

*A Service of Praise
and Thanksgiving to God
for the Life of*

✠ *Ralph D. Templeton* ✠

*The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
1:00 p.m. January 13, 2021*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

(From the back of the Sanctuary the following is spoken. Please rise and face the back of the church.)

GREETING

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you who, through faith, are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this, you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *(1 Peter 1:3-9)*

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: We cover this casket with a pall to recall Holy Baptism, remembering the words of Saint Paul: “[Do you not] know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.” (*Romans 6:3-5*)

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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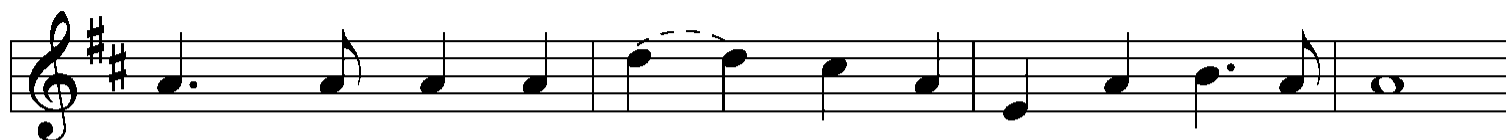
HYMN

“*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

(LSB 507)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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PRAYER

Pastor: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your lovingkindness to this Your servant, Ralph, who, having finished his course in faith, now rests from his labors. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Now as our refuge and strength, help us to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, and our hope reawakened because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our hope, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

(readings from NIV84 pew bibles)

FIRST READING

Psalms 111

Praise the LORD.

*I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.*

² *Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

- ³ *Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.*
- ⁴ *He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.*
- ⁵ *He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.*
- ⁶ *He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.*
- ⁷ *The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.*
- ⁸ *They are steadfast for ever and ever,
done in faithfulness and uprightness.*
- ⁹ *He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.*
- ¹⁰ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.*

(following the reading. . .)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Proverbs 30:5

- ⁵ *“Every word of God is flawless;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

(following the reading. . .)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

John 20:24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

(following the reading. . .)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-7

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

(following the reading. . .)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* (LSB 709)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5) Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6) And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

THE MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: From the times of the earliest Christian Church, believers have confessed their hope and faith in their God. We join to confess our faith in the God who created us, in the Son who, by His death and resurrection, has brought us back to God, and in the Holy Spirit, who brings us to faith and supplies us with hope for our resurrection.

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

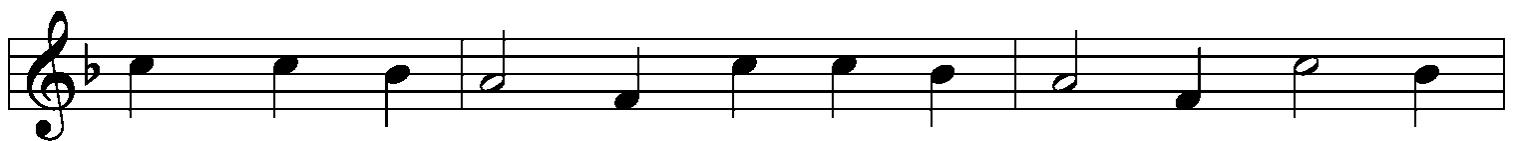
Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! **Hosanna!**

CLOSING HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness"

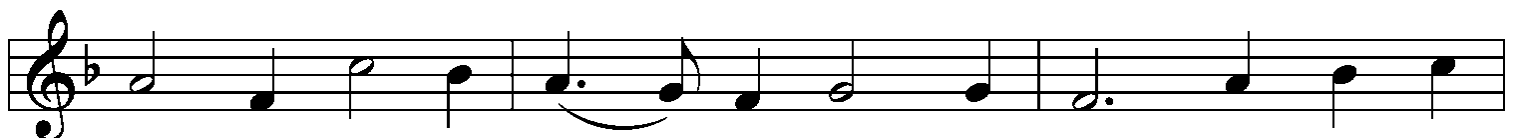
(LSB 818)



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL

The music, scripture and hymns were selected by Ralph.

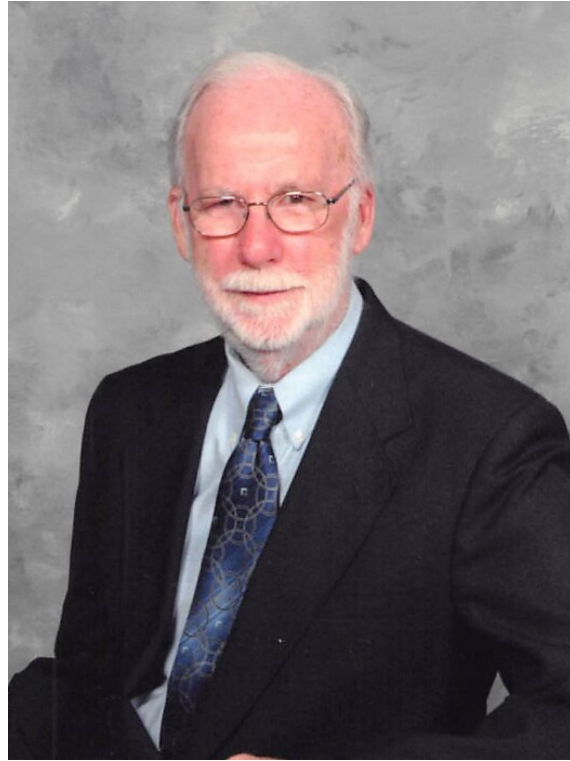
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† Ralph Doles Templeton †

**Born in Bloomington, Indiana
September 30, 1927**

**Baptized at First Methodist Church in Bloomington, Indiana
October 1927**

**Confirmed at The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
September 9, 1990**

**United in Marriage to Jean (Holtz) Brackmann
at The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
December 27, 1989**

**Victorious in the Lord
January 9, 2021**

Ralph Doles Templeton

Evansville - Ralph Doles Templeton, age 93, of Evansville, IN, passed away at 3:35 a.m. on January 9, 2021, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

Ralph was born September 30, 1927, in Bloomington, IN, to the late Frank L. Templeton and Gladys (Doles) Templeton. He grew up in Bloomington, IN. After high school, Ralph was drafted into the United States Army. He was in the 2nd Constabulary Regimental Band in Freising, Germany. Ralph attended Indiana University, graduating with a Bachelor of Music Education in 1950. He was the band director in Carmel, IN when that was a small school (the senior class in 1952 had eighteen students). Ralph returned to IU for graduate studies and earned a Master of Music Education degree. From 1953 to 1968 he was a band director in Columbus, IN. After two years of graduate study at Indiana State University, he taught psychology classes at Vincennes University. He received his PhD from Indiana State University in 1975. Ralph joined the School of Education at the University of Evansville in 1976 and taught there until he retired in 1992.

Ralph enjoyed family gatherings, traveling (especially in Europe), Volksmarch walks, live music performances and brief obituaries.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 31 years, Jean Templeton; daughters, Janet Heise (Stephen) from Bloomington, IN, Sue Deschene (Rick) from Shelburne, NS Canada; three grandchildren, Jeff Wyatt (Becky), Tobey Wyatt (Damien Jones), and Joseph Heise; four great grandchildren, Liam Wyatt and Reese Wyatt, and Kora Brady and Alessandra Wyatt. Additional survivors include those in his step-family from the Brackmann clan, Christine Hampton (Barry), and Tom Brackmann (Julie); their children and grandchildren, and the children and grandchildren of the late Steven Brackmann.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Gladys Templeton, infant son and two 2 sisters, Ruth Kirkpatrick and Marti Irick.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1811 Lincoln Ave, Evansville, IN with Pastor Tom Wenig officiating. A Live Stream will be available beginning twenty minutes prior to the service time. Please visit www.boonefuneralhome.net, select your loved one's obituary, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Live Stream. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 11:00 a.m. until time of service, Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Memorial Trust Fund at 1811 Lincoln Ave, Evansville, IN 47714.

Arrangements are being handled by BOONE FUNERAL HOME EAST CHAPEL - A Family Tradition Funeral Home, 5330 Washington Avenue, Evansville, IN.

Condolences may be made to the family online at boonefuneralhome.net

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