

# Christian Memorial Service

Robert Earl Hammermeister



**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

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**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
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**OPENING HYMN**

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**  
The Lutheran Hymnal | 376

**GREETING & PRAYER**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**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 the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

**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 for Robert, 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

**Jerusalem the Golden**  
The Lutheran Hymnal | 613

*When I called  
You answered me  
You greatly emboldened me*

## RESURRECTION COMFORT

**M:** 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 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."

**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:** We will be before the throne of God

**C:** **And serve Him day and night in His temple.**

**M:** Never again will we hunger;

**C:** **Never again will we thirst.**

**M:** 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 every tear from our eyes.**

**M:** 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.**

## LESSON

**Job 19:23-27**

<sup>23</sup> "Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,

<sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed  
yet in my flesh I will see God;

<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me!

## PSALM

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, 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.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## LESSON

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage each other with these words.

## GOSPEL

## John 14:1-7, 25-27

<sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

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

<sup>25</sup>"All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

That saved a wretch like me! I  
 His Word my hope se - cures. He  
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've

once was lost but now am found,  
 will my shield and por - tion be  
 grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 no less days to sing God's praise

Was blind but now I see.  
 As long as life en - dures.  
 And grace will lead me home.  
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

MESSAGE

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

APOSTLES CREED

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered and died under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

## PRAYER &amp; LORD'S PRAYER

**M:** 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, Robert, who 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.**

**M:** 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.**

**M:** 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.**

**M:** Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** **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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M:** Thank you, heavenly Father, that you have clothed us with Christ, and made us one in him. Break down all barriers that divide us and teach us to live in harmony as members of your family. We ask this through your Son, Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **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.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Almighty Father, Strong to Save



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Your



arm has bound the rest - less wave, Who  
which our traf - fic runs a - main By  
spread a - broad the fir - ma - ment; O  
peo - ple shield in dan - ger's hour; From



bids the might - y o - cean deep Its  
moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
Wind of heav - en, by your might Save  
rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh,  
ev - er, Lord, your peo - ple go, Pro -  
all who dare the ca - gle's flight, And  
tect them all wher - e'er they go; Thus



hear our earn - est, hum - ble plea For  
tect them by your guard - ing hand From  
keep them by your watch - ful care From  
ev - er - more to you shall be Glad



those in per - il on the sea.  
ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
praise from air and land and sea.

## Robert Earl Hammermeister

Robert Earl Hammermeister passed away Saturday morning, May 25th at Memorial Hospital, Long Beach. He was the eldest of four children by Alice and Julius Hammermeister. Both parents are deceased. Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois, but spent most of his younger years on a farm in Austin, Minnesota. On the farm he enjoyed hunting pheasants and rabbits with his dad. However, he did not like feeding the pigs, so his sister Joyce fed the pigs and Bob helped his mom wash the dishes.

Bob attended Austin High School and loved sports and since he was 6 ft. 2" was a great basketball player. He enjoyed baseball and track. Robert was a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) and The Hormel Plant gave all the students a pregnant hog to raise. Bob had to prepare a special pen for the hog. An FFA advisor would come to the farm and inspect the area for cleanliness during the semester. When the pigs were grown, one was given back to the Hormel Plant.

After graduating from high school, Robert enlisted in the US Navy and did his boot camp training at Great Lakes, Michigan. Then he was sent to Oakland, California and many other ports. He was stationed in Japan and Viet Nam for many years. Bob was on many different air craft carriers but loved enjoyed the Marsh and Yorktown the best. In his free time enjoyed bowling and playing softball. He served in the Navy until 1968.

When leaving the military, Bob became an active volunteer with the Naval Sea Cadets, in Seal Beach, California. Robert loved the Navy and wanted to help the young adults become successful in life. Being LT. Commander with the Sea Cadets, he assisted with cadet boot camp training at Port Heuneme, California. Being a Lutheran all his life, he always encouraged the young cadets to attend church services. Bob always gave the young folks positive encouragement. He even had some of his cadets attend West Point and other colleges and universities. Bob was very good at organizing the Sea Cadet to perform the Color Guard in various cities and parades.

Robert retired from the Santee Dairy after working there for 31 years. Challenge Cream and butter was bought out by Knudson and Santee.

Robert will be sorely missed by his family especially his wife Linda of 30 years. She loved him very much and took excellent care of him. He was a lucky man to have found her. They were married in Hawaii in 1989 at Prince Kuhio by a Lutheran minister. He is survived by his brother John (wife Bettie), sisters Joyce Bennett (married to Bill who is now deceased) and Mary Taylor (married to Benny who is now deceased), his nephews Johnny Hammermeister (Jennifer), Andrew Taylor, Nieces Laurie Mayer (Jim), Julie Taylor (Tom), Stacy Atilano (John) and Tracy Reed (Rick) and many great nieces and nephews.

