

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota  
A Celebration Honoring the Life of Anthony Robert Luebke  
Friday, June 9, 2023 11:00 AM



**Anthony Robert Luebke**  
**November 16, 1966 – May 29, 2023**

**Solo: I Can Only Imagine**

*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 Anthony 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*

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters.
- P** He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** 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.
- P** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- C** Surely 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 Anthony 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

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

## Solo: There Will Be A Day

## Epistle

*Romans 8:28-39*

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 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

John 14:1-6

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said,] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

## Apostles’ Creed

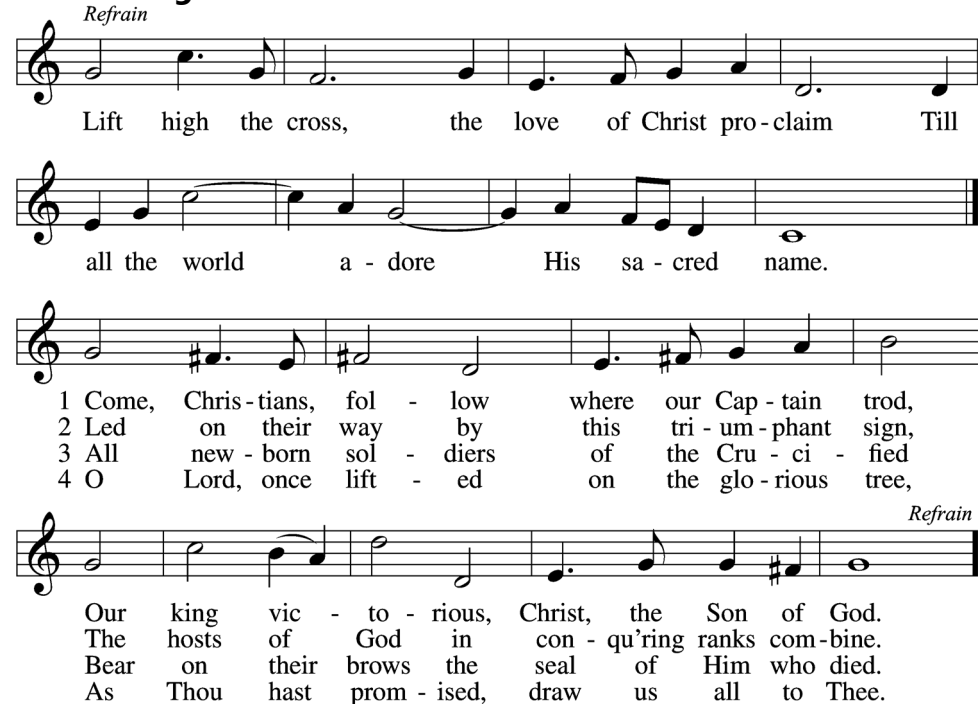
- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**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.**

## 837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## Sermon

Theme: “Anthony Received His Crown”  
Text: Revelation 2:10

## 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 Anthony Robert Luebke 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 Anthony 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.

## Nunc Dimittis

**A** “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.”

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**A** “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.”

## Concluding Collect

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction and Dismissal

**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.

## 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born;  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## The Rite of Committal

**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 Anthony’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.**

**Officiant** — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

**Organist** — Esther Burns

**Soloist** — John Mueller

**Biographer** — Jennifer Hines

## Acknowledgments

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## **ANTHONY ROBERT LUEBKE**

Anthony (Tony) Robert Luebke was born on November 11, 1966 to Victor and LuAnn Luebke in Hastings, MN. He was the youngest of three children.

Tony attended Rose of Sharon Lutheran School in Cottage Grove during his primary and secondary years. Tony played basketball and football growing up. Whenever the song by Queen, "We are the Champions" would play on the radio Tony would tell us that after winning a basketball championship, he got in trouble for playing that song in celebration on his cassette player on the court. Bad sportsmanship he was told. Then he went on to Park High School in Cottage Grove. He graduated in 1984. Shortly after graduation Tony joined the Army Reserves where he served as an electrical repairman and repaired flight recorders and power supplies (just to name a few) until his honorable discharge in 1998. He would say he was proud of his military service and had traveled throughout the world serving our country. In addition to his time in the Reserves, he shared his many talents through a variety of jobs. He was a forklift operator, shipping and receiving supervisor for 3M, removed asbestos, did auto body work, unloaded and stocked merchandise for Target, and became a licensed journeyman electrician for IBEW Local Union 292.

One night at a singles dance, Tony met Cindy and they were married on August 27th, 1994. Throughout their 28 year marriage Tony and Cindy resided in Maple Grove. During his 1st marriage Tony welcomed his daughter Melissa and then when he remarried he added his stepsons Jason, Aric, and John to his family.

In his free time he loved being grandpa and his grandchildren brought him so much joy. His favorite part of being a grandpa was being able to play with them and he didn't like having to say "no" to them so he tried to avoid it. He also enjoyed listening to really loud rock and roll music and traveling to different casinos with his wife and his mother. Tony was known for his love of dogs. During his childhood he had a loving but challenging dog, named Freckles.

For his 25th Wedding Anniversary he and his wife Cindy picked out their first dog together, Stormy. Tony said it was the best gift he had ever received. A little while later they added another dog to the family. A sister for Stormy named Annie. Tony spoiled his dogs and he probably would have loved to have a cat too, but unfortunately he was allergic. He also enjoyed collecting antiques/collectibles, Hot Wheels, smiley face items, plates, and more. He was a Chevy Man. At one time he attempted to restore an El Camino but due to the impossibility of finding the correct parts for the restoration he decided to move on from the project.

Tony was also known for his thoughtfulness, generosity, and good sense of humor. He found happiness whenever possible.

On Monday, May 29th, 2023 Tony unexpectedly passed away from pancreatitis and was called home 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**

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Cindy of 28 years; mother LuAnn; his daughter Melissa (Brent) Smith; stepsons John (Ann) Mueller, Aric (Stephanie) Mueller, Jason Mueller (Kayla Randall); his beloved grandchildren Brandon, Chris, Koltin, Amelia, Izzy, Emily, and Nolan; great grandson Cameron; sisters Pam Evans (Vinnie Levy) and Kim Steinke (Chad Sherlock); and nieces and nephews.

Tony was preceded in death by his father Victor and nephew Kory Evans.