

Funeral for
WALTER DRIEDGER
May 30, 2020
Lutheran Church of the Cross

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Eternal God... we glorify you. **We glorify you.***

*Jesus Christ... we praise you. **We praise you.***

*Holy Spirit... we worship you. **We worship you.***

*To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.***

Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW 767

- 1. Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**
- 2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**
- 3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Psalm

Psalm 46

¹*God is our refuge and strength,*

a very present help in trouble.

²*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*

and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³*though its waters rage and foam,*

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵*God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;*

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶*The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;*

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷*The LORD of hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸*Come now, regard the works of the LORD,*

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹*behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;*

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰*“Be still, then, and know that I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹*The LORD of hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

**1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

- 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**
- 4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Creed

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

....God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Commendation

Blessing

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

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Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen

Officiant

Musician

Lector

The Rev. Dr. Phil Holck

Mika Pratt

Emmi Driedger

Walter Driedger

February 19, 1946 - May 24, 2020

Walter Driedger was taken into the presence of our Lord on Sunday, May 24, 2020 in Calgary, AB. Loving husband of Takako, supportive father to Kayko (Josh), Mika (Russ), and Emmi (Stefan), and proud grandfather of Akira, Hiro, Lochlann, Brynja, Toshi, and Mynah, he also leaves behind siblings Maria (John), Bernie (Annette), Peter (Tatyana), and nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, Gerhard and Hilda Driedger.



Walter was proud to be a professional engineer and mentored many others through his long career. Deeply impacted by his experience as a child refugee from Germany after WWII, he enjoyed helping other newcomers make Canada their home. He was a lifelong supporter of the Lutheran churches he attended, including Shepherd of the Hills (Calgary), Shepherd King (Calgary), and Church of the Cross (Calgary). He will be remembered by his acquaintances, friends, and family for his excellent advice, his memorable stories, and his terrible jokes.

To leave condolences, please visit www.walterdriedger.wordpress.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Canadian Lutheran World Relief.