



HE ALONE IS MY
ROCK AND MY
SALVATION....

PSALM 62:6, NIV

The Christian Funeral
of
Lyle Carl Doerr

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 1:00pm
Salem Lutheran Church ~ Stillwater, Minnesota

We Welcome You In Jesus' Name

Preservice music for meditation & prayer

Remembrance of Baptism

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, Lyle was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, *"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

The apostle also writes, *"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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."*

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

Psalm 23

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

C: **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.**

God's Comfort

M: 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 from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

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

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

M: 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 the loss of Lyle, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Lyle to faith and giving her the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Scripture Reading

Job 19:23-27

- ²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my redeemer ^h lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Sermon Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Hymn: Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869 sts. 1, Ref, 3-4

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
forward into battle see his banners go!

Refrain - Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. (*Refrain*)
- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages saints and angels sing. (*Refrain*)

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

“Lyle serves the LORD in strength and peace”

Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there 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.**

Hymn: To God Be the Glory

CW 627

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

- 2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Prayer of Comfort

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional

Service Participants

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe

Organ: Luke Dorn

FELLOWSHIP & COMMITMENT: After the service family and friends are invited to enjoy cherry pie and coffee in the gym downstairs. Lyle's body will be laid to rest at Salem Lutheran Cemetery later today.

OUR PRAYER FOR EACH OF YOU: It is our prayer that the Word of God which brought so much comfort to Lyle also brought you comfort today. The message of our Savior who lived, died and rose again leads us believers to mourn not like the rest of the world, but as people who have the sure hope of a reunion because of Christ. If we can comfort or guide you in the future with this same life-saving message, please do not hesitate to contact us. God be with you.

MEANING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: The large candle next to the baptismal font symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World; Its large size symbolizes Jesus as the mighty Victor over death and sin. It is lit at every baptism, for *"we are 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."* (Romans 6:4) It is kept burning throughout the Easter season and always lighted for Christian funerals to show the close connection between Christ's resurrection and the Christian's resurrection to life eternal.





Lyle Carl Doerr

1931 – 2023

Lyle Doerr was born on October 20, 1931 and was a lifelong resident of Stillwater. He graduated from Stillwater High School in 1949, attended Macalester College and the University of Minnesota where he studied architectural design. He worked in that capacity for 16 years and went on to work for Washington County as their project manager (Restoration of the Historic Courthouse, Co. Libraries, Gov't Ctr., new jail) until his retirement in 1997.

Lyle enlisted in the MN Army National Guard at the age of 17. He was called to active duty in 1951 (Camp Rucker, Alabama). He served his tour of duty, came home and re-enlisted. He was a graduate of the US Army Infantry School, US Army Chemical Corps School, US Army Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College. He served in a variety of Command and Staff positions in the 47th Infantry Division, finishing as Assistant Adjutant General. He retired from the military at age 60, having attained the rank of Major General (Brevet). He played an instrumental role in establishing what eventually became the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley. He was also a member of SAR (Sons of the American Revolution).

Lyle was a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater where he taught Sunday School, was a Buckaroo leader, Church Council Member, President of the Congregation and Chairman of the new church building project in 1962. Lyle was very patriotic, had strong faith and loved the home he designed and built in 1957, where he resided for 65 years. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren and was proud of them all. He had a love of music, enjoyed cooking, fishing, gardening, carpentry, Twins baseball and military history, having served on the Stillwater Military History Project Committee for the new Armory.

God graciously called Lyle out of this life to his eternal home in heaven on Sunday, November 5th. Lyle is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Dorothy; sons, Lyle Jr., Larry (Evie), & Jonathan; daughter, Jocelyn (Jon) Fahrendorff; grandchildren, Kaylyn (Eric), Alex (Savannah), Zachary (Natalie), Justin, Joshua, and Ryan; sister, Lois Hemenway; sisters-in-law, Audrey and Jan; nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Carl Doerr.

His body will be laid to rest at Salem Lutheran Cemetery to await a glorious resurrection on the Last Day.

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” ~ Revelation 7:10