

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Theodore Edgar Goerke
Monday, January 24, 2022 11:00 AM



Theodore Edgar Goerke
April 9, 1930 – January 14, 2022

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ding, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Brief Address to Family and Guests

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Theodore 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?"

C **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.**

Psalm

Psalm 23 KJV

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, 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.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Salutation and Collect 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 Theodore 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46:1-11

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:8

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse

- A** Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
- C** to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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!

Sermon

Theme: "Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant"

Text: Matthew 25:21

Duet: Abide with Me

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Theodore Goerke and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Theodore and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

C **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.**

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The Rite of Committal

(Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery)

- P** Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”
- C** **The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”**
- P** I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Psalm 118:15-17
- P** For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.
- C** **So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.** *Romans 14:7-8*
- P** Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”
John 11:25-26a
- P** Let us pray: Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank you for the blessings of body and soul that you granted this departed brother, whose earthly remains we lay to rest. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

P We commit Theodore's body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself. May God the Father, who created this body, may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C Amen.

P Let us pray: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His glorious resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him who is the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed.

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of the Lord.

THEODORE E. GOERKE

Theodore (Ted) Edgar Goerke was born April 9, 1930 to Theodore and Clara (Bartels) Goerke in Chatam Township. He was one of seven children.

Ted attended Bethlehem Lutheran School during his primary years before going onto Maple Lake High School where he played football. He graduated from there in 1948. In 1952 Ted and his best friend Clarence Koosman went into the service. He served in the United States Army for two years. While Ted was in the service his siblings would always say a prayer before bed for their brother and Ted would end every day by praying, "Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep" no matter where he was sleeping that night. After serving his country Ted continued his education by attending DeVry Technical School for two years. He went on to have a 36 year career at Honeywell and a 19 year career at the Minneapolis Auto Auction.

Ted met the love of his life Gladys Uecker at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. One evening Ted and Gladys attended the local Bowling Alley in Waverly, MN where Ted escorted the lovely Miss Gladys home. And as they say, the rest was history. Ted and Gladys were married on June 19, 1954. Soon after they were married they began adding to their family by welcoming son Randy in 1957 and daughter Connie in 1959. Over the years Ted and Gladys lived in Chicago, NE Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park, Osseo, and Maple Grove.

In his free time Ted loved spending time with his family, especially watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren play sports. He also enjoyed playing golf in his younger years, hunting, and fishing. As a matter of fact he and the boys spent many fun hunting trips at the North Home over the years.

Ted was a faithful servant to our Savior and taught his children and grandchildren about our Lord and Savior. He was also an active steward in the church by being an Elder and holding various other positions on multiple boards throughout the years.

On January 14th, 2022 Ted passed away peacefully by sleeping next to his loving wife of 67 years, to be with his heavenly father. He will be greatly missed but will forever live on in our hearts.

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

*He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.”*

1 Cor. 15:57

Ted is survived by his loving wife, Gladys, of 67 years; his children, Randy (Connie) Goerke of Maple Grove and Connie (Wayne) Koosman of Howard Lake; 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; brother, Vic (Lottie) Goerke of Wichita; sisters, Evelyn Leahy of Buffalo, MN, Ruth (Don) Woolhouse of Apache Junction, AZ, and Delores Goerke of Buffalo, MN; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Clara; brothers, Ervin (Sadie) Goerke, Reinhardt Goerke Sr., and Arnold (Ruth) Goerke; and brother-in-law, Kerry Leahy.