

SOLA SCRIPTURA ✠ SOLA GRATIA ✠ SOLA FIDE

A Christian Memorial Service



Born to Alfred & Helen Berube – September 2, 1937

Baptized into Christ Jesus

✠ *Alfred Joseph Berube, Jr.* ✠

Entered into His Glory – October 18, 2024

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminister, MA

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The Memorial Service for Alfred J. Berube (1937–2024)..... October 24, 2024

OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 657

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| <p>1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> <p>2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.</p> | <p>3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.</p> <p>4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!</p> |
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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 Alfred Joseph Berube, Jr., was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. 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 INTROIT

Revelation 7:9–10; Psalm 84:1; 97:12a

*A huge multitude that no one could count stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
Clothed in white robes, with palms in their hands,*

And they shouted aloud:

"Salvation belongs to our God upon the throne and to the Lamb!"

Oh, rejoice in the Lord, you righteous!

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts!

**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.**

*A huge multitude that no one could count stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
Clothed in white robes, with palms in their hands.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You were dead; now You are alive forever. Strengthen us, who must die soon, so that we turn from our sins and follow You through this world, and then follow on, through death into life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: Isaiah 35:3–10

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

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.

from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 & Revelation 21:1–7

After the reading:

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Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE

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

from the Holy Gospel: John 3:16–18

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: TLH 245 & TEXT: LSB 571

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| <p>1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.</p> <p>2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.</p> | <p>3 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.</p> <p>△ 4 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!</p> |
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The Sermon

HYMN OF RESPONSE – TEXT & TUNE: LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

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The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

the prayer concludes:

. . . in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Dear Lord Jesus, hear Your disciples as we pray, for we long to leave and be with You, which is far better. When we are with You, we need nothing else on earth, but we are always with You. You lead us by the hand. You guide us with Your counsel, and afterward, You will take us into glory. In Your presence is fullness of joy and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. How beautiful is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! Our souls long, they ache for the courts of the Living God. We shall be satisfied when we awake to see Your face. Until then, as You have taught us, we 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.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

John 11:25–26 NIV; Luke 2:29–32

“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.”

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. Blessed Lord Jesus, God and Savior, we thank You for every earthly gift You gave to Al in this world, from life itself to the love of those who are gathered here now, and for every gift, earthly and heavenly, that You gave to us through him. But above all, we thank You that You loved him and carried his sins in Your own body on the cross, and that You rose from Your grave to find him, and through Your Church held out to him Your wounded hands, and through Your Word and Sacraments gave him forgiveness of all his sins and eternal life.

O Christ, Judge and Master of us all, grant that all of us who loved him here may now look to Your love, that we may grasp Your hands, scarred for us, and believe and receive Your forgiveness. Give each of us grace to follow You in this life, that each of us may also leave this life with You and enter the Paradise prepared for those who love You. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.

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.

CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 744

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| <p>1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!</p> <p>2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.</p> | <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.</p> <p>4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.</p> <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.</p> |
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A private burial will take place at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Fitchburg.

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