



***Peace in the Valley Lutheran
Church***

***Honoring the Passing of
Bill Lawrence into Life Eternal***

October 26, 1938 - June 18, 2019



June 22, 2019



Special Music by Nona Rowton

Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross *The Other Song Book #220*

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

P Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Bill Lawrence 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

Apostles' Creed

- P** My brothers and sisters, God has made us His people through our faith and baptism in Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

- C** **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.**

Gospel Reading**St. John 11:17-27**

P Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Homily "Comfort In The Midst of Sorrow"**Lord's Prayer**

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

G **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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives
vs. 1, 2, 4, 8

LSB #461

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Even 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.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you forever.



Bill Lawrence
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Our beloved brother in Christ, Bill Lawrence, went home to be with Jesus Tuesday morning, June 18, 2019.

Bill was very involved in the building of our church on J-6 Ranch Road. He was especially thrilled with placing the cross and the bell. Bill was received as a member at PITV in March 2000, was loved by all of us, and will surely be missed.

Bill was born in Moline, Rock Island County, IL, Oct. 26, 1938, to LuElla and Eldon Lawrence. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Irma Younts and brother Dale Lawrence. Bill is survived by his wife, Lynn Lawrence, his brother Calvin Lawrence and children Jeffrey and Mark Lawrence, and William and Allen Davis, granddaughters Chloe and Isabelle Lawrence, and grandson Jordan Litke.

We rejoice in the blessed resurrection.

Pastor Ron York

Organist: Felicia Brown



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551 S. J-6 Ranch Rd, Benson, AZ 85602

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM

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