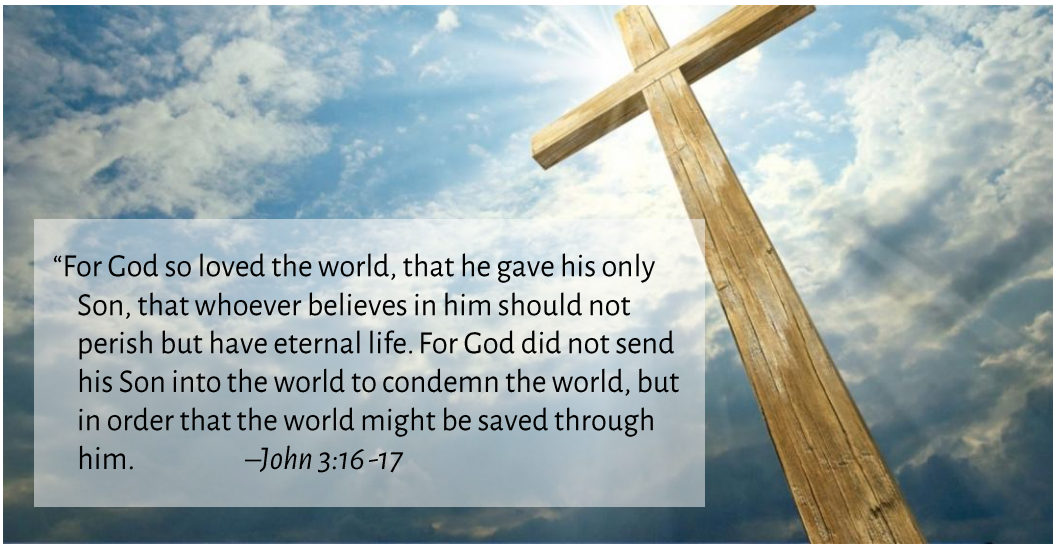

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
In Loving Memory of

Guy Edward Johnston

Bethlehem Lutheran Church-LCMS
310 Johnston Pkwy • Raymore, MO 64083

November 14, 2026 ~ 11:30 am

Christian Obituary

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. *2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

The Word of God

Old Testament.....Psalm 23
Epistle .....Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel .....John 3:14-17

Creed

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: **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 #770: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Message

Prayers

P: Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our resurrection.

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: Give courage and faith to those who mourn that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those who have departed in the faith.

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: O God of grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in confidence that because He lives we shall live also and that neither death nor life nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9ff*

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

The Blessing

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen**

Postlude: Amazing Grace Wyatt Almanza

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem, officiant; Julie Hall, musician; Carl and Zach Reque and Jennifer DeLuca, video; and Bethlehem's Lutheran Women in Mission for preparing and serving the luncheon today.

You are invited to join the family and friends in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon and time of sharing following the service.