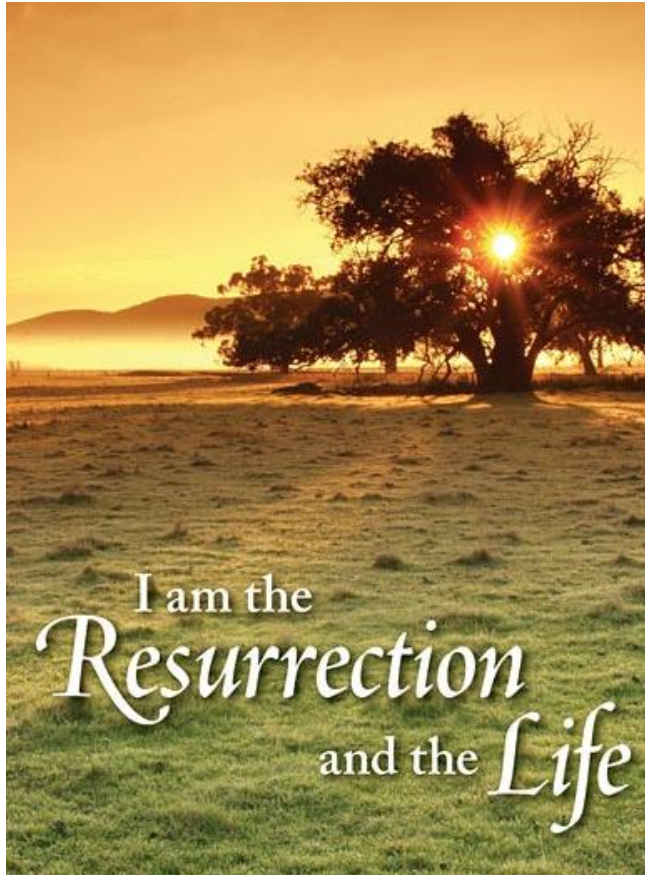


CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
Marlin Ray Zimmerman

A Baptized Child of God



February 20, 1930 – March 12, 2021

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10:00 a.m.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
85 E. Brandt Blvd.
Landisville, Pennsylvania 17538

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Marlin Ray Zimmerman

P: Pastor C: Congregation

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

P Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Marlin Ray Zimmerman, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P 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.

ORGAN MUSIC

Amazing Grace

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Marlin. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SOLO

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
²a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

REFLECTIONS

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now

for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the 14th chapter of John.

C **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

"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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Dr. Larry Kuch

Please stand if you are able.

CREED (*In unison*)

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

P 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,

C **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 to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

Please be seated.

SOLO

Trust His Heart

Babbie Mason

COMMENDATION

P Let us commend Marlin Ray Zimmerman to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marlin. 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.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

ORGAN MUSIC

Abide With Me

SENDING

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

M. Burkhardt



MARLIN RAY ZIMMERMAN

Marlin Ray Zimmerman, 91, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021, at his home. He was born, February 20, 1930 in Stonington, PA, to the late Nelson R. and Mildred H. (Wilhour) Zimmerman.

He worked as Director of Quality Assurance at Schick Electric in Lancaster, PA and at Clairol, Inc. as Director of Quality Assurance, Appliance Division in Stamford, CT.

Marlin served in the U.S. Navy (Submarine Division) during the Korean War. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, in Landisville, PA, a member of Meadia Heights Golf Club, and the Lancaster Corvette Club. Marlin enjoyed RVing, traveling around the world, golfing, and music.

Marlin was predeceased by his first wife of 35 years, Joyce G. Zimmerman, and is survived by his current wife of 29 years, Mary (Glick) Zimmerman; his sons, Randy Zimmerman (Kay) and Rob Zimmerman (Melanie); two granddaughters, Sahara Wilson and Brianna Zimmerman; one great-granddaughter, A'lariyah Royal; stepchildren: Sean Kripal (Stephine), Barbara (Kripal) Williams (David), Matthew Kripal; and four step-grandchildren, Alison, Jack, Matthew, and Bailey. Preceding him in death were two sisters, Miriam Espenshade and Ruby Gable.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to Caring Hospice, 101 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

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Dr. Larry Kuch, Hospice Chaplain

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WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday (3/28): 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (4/1), 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (4/2), 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (4/4): 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Live-stream & Recorded Worship Link

http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

**If there are two services, the 9:00 service will be live-streamed*

Sunday School Class (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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