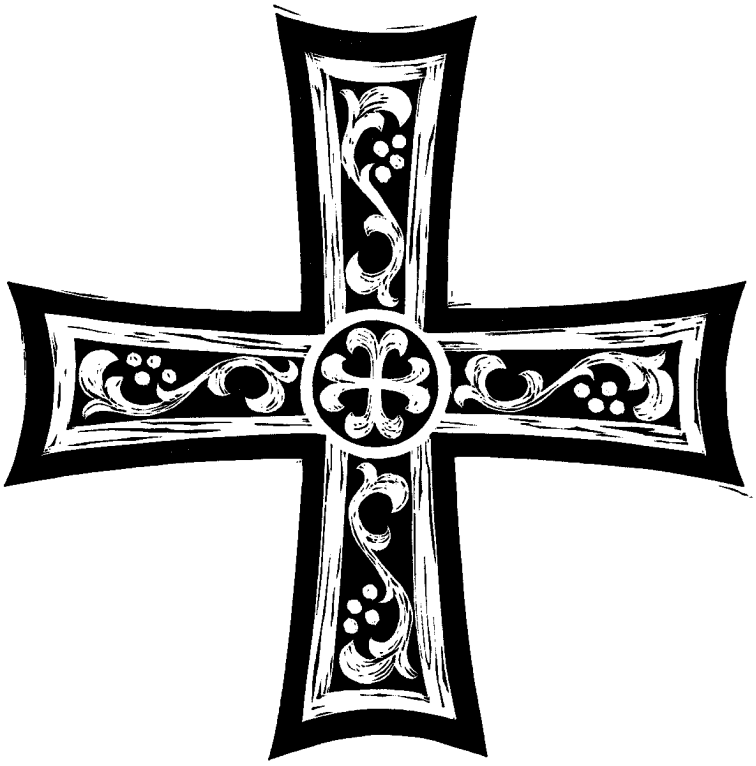
Celebration of the Resurrection and Memorial Service for

Lawrence Hunter Roane, Jr.



St John's Lutheran Church
Beaufort, South Carolina

November 2, 2026

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GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our brother Lawrence Hunter Roane, Jr, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism Larry was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life: We glorify you.
We glorify you.
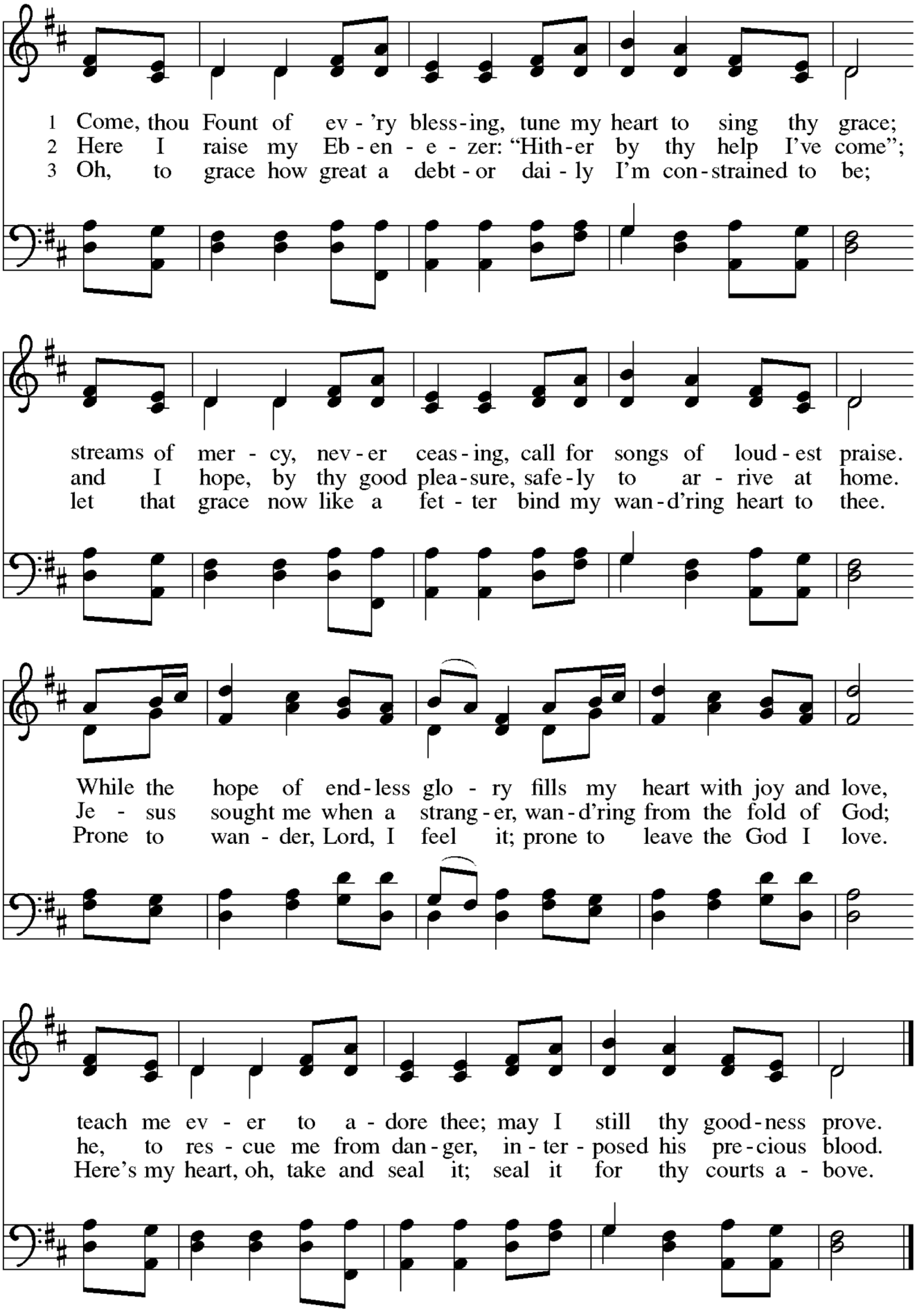
Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life: We praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope: We worship you.
We worship you.

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

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Larry. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Illumine our lives, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEMORIES FROM THE FAMILY

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be
lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the
world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but
may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the
world but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him
are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they
have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the
light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their
deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that
their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that
it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Luke 15:11-32
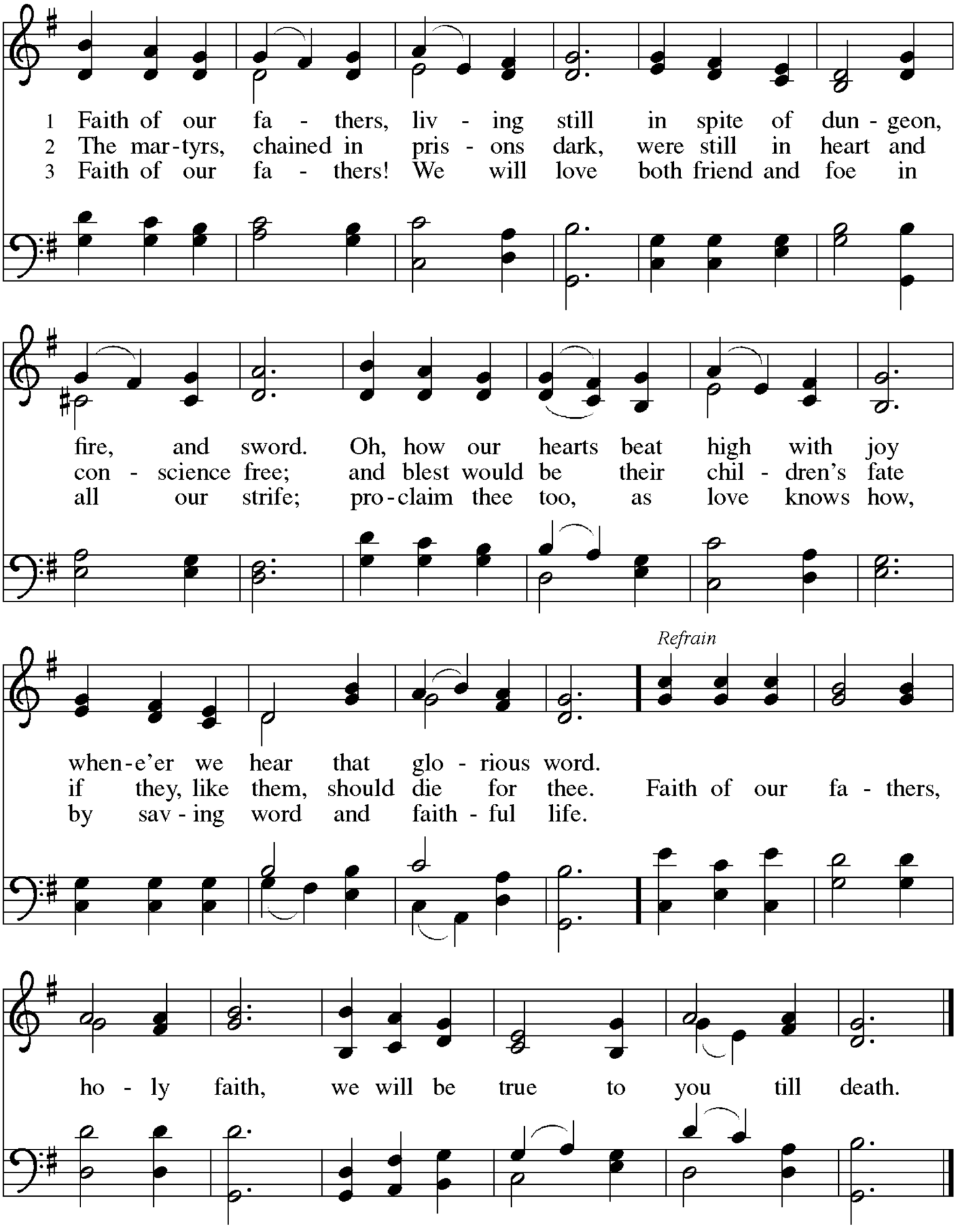
11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his
father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his
assets between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled
to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. 14 When he had
spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in
need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him
to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that
the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to his senses he
said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am
dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have
sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat
me like one of your hired hands.” ’ 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was
still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms
around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against
heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to
his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his
finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and
celebrate, 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And
they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard
music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He
replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has
got him back safe and sound.’ 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father
came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these
years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command,
yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.
30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes,
you killed the fatted calf for him!’ 31 Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with
me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this
brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

SERMON **Pastor Sean Miller-Perez**

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers



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.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus, fullness of compassion, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Larry, and dry the tears of those who weep. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, man of sorrows, you wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend; comfort us who mourn. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, firstborn of the new creation, you raised the dead; give to our brother life eternal. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, friend of sinners, you promised paradise to the repentant thief; bring Larry to the joys of heaven. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, wellspring of life, you washed our brother in baptism and anointed him with the Holy Spirit; give him communion with all your saints. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, bread of life, you nourished Larry at your table on earth; welcome him at your table in realm of heaven. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, bright morning star, comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Larry; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall 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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
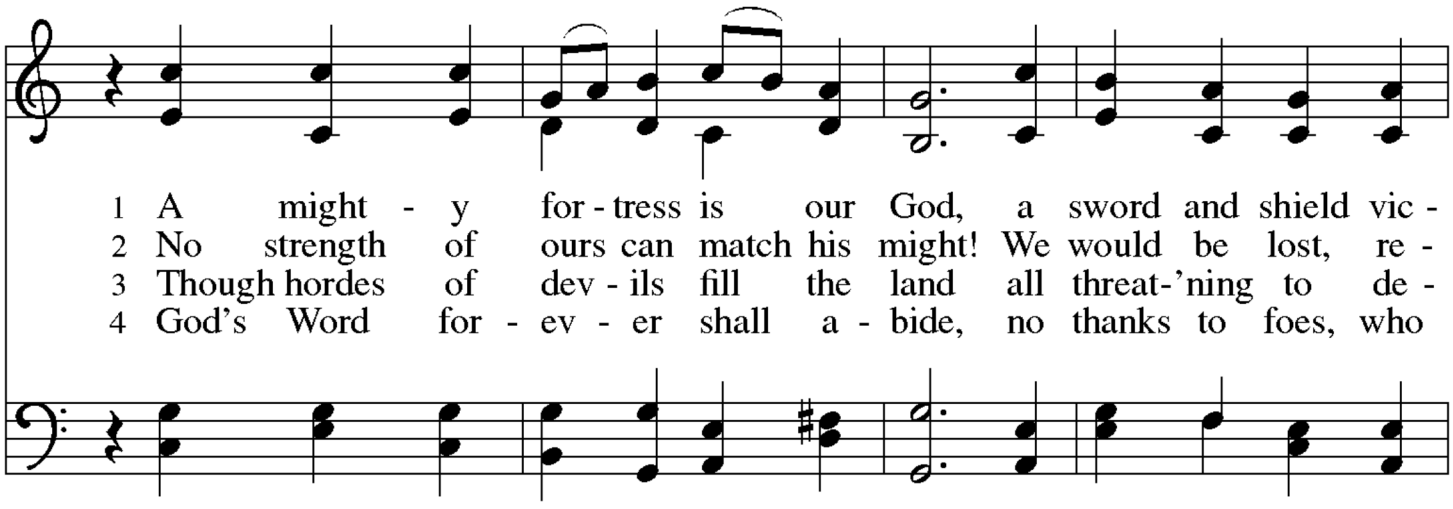
COMMENDATION
Let us commend Larry to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
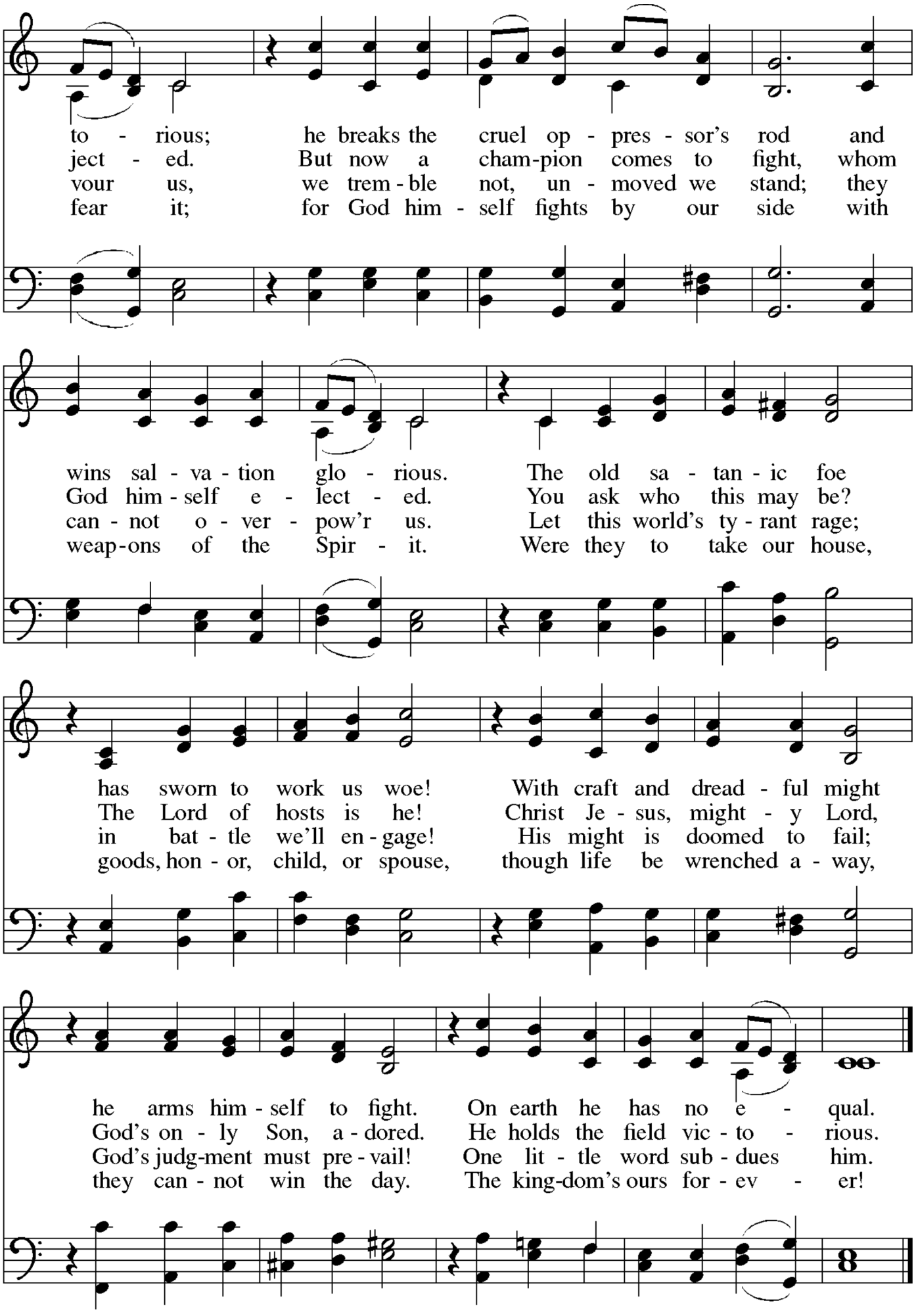
Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Lawrence Hunter Roane, Jr. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

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

HYMN ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***




to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with
wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,
he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Lawrence H. Roane Jr.



December 5, 1933-October 20, 2026

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Lawrence (Larry) Hunter Roane, Jr, age 92: (recent widower and) loving husband of almost 49 years; son, brother, and uncle by birth; father and grandfather by choice; devoted friend and neighbor; and proud United States Marine.

Larry's time on this earth ended on October 20, 2026. His love of life and joy for each new day will live on in those that remember him and his playful smile.

Larry was born in Danville, VA on December 5,1933 to Lawrence Hunter Roane and Elzie Davidson. He was older brother to Diane (Roane) Lasley, brother-in-law to Glenn Lasley (who predeceased his family), and uncle to countless nieces/grandnieces/nephews/and grand nephews.

Larry and Diane graduated from Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, NC in 1953. After HS graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. After serving three years, he attended North Carolina State University, graduating in 1961. He then re-enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving for the next 20 years and attained the rank of MGySgt. Over the course of his Marine Corps service, Larry participated in the Korean War and three combat tours in Vietnam. After retirement from the Marine Corps, Larry returned to college and completed a degree in Law Enforcement at Moorpark College in CA. Larry then entered the University at Cal State Northridge and completed a second bachelor's degree. Larry then turned his focus to the U.S. Postal Service where he worked until he retired.

It is during this time that Larry, the confirmed bachelor of 43 years, would meet and marry the love of his life, Eve (who departed this world in September 2025). They eloped to Las Vegas (during a dental convention) and enjoyed their first meal as husband and wife at a local McDonalds on the Vegas Strip.

After living for 18 years in Southern California (and surviving the Northridge Earthquake), Larry gave in to Eve's strong desires to "come home"; and in 1994 they moved back across country and put down permanent roots. They reconnected with old friends and added Local Chapter 12 DAV members, Red Bluff Estates neighbors, and St John's parishioners to their ever-growing family.

Larry enjoyed working in his beloved yard; just being outside; Alabama, North Carolina (and more recently South Carolina) sports; talking about who went to college where; and discussing the U.S. Marine Corps with anyone who could intelligently discuss them.

We take comfort in knowing Larry has gone home to his Lord and Savior and that he was ready to do so. The family will receive friends on Monday, 2 November 2026 at 11:00 prior to follow-up services at St. John's Lutheran Church at 12:30. Interment will follow at the Beaufort National Cemetery at 2:00. In memory of Larry (and in lieu of flowers), it is requested that donations be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.