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# *Memorial Service*

*Saturday, May 1, 2021*



John L. Meyer, Sr.

Jesse L. Meyer

Baptized into Christ Jesus

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✘ July 29, 1936 ~ May 20, 2020 ✘

✘ August 7, 1988 ~ June 10, 2020 ✘

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*Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminister, Massachusetts*

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Memorial Service for John L. Meyer (1936–2020) and Jesse L. Meyer (1988–2020)  
Saturday, May 1, 2021, 10:00 am

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*Thank you for wearing your masks during the service.  
The congregation sings the hymns and speaks the liturgy in bold.*

OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 262/LSB 656 – TEXT: LSB 656, STS. 1–2

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

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THE INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*In Holy Baptism John Meyer and Jesse Meyer were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all their sins. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"*

**We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

THE ENTRANCE PSALM

*Psalm 90; antiphon v. 12*

*Teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

*LORD, You have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*

*You return man to dust*

**and say, "Return, O children of man!"**

*For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.*

*You sweep them away as with a flood;*

**they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:**

*in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;*

**in the evening it fades and withers.**

*For we are brought to an end by Your anger;*

**by Your wrath we are dismayed.**

*You have set our iniquities before You,*

**our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

*For all our days pass away under Your wrath;*

**we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

*The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;*

**yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

*Who considers the power of Your anger,*

**and Your wrath according to the fear of You?**

*So teach us to number our days*

**that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

*Return, O LORD! How long?*

**Have pity on Your servants!**

*Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,*

**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

*Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,*

**and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

*Let Your work be shown to Your servants,*

**and Your glorious power to their children.**

*Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;*

**yes, establish the work of our hands!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Teach us to number our days*

**that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to John, to Jesse, and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## *The Reading of God's Word*

*from the Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22–26; 31–33*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*the Psalmody: Psalm 23*

*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.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*from the Letters: Romans 6:3–11*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;*  
**to Him be glory and power forever. Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: John 10:10b–15, 27–30*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.*

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:*

**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.**

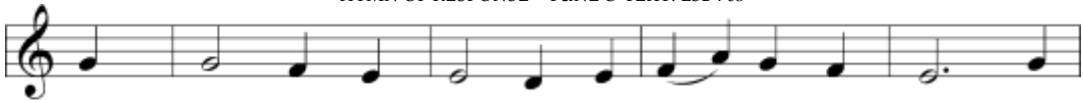
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 660, STS. 1, 2, & 4

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| <p><b>1 I'm but a stranger here,<br/>Heav'n is my home;<br/>Earth is a desert drear,<br/>Heav'n is my home.<br/>Danger and sorrow stand<br/>Round me on ev'ry hand;<br/>Heav'n is my fatherland,<br/>Heav'n is my home.</b></p> | <p><b>2 What though the tempest rage,<br/>Heav'n is my home;<br/>Short is my pilgrimage,<br/>Heav'n is my home;<br/>And time's wild wintry blast<br/>Soon shall be overpast;<br/>I shall reach home at last,<br/>Heav'n is my home.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 Therefore I murmur not, heav'n is my home;<br/>Whate'er my earthly lot, heav'n is my home;<br/>And I shall surely stand<br/>There at my Lord's right hand;<br/>Heav'n is my fatherland, heav'n is my home.</b></p>      |   |

# The Sermon

HYMN OF RESPONSE – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## The Prayer of the Church

*after each petition:*

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:*

**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.**

*“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though He dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”*

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised, for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people, a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though He dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”*

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 552, STS. 1, 7, 8

- 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.**
- 2 **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!**
- 3 **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.**

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THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BENEDICAMUS  
*Bless we the Lord.*

[Psalm 103:1]

**Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.*

*The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.*

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 15 – TEXT: LSB 816

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| <b>1</b> From all that dwell below the skies<br>Let the Creator's praise arise;<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Let the Redeemer's name be sung<br>Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | <b>2</b> Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;<br>Eternal truth attends Thy Word.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore<br>Till suns shall rise and set no more.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
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- △ **3** All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Following the service, you are invited to join in fellowship and light refreshments.  
The committal service for John will on Monday, May 3, at 2:00 pm at the Winchendon Veterans' Cemetery.*

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