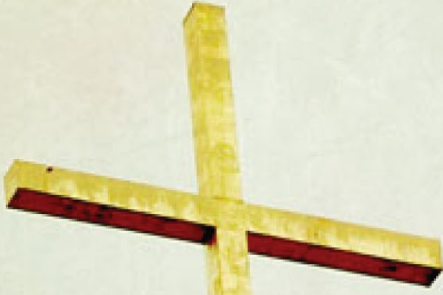


July 19, 2024

Funeral of Charlie Danner



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

PSALM 62:6, NIV

*The Christian Funeral*  
*of*  
*Charles Nestor Danner*

Friday, July 19, 2024 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, Charlie 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 Charlie, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for the gift of faith and eternal life to all who believe. 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

- <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 <sup>h</sup> 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!

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:4-9

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

## Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross

- 1** On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

### Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2** O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. (*Refrain*)

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. (*Refrain*)
- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. (*Refrain*)

### **Sermon Reading**

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> 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.

**“God renews strength to all who hope in the LORD”**

### **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.

## ***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.**

## Hymn: Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 1, 3, 6-7

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
but kind and good, with healing in thy wings,  
tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;  
come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.
- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## 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

Organist: Robyn Stoller

**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.

*Charlie Nestor Danner*  
1983 – 2024

Charlie Danner was born November 22, 1983 to Dale and Barb Danner. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Paul and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hastings. God graciously called Charlie out of this life on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

He is survived by his children, Caden and Lucas; and his parents, Dale and Barb. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joanne.



Charlie's ashes will be kept 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*

**Fellowship Luncheon**

After the service today, family and friends are invited to a luncheon.

**Our Prayer for Each of You**

It is our prayer that the Word of God which brings so much comfort to believers 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.

