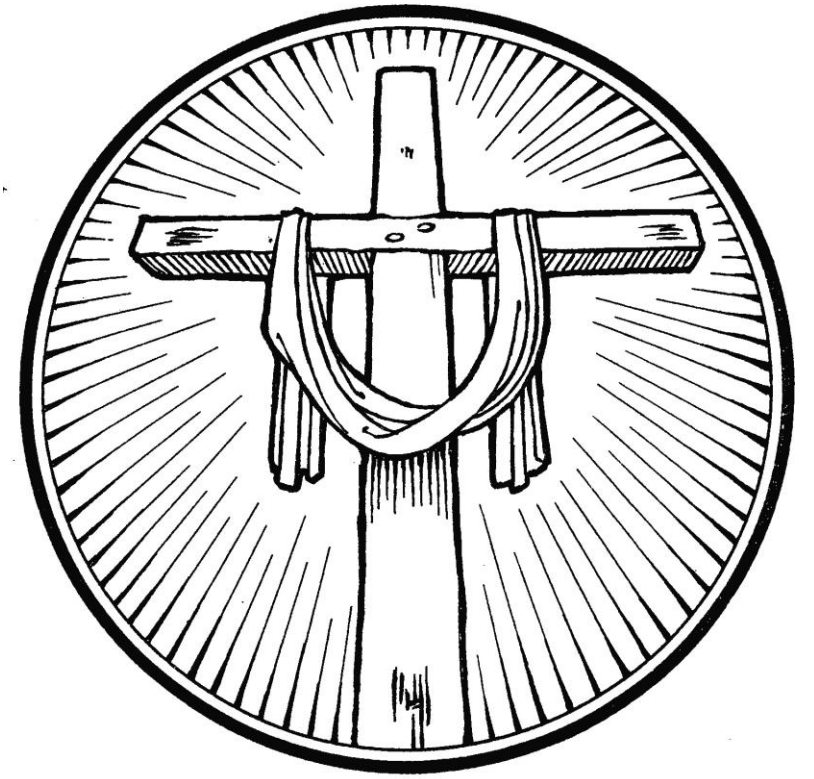
The Funeral Service
for
Daniel Vernon Gueningsman

February 7, 1956 — October 24, 2026

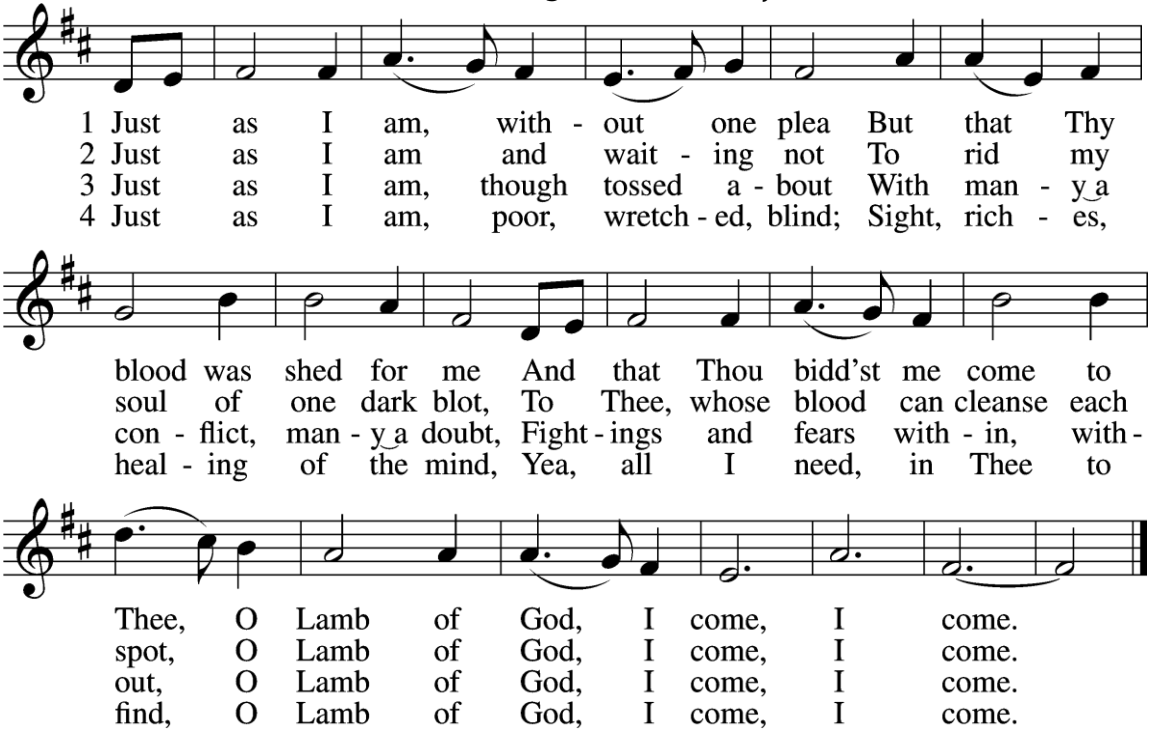


November 2, 2026

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lester Prairie, Minnesota

Processional Hymn — "Just As I Am, without One Plea"



5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

P Blessed be the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.
C He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Daniel was covered with Christ's righteousness
in Holy Baptism on February 22, 1956

P In Holy Baptism, Daniel 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 23 [spoken in unison]

[1]The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2]He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. [3]He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4]Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [5]You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Salutation & 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 Daniel 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.**

Epistle — 2 Timothy 2:8-13

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as
preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a
criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything
for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in
Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have
died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign
with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he
remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

Epistle — 2 Timothy 4:6-8

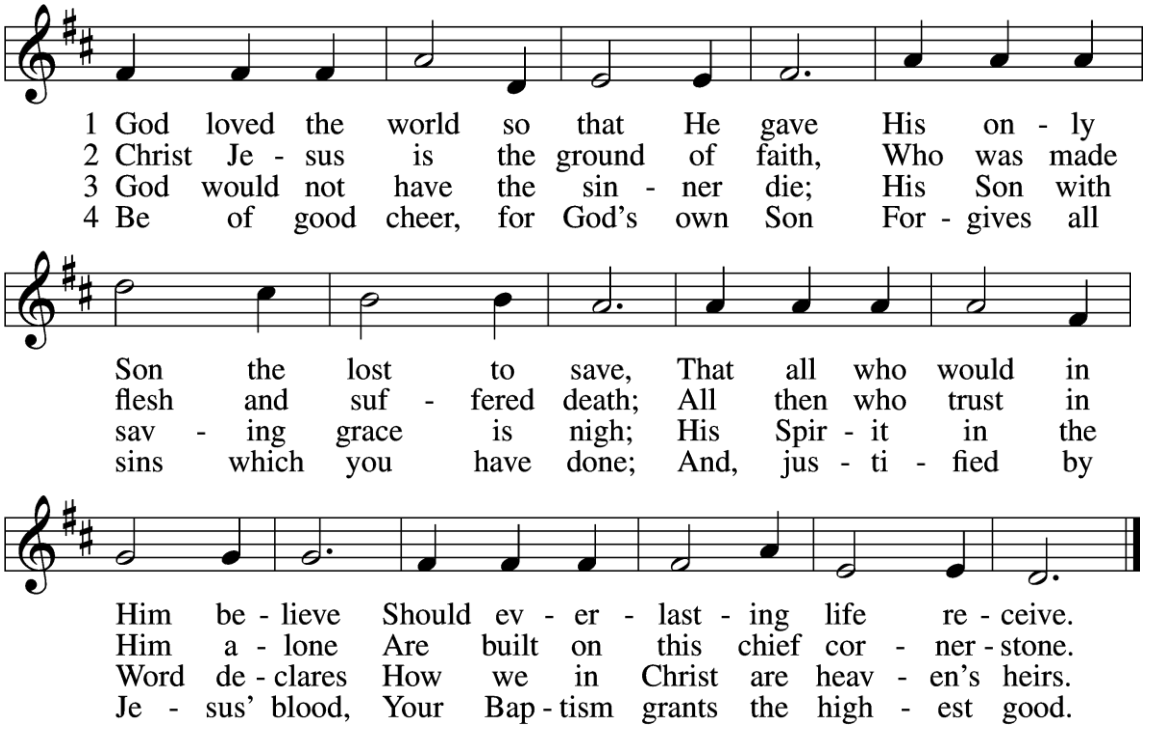
6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my
departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on
that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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

Daniel's Confirmation Verse — John 3:16

C **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

HYMN "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"



5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Gospel — John11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in
me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes
in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Gospel — John 14:1-6

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him,
“Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
6 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.**

SERMON HYMN — "LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS"



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your Mercy, **C Hear our Prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

P "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.

P "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 Daniel and 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.

Daniel's family thanks you for the outpouring of your love, support, and presence this morning. Following today's service, all are invited to the committal at St. Paul's Cemetery. Afterwards, we will come back to church and head downstairs for a fellowship meal.

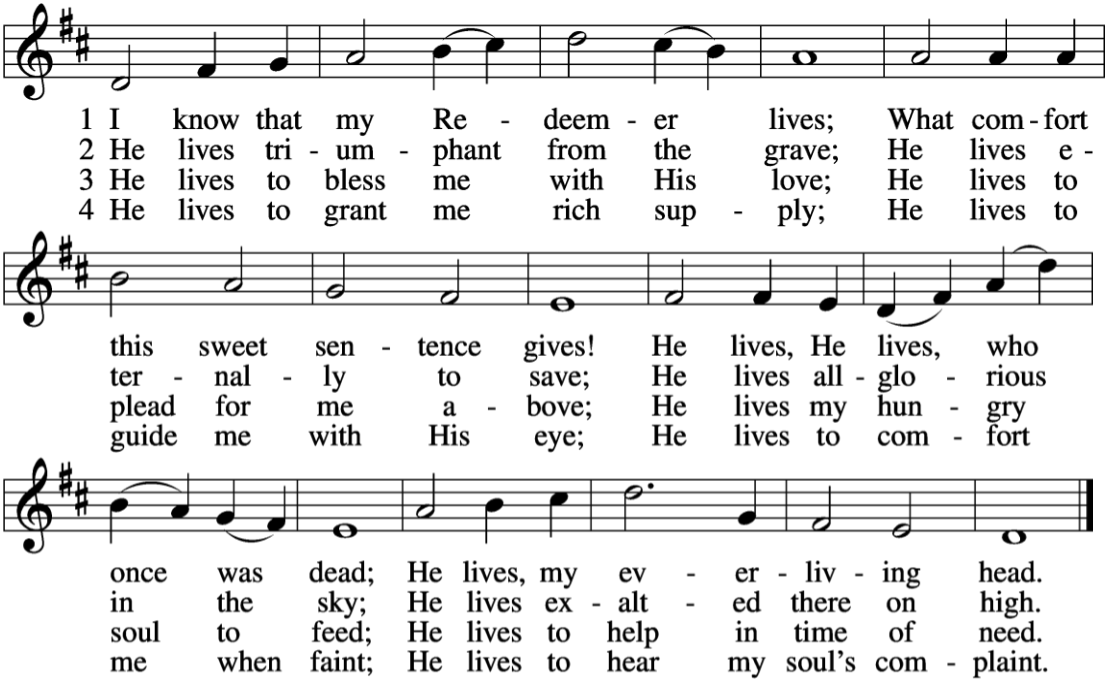
Benedicamus & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

℗ 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.

℃ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"



5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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 Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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POSTLUDE



Daniel Vernon Gueningsman was born on February 7, 1956, in Glencoe, Minnesota to Clifford and Leana (Briesemeister) Gueningsman. He was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. He attended Lester Prairie Public School and graduated in 1974. Following graduation, Dan attended Mankato State University earning a B.A. in physical education & health. He also earned his coaching certificate and was certified for driver's education.

On October 13, 1979, Dan married JoAnn Luthens. To this union three children were born: Sarah, Joel, and Jonathan. Dan was employed at Littfin Lumber Company in Winsted, Minnesota. He worked there for over 30 years until his diagnosis forced him to retire. Dan also coached at Howard Lake Waverly Public School and was a high school league official for many different sports.

Dan loved his family, children and grandchildren. He shared his love of sports with his children and coached all three of them during their elementary years. He enjoyed attending his grand children's sporting events, concerts, and events. He also loved the recent summer vacations with his children and grandchildren. Dan loved many sports. He was a four sport athlete in high school and excelled in cross country and track. That love of running continued in life as he ran in many marathons until he needed new knees. Following knee surgery, Dan spent a lot of time riding bike trails. He played town team baseball and later played in the over 35 senior league until he hung up the cleats at the age of 52. However, he remained active officiating high school and summer sports for about 20 years. Always playing sports from a young age, Dan had one regret, that he didn't spend more time at home with Dad learning how fix things on the car.

Dan enjoyed the holidays and the decorating the came with it. It didn't matter the holiday, he loved decorating outdoors and never believed there was such a thing as too much. It was common especially during Christmas for Sarah, Joel, and Jonathan to receive a call or message from a classmate or friend who drove by to see if Santa had made it back to the chimney.

Officiant: Reverend Joseph J. Barlau
Organist: Lynn Mueller


HE IS RISEN

