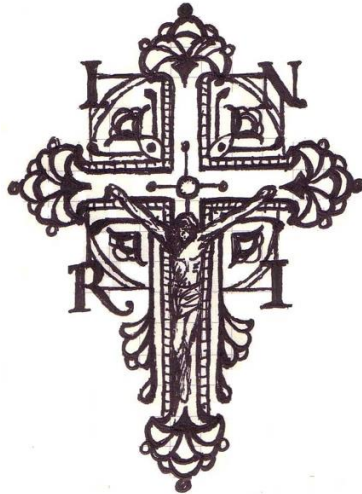


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Peace Lutheran Church, ELS
North Mankato, Minnesota
Saturday, September 16, 2023

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Prelude

Invocation and Prayer

P: 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 unto me, all of you who labor and are heavy laden, 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 Andrew Madson 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.

Hymn, 553, vv. 1 & 3, Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Psalm 23 *NIV*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
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.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
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.

Anthem: All Our Sorrows Soon Are Over

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.

3 - Frustration grows from things gone wrong.
"How long, O LORD?" becomes our song?
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.

5 - Endure your burdens patiently.
Your rest was won on Calvary.
All our sorrows soon are over.

6 - Come quickly, Jesus. Come and say:
"My Paradise is yours today.
All your sorrows now are over."

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*** Responsive Readings**

P: 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 He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. 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."

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

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

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

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

P: We will be before the throne of God

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

P: Never again will we hunger; never again will we thirst. 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.

P: 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.

Hymn, 525, vv. 1, 5 & 7, I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

Service of the Word

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Job 19:23-27

“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Hymn, 178, I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus

2 Timothy 4:7-8

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, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

John 10:27-30

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

Reading of the Obituary

Sermon: Ephesians 2:8-9, Confidence of Our Salvation

* **Apostles' Creed, p. 28** *in the front part of the Hymnary*

*** Prayers**

P: 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, Andrew Madson, 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: Remove our fears. Make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

*** Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn, 561, vv. 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8, Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

Postlude tune - Thaxted (“O God, Beyond All Praising”)

The pastors and pall bearers come forward to escort the casket out of the sanctuary.

The congregation is invited to follow and observe as the casket is placed into the hearse.

A meal will follow in the fellowship hall.

Liturgist: Chaplain Don Moldstad / Preacher: Rev. Matt Moldstad / Organist: John Baumann

Musicians: Adie Harstad, Eric Harstad, Michael Madson, Bob Martens, Jamis Martens and Judy Martens

Pallbearers: Tim Madson, Joseph Madson, Michael Madson, Rev. Thomas Petersen, Ed Dashcund and Paul Fick

Andrew Martin Madson (1934-2023)

Andrew Martin Madson was born on October 12, 1934 to Rev. Norman A. and Elsie (Haakenson) Madson of rural Princeton, Minnesota. He was baptized into the Christian faith on November 4, 1934 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Baptismal sponsors included Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Odegard, Mr. Martin Galstad, and his oldest sister, Vivian. His childhood was spent living in the parsonage next door, and attending the Lutheran elementary school one mile from the church. He was the youngest of the seven Madson children. His faith was edified daily through family devotions and memorizing hymns.

When Andy was 12 years old, the family moved to Mankato, Minnesota when his father took the position as Dean of the newly established Bethany Seminary. He attended Mt. Olive Lutheran School for sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and was confirmed in his Christian faith under Rev. C. M. Gullerud at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in 1949. Andy graduated Bethany Lutheran High School in 1953, and Bethany Lutheran Jr. College in 1955. He then attended Mankato State Teachers' College, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science, along with minors in Physical Education and Political Science. A few years later he received a Master's degree from MSTC in Business Education. Having been drafted into the US Army, his final years of education were interrupted by military duty. He was stationed at Ft. Jackson in South Carolina. Andy served in the Army Reserves for 6 years.

On August 2, 1959 he was married to Margaret Schmidt of New Ulm, MN at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where her father, Rev. Walther Schmidt served as pastor. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Amy in 1960 and Douglas one year later.

Andy's first call was to teach at the newly established Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, WI, where he remained for four years. The family then moved to the Milwaukee area where he taught at Wisconsin Lutheran High School for a ten-year period in the areas of Business, Bookkeeping, as well as Physical Education. Andy later served as an administrator of the Wisconsin Synod Child and Family Service for three years. He finished out his teaching career at Milwaukee Area Technical College. His wife, Margaret, taught at St. John's Lutheran School for 35 years, retiring in 2000. Andy frequently served as treasurer of the congregation, and also on various church boards and committees.

Andy and Margaret were deeply saddened by the discovery of a devastating illness to their daughter, Amy, in July of 1981. This disease took her life at age 42. During such dark times the light of God's grace in Christ, and the sure hope of heaven which He has provided His faithful grew even brighter.

Andy and Margaret moved to North Mankato in 2006. In retirement they were active members at Peace Lutheran Church, and later St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They enjoyed time at their lake home on Lower Hay Lake north of Brainerd, MN. Andy always found enjoyment in fishing and various sports (He would often accompany Margaret in a row boat while she would swim across the lake). He and Margaret remodeled numerous homes together, and enjoyed hosting gatherings of friends and relatives at their home. Margaret was called to her eternal home on July 28, 2022.

As Andy battled cancer in the final weeks of his life he was visited by pastors and family members who ministered to him with devotions and the Lord's Supper. He passed away at home on Thursday, September 7, 2023 surrounded by members of his family and his very dear friend, LaDonna Rodewald. He is survived by his son, Douglas Madson of Treasure Island, Florida, along with numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Blessed be his memory.

“Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints.” – *Psalms 116:15*