

The gift of God

IS ETERNAL LIFE

THROUGH *Jesus Christ* OUR LORD.



Romans 6:23

+Soli Deo Gloria+

The Worship Service Celebrating
The Heavenly Homecoming of
Thomas Hardt

December 10, 1944 – October 24, 2025

The Prelude

“Abide O Dearest Jesus”

J. Pachelbel

Welcome

Please Stand

The Processional Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB #657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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The Invocation and Opening Litany

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

C Amen.

P In baptism we have been buried with Christ.

C And we shall LIVE with Him. (Jn.6)

P Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (I Cor. 15:51)

C The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (I Cor. 15:53)

P Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (I Cor. 15:54-55)

C But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15:57)

P Jesus said to her, "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. Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:25-26)

C I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

P He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Rev. 21:4)

C He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Prayer

P Let us pray

All: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today Tom, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Psalmody

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- P** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- C** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Please Be Seated

The Comfort of God’s Word

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 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?³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

John 14:1-6

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Please Stand

The Hymn

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB #490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will

scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

Jesus lives! And now is death, But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath, When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

Please Be Seated

The Message

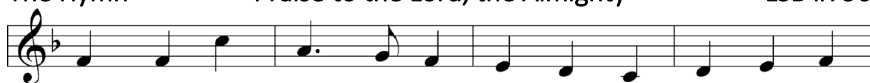
"Jesus is My CONFIDENCE!"

Please Stand

The Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB #790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!


All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen, Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

Apostles' Creed

Tom's Version

- P** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- C** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- P** And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- P** Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.
- C** He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
- P** Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
- C** He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- P** He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven.
- C** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
- P** And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** For you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church.
- C** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil: my cup overflows.
- P** The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins.
- C** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.
- P** The resurrection of the body, and the life  everlasting. Amen.
- C** And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Prayers

*Each Petition of Prayer ends with the words "Lord in Your Mercy"
to which we invite you to respond "Hear Our Prayer."*

The Lord's Prayer



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Benediction

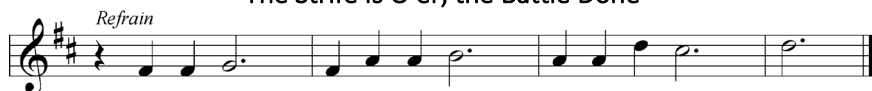
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

P. Lutkin

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

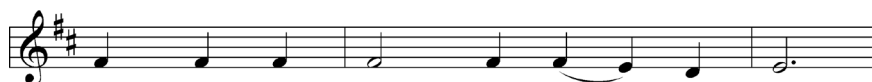
"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude

Toccata

Widor

Officiating: Pastor Walt Waiser

Organist: Stephanie Poyner

Chorus: The Lamb of God Chancel Choir

Following the service
 the family invites you to join them in the
 Fellowship Hall for a lunch
 served by members of Lamb of God

The Obituary



Thomas (Tom) Theodore Hardt went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 24, 2025. He was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan on December 10, 1944, to Theodore and Emeline Hardt. Tom was predeceased by his wife Peggy Hardt in 2015, his parents, and his brother Dennis Hardt.

Tom is survived by his daughter Janelle Bynum, her husband Brent, and his grandchildren Adam Wood and Kayla Sanders, and her husband Austin. He is also survived by his sister Kathleen Haack and her husband Ernest.

Tom grew up in Michigan where he met his wife, Peggy, through church. After getting married on August 12, 1967, they had their daughter and later moved to Texas. They lived in the Houston area for many years before retiring to Double Oak.

Tom loved to figure out how things work, which led to his lifelong career of being a mechanical engineer. He worked for Texas Instruments, Compaq and later Hewlett Packard. Over the course of his career, he was awarded 33 patents from the US Patent Office for his designs of various operating components of computers.

Tom's faith was very important to him, and he proudly and gladly served in many capacities at church over the years. He sang bass in the church choir for his entire adult life, served on the Church Ministry Council at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, organized groups to attend the Lutheran Hymn Festival, and was always happy to help in many other ways.

In his retirement, he developed a love for woodworking projects. He used that love to create a wooden Luther Rose, which is displayed at Lamb of God. He also created "Hold Onto Crosses", wooden crosses with finger sized impressions that people can hold onto whenever they need to. He selflessly made and donated these crosses and impacted countless lives through that ministry.

His other loves were gardening and pies. Being the kind of person to "go big or go home", he was well known throughout his community for growing and giving away tomatoes, okra, squash, cantaloupes, and sometimes peppers and other vegetables. He also enjoyed baking pies and almost always had some kind of freshly made pie on hand.

While we are deeply saddened by Tom's passing and will miss his cheerful smile, we are comforted knowing that he is with his heavenly Father.

Memorials may be made to the Music Ministry at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 1401 Cross Timbers Road, Flower Mound, Texas, 75028.
