godly life. Accept me this evening hour and let me rest during the night under Your wings and awaken in communion with You. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on seven staves of music. The first six staves are in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The seventh staff changes to the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, unison melody.

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en,
Hal - low - ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come, Thy will
be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai -
- ly bread; And for - give us our tres - pass - es, as
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For Thine is the
king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er.



PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea, 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. ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

HYMN

God—Father, Son and Spirit One | Michael Madson

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| <p>1. God—Father, Son, and Spirit One;
My life in Thy dear name begun,
By grace so pure and holy.
Lead me to my baptismal hour,
Where satan lost his deadly pow'r;
For life I trust Thee solely.
Though daily I will stumble and
Offend my God with heart and hand;
Lord Jesus Christ be ever near,
Thine absolution I hold dear.
Holy art Thou!
Thy name I bear, Thy name I bear;
Oh, let me never Thee despair.</p> | <p>2. When sin doth torment and abound,
No word of comfort shall be found
In rule and regulation.
Oh, may I then approach Thy throne,
Led by Thy Spirit who alone
Works in my heart salvation.
And though I hear my pastor's voice,
I can do nothing but rejoice;
For Christ has called him to dispense
His holy word and sacraments.
I go in peace!
Thy word is true, Thy word is true;
My confidence it doth renew.</p> |
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3. On that blest night when Christ my Lord,
Gave to His Church the living Word:
“Do this in mem’ry of Me.”
God deigned on earth with us to dwell,
And ever shall Immanuel
Be present now in glory.
“My body broke, My blood outpoured,
Shall e’er adorn My festal board;
For you this Testament I give;
Come often—eat and drink, and live.”
O Lamb of God!
I now depart, I now depart;
Thine image printed on my heart.

THOSE WHO SERVED

Pallbearers

Daniel Madson, son
Michael Madson, son
Peter Madson, son
Glenn Lussky, son-in-law
David Nitardy, son-in-law
Ryan Lussky, grandson

Officiant

Pastor Matthew Moldstad

Organist

John Baumann

Guitar & Vocals

Adie Harstad

Mike Madson

Serving Help

Funeral Group Volunteers

Cover Artwork

Don Moldstad

OBITUARY FOR NORMAN ARTHUR MADSON, JR.



Norman Arthur Madson, Jr., of North Mankato, MN, passed peacefully from earthly life to his eternal home in heaven at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Norman was born in Princeton, MN, on January 15, 1932, to Norman Madson, Sr., and Elsie (Haakenson) Madson. He was baptized into the Christian faith on February 7, 1932, and confirmed in his Christian faith on June 24, 1946, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by his father.

Norman attended Lutheran schools for the entirety of his formal education, eventually graduating from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1957.

Norman married Amanda Olivia Tjernagel at the Synod Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, IA, on July 5, 1958. Their marriage was blessed with five children: Rebecca, Daniel, Michael, Elisabeth and Peter.

During Norman's active parish ministry, he served multiple congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin. After Norman retired from the parish ministry, he and Amanda moved to North Mankato, MN, where they became members of Peace Lutheran Church. Not one to sit around after his retirement, Norman continued to serve the Lord in a variety of mission fields all over the world, including Bulgaria and South Korea.

Our dad's entire life was defined by his dedicated service to the Lord, his faithfulness as a husband, his role as a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend to many. Growing up as pastor's kids had its challenges, but the advantages outweighed those challenges. We grew up in a stable household filled with love, laughter, resourcefulness, generosity and common-sense rules based on the 10 Commandments. We knew that if we did wrong, we would be chastised with love. We knew that we would be forgiven and that by-gones would be by-gones.

The parishes that dad served when we were younger thrived under dad's leadership. Many of his parishioners were farmers, and he related well to all of them. This was never made clearer than on the days when dad would say farewell to a church. To see those stoic farmers crying in the pews as he said goodbye was honest testimony of their love and respect for him.

He also loved kids and nothing made him happier than being all-time pitcher for softball games during Vacation Bible School or pick-up games in the neighborhood. "Hustle in! Hustle out!" he'd yell between each inning.

To say that dad was an avid sports fan might be the understatement of the century. He faithfully followed his beloved Minnesota sports teams through winning seasons and losing seasons. Losing seasons seemed to prevail, but that didn't matter. He rarely missed a Vikings, Gophers, Twins or Timberwolves game.

When we children were involved in sports, he crisscrossed the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota to watch our games. He would sit in the stands with one hand on his knee and cheer for the good guys. The thought of berating an official over a bad call never crossed his mind.

The sermons dad preached were practical and uplifting. Never once did he enter the pulpit without reminding his hearers of their sins. Never once did he leave the pulpit without reminding his hearers that they have a loving Savior who suffered and died for their sins.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Gudrun, Naomi and Vivian, brothers Juul and Paul, wife Amanda and daughter Rebecca.

He is survived by his four children and their spouses: Daniel (Lisa) Madson, Michael Madson, Elisabeth (David) Nitardy, Peter Madson, son-in-law Glenn (Carolyn) Lussky, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and his brother Andrew.

Norman lived his life in full knowledge of, and full confidence in, that word of the Apostle Paul which says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Blessed be his memory, and may God rest his soul.

*Memorial gifts may be directed to Bethany Lutheran College or Peace Lutheran Church.
Cards may be mailed to: Liz (Madson) Nitardy, N2829 Retzlaff Rd., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.*

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body... For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 53-57 KJV).

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:1, 3

God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ.
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've travelled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God my Lord unites with me!

THE COMMITTAL

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to take out of this world the soul of our departed brother in the faith, we therefore commit his body to the ground:

Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Amen.

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, Who by reason of sin have caused man to die and return to the dust: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Grant us a true faith in Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification, and lives to all eternity. Help us by Your grace that we may die daily unto sin and may live according to Your holy will, so that, when the hour of death shall come, we may be fully prepared to depart in peace. Receive our soul to Yourself, and, on the last day, raise our bodies from the grave unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:5

There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring;
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of Paradise!

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.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

A luncheon will be served at Peace following the service.

A graveside service will be held after the meal, at Norseland Lutheran Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS TO NORSELAND LUTHERAN CEMETERY:

Take Hwy 14 west to the Nicollet exit (8.9 miles), follow MN-111 north to MN-22 in New Sweden (10.1 miles), turn right onto MN-22, destination will be on the right (4.3 miles).