

✠ Lynn Thomas Bierlein ✠
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FUNERAL SERVICE

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April 13, 2024
2:00 PM

Hope Lutheran Church
Wake Forest, North Carolina

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THE PASTORAL GREETING

THE INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

THE REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism, Lynn 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." (Romans 6:3-5)**

P: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (LBW352)

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

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 Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother in Christ, Lynn. 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 those who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence, until we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Congregation is seated

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 46:3-4

"Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. ⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is

the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Congregation stands

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Congregation is seated

THE HYMN

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” (WOV779)



1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to
bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear, un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.
Refrain
"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

THE HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

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.**

Congregation is seated

THE COMMENDATION

THE BENEDICTION

THE HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (LBW551)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



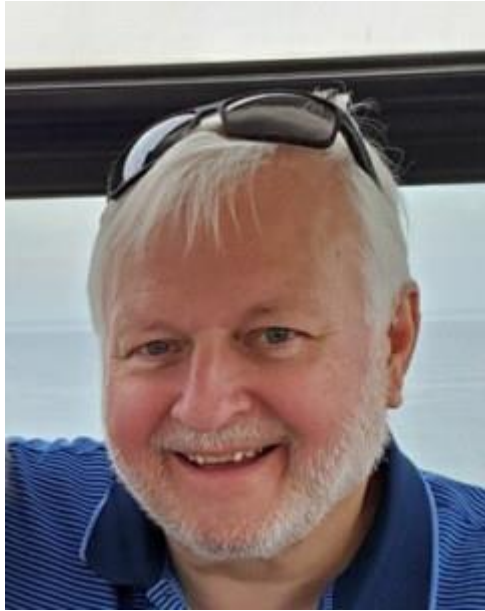
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

THE POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY:

Pastor Wayne PulsOfficiant
Pastor Devin MurphyLiturgist
Rob VarnerOrganist

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Loving Husband and Father, Grandfather, Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Friend, and Co-worker.

Lynn Thomas Bierlein passed away March 18th, 2024: age 72, he was born December 30, 1951, to LeRoy and Jane (Kabat) Bierlein who predeceased him.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Margaret Bierlein (DeYoung), daughter Dawn (Tom) Maness and son Daniel (Haley Munoz) Bierlein. Grandchildren Abigail and Luke Bierlein. His sisters Judy (Doug) Ketchum, Peggy (Gene) Reinhardt and brother John (Robyn) Bierlein.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Valerie and nephews Travis Bierlein and Dion Reinhardt.

Proud Graduate of Frankenmuth High School Class of 1970- Member of back-to-back State Football championships.

His banking career started at Frankenmuth Bank & Trust and after 44 years in banking he retired from Markle Bank in Markle, IN. As a young man, Lynn learned the automated side of banking. His career involved shaping the implementation of the evolution of tele-banking, ATMs, and on-line banking.

Baptized and confirmed at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, MI. He was a parishioner at 5 churches over his adult life. Serving as Chairman of the Congregation at Carmel Lutheran Church in Indiana. He was currently a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest NC.

Lynn's life of volunteerism included the Jaycees, SonRise Camp for Adults with Disabilities, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brother, and Men of Hope. His kindness and willingness to be of help to his family, friends, and organizations of which he was a member will long be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

He became a beekeeper in 2002 and was actively involved with the Indiana Beekeepers Association. Presented beekeeping educational programs and especially loved working the Bee Booth at the Indiana State Fair.