



A Celebration of Life for

*The Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann*

Through Faith in Jesus Christ

February 15, 1939 – August 29, 2021

# The Order of Christian Worship

Commemorating the Victory of  
The Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann  
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## MUSIC AND MEDITATION

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *“Lift High the Cross”* (Lutheran Service Book, #837)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

### **INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### **DECLARATION OF RESURRECTION:**

*Romans 6:3-5*

*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 like this in His death, we will also certainly be united with Him in His resurrection!*

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

O God of grace and mercy, we praise You for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. We thank You that according to Your holy promise You have received the soul of the Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann into the company of saints and angels in heaven, there to live in the light of Jesus' glory forevermore. Grant us joy in the midst of grief, looking forward even now

to the day of resurrection when all Your people, raised from the dead, will behold Your Son and receive from Him the crown of everlasting life. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my Light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.

'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

### ***Job 19:23-27***

“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last He will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

## **RESPONSORY: Psalm 31:3**

*Lector: For You are my rock and my fortress;*

**Congregation: and for Your name’s sake You lead me and guide me.**

### ***Revelation 12:7-12***

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

### **RESPONSORY: Psalm 31:3**

*Lector: For You are my rock and my fortress;*

**Congregation: and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

***John 14:1-6, 27*** (Please rise.)

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### **RESPONSORY: Psalm 31:3**

*Lector: For You are my rock and my fortress;*

**Congregation: and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles Creed.*

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The 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 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!**

**HYMN:** “Thy Strong Word” (Lutheran Service Book, #578)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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**SERMON:** “The Glorious Gospel.” *Rev. David Smith*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

(Romans 1:16)

**HYMN:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”



"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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## **CLOSING PRAYERS**

### **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:** "On Eagles' Wings" (Lutheran Service Book, #727)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear.  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you, it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

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**COMMENDATION OF MINISTRY:** Rev. Greg Smith

**GREETINGS OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT PRESIDENT:** Rev. Michael Newman

**FAMILY REMINISCENCES**

**HYMN:** "Earth and All Stars" (Lutheran Service Book, #817 vs 1, 3, and 7)

Earth and all stars!  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes!  
Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre!

Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Children of God,  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

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## **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*

*Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve Him day and night in His temple;  
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.*

*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.*

*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and He will guide them to springs of living water,*

*and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

**EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**BENEDICTION:**

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,*

**People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (Lutheran Service Book, #461)

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;

He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**In God's Service:**

All believers in Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer – Rev. David Smith

Liturgist – Rev. Walter Pohland

Lector – Rev. Bill Crowe

Crucifer – Andrew Glick

Organist – Dr. Joshua Chai

“The memory of the righteous will be a blessing.”  
(Proverbs 10:7a)

**L. Dean Hempelmann, S.T.M., Ph.D.**



*February 15, 1939 – August 29, 2021*

Faithful servant of the Lord, Reverend Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, was called to glory on August 29, 2021. He was born in Malta Bend, Missouri, on February 15, 1939, to Ludwig and Katherine (Hempelmann). He grew up in Rosebud, Missouri and spent his elementary, secondary, college, and seminary education in schools operated by The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Before completing two master’s degrees in theology - the Master of Divinity and the Master of Sacred Theology - he married his sweetheart, Catherine Mary Haake on June 2, 1962. They were the only two students in their grade at Immanuel Lutheran Day School, Rosebud, Missouri for all eight years of elementary school. Dean left to attend high school at St. Paul’s College in Concordia, Missouri. During their junior year, a courtship of six years of letter writing began. In 1961, Dean petitioned the dean of students at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Louis, for permission to get married, and it was granted.

Rev. Hempelmann was ordained on June 5, 1966, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rosebud by the Rev. Siegfried J. Lehmann. Rev. Lehmann, also known as “Sig” was born and raised in Germany and was ordained by a pastor who by way of Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther's pastor and a teacher at the University of Wittenberg and ordained a generation of pastors, was in the historic line of apostolic succession. Rev. Hempelmann proudly fell in this historic line.

He served 12 years consecutively as pastor in two parishes, Peace Lutheran Church in Selah, Washington, and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salem, Oregon. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, called Rev. Hempelmann to begin his service in theological education, spanning 16 years of leadership as professor, director of several administrative divisions, academic dean, and acting president. During this time, he also served as assisting pastor at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Affton, Missouri, for almost 10 years, and completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Historical Theology at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1993, Dr. Hempelmann and Cathy moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where he became the third president of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Lutheran Church Canada. He served six years, leading the seminary to full accreditation without notation by The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

After completing 21 years of service in theological education, he accepted the call in 1999 to serve as Director of Pastoral Education, Board for Higher Education, LCMS. In February 2005 he was called to serve as Executive Director, Board for Pastoral Education, LCMS.

Dr. Hempelmann was an author of numerous articles, essays, reviews and book chapters, and an essayist, presenter both nationally and internationally, and a Chaplain, Captain, in the US Air Force Reserves. He was named Outstanding Young Men in America (1974) and awarded the Walther Fellowship (1981-1982, 82-83).

Dean was a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his mother (Katherine), father (Ludwig) and infant son (Michael Allen). He is survived by Cathy, his best friend of 59 years; his son Michael (Melanie); two daughters Cheryl (John) and Lisa (James); eight grandchildren Kyle Hennen (Nataleigh), Andrew Glick (Amanda); Lauren Lawrence (Patrick), Sarah

Hempelmann, Mason Hempelmann, Nicholas, Anthony and Tyler Candido; and three great grandchildren Russell and Vera Hennen and on August 30th, Judah Dean Glick, was born into the world. Dean is also survived by his sister Roberta and brother DeWayne (Peggy) and a host of loving friends and colleagues.

Out of respect to the health and safety of all, a small private visitation at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home and family burial at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Rosebud, Missouri is being held on September 10. If you would like to send personal stories, words of love and encouragement to the family, please mail them to: 304 Cooper Lake Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633.

A public memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church (4010 Williams Drive, Georgetown, TX) on September 29 at 2 p.m. with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to:  
The Dean and Cathy Hempelmann Endowment Fund  
Concordia Lutheran Seminary  
7040 Ada Blvd, Edmonton, Alberta, T5B 4E3

and to  
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