



**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**  
124 Maple St. N. – Lester Prairie, MN  
Officiating: Rev. Eric Nelson  
Organist: Jane Holasek  
April 13, 2024

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**Ed Mlynar**

**PRESERVICE/CHURCH BELLS**

**THE INVOCATION**

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

P: In Holy Baptism Ed 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.**

**HYMN #801:** "How Great Thou Art" *Text and music: Copyright 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music; used by permission CCLI #643019*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim:  
"My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

## PSALM 23

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy upon us,

**C: Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.**

## SALUTATION COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

P: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Ed 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24; Romans 8:31-39

*After each reading* P: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:** John 14:1-16

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

**HYMN #656:** "A Mighty Fortress" *Text and music: Public domain*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,

And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

## SERMON

## READING OF THE OBITUARY

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)

### 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

### BENEDICAMUS

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

### BENEDICTION

P: Let us go forth in peace, **C: in the name of the lord, Amen.**

**HYMN #461: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"** (*Stanzas 1-3, 8*) *Text and music:*  
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1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

2. He lives my triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

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!

**POSTLUDE**  
**CHURCH BELLS**

**COMMITTAL**

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*A lunch will be served in the church basement following the service.*

### *Ed Mlynar*

Edward L. Mlynar age 92 of Lester Prairie passed away peacefully Friday April 5, 2024 at Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe.

Funeral service 12:00 PM Saturday April 13, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (124 Maple Street N) in Lester Prairie with Rev. Joshua Arndt officiating. Visitation held at the church Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Interment in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the Ray Kirkpatrick American Legion Post 463.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church Kitchen Remodel Fund.

Serving as casket bearers Kari Sinkowski, Andy Mlynar, Kyle Mlynar, Brett Mlynar, Mark Mlynar and John Tanke.

Edward Lowell Mlynar was born May 21, 1931 in Hutchinson the son of Edward and Maude (Doubrava) Mlynar. Ed was raised in rural Lester Prairie at a place the old timers recall as "West Winsted". He attended Lester Prairie Schools. After graduating Ed enlisted in the United States Army and had served in both Japan and Korea.

On November 12, 1955 Ed was united in marriage with Florence Tanke at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. The couple made their home in Lester Prairie where they raised their sons Brad and Bob. They were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church where they served in many ways.

Ed was a 45-year employee of Lester Buildings where he worked in many different roles. A career highlight was his work on the Canterbury Downs stable complex of 30 buildings covering 18 acres. He was a director of the Midwest Poultry Association.

Ed's lifelong hobby was volunteering to help make the Lester Prairie area a better place for all. He was a core volunteer team member which built the swimming pool, city hall, athletic fields, and the trap range. Ed was a key contributor in bringing Shadowbrooke Golf Course to Lester Prairie. Ed also worked early stages of planning and development for the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

Ed belonged to the American Legion and was a leader in building the Veterans Memorial Monument located in Lester Prairie's Downtown Square Park. Ed had also served as Mayor of Lester Prairie for 6 years and as a City Councilman for 6 years.

Ed was an active member of the Lester Prairie Sportsman's Club and was inducted into the Minnesota Trap Shooting Hall of Fame in 1996 for his efforts in promoting the sport.