

Abiding Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Service of Thanksgiving and
Remembrance for the life of
Luke LeFave Mueller**

Saturday Morning — 11:00— September 17, 2022

Earth and All Stars (vs. 1-4)

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

Blackbird

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life, You were only waiting for this moment to arise.**

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life, You were only waiting for this moment to be free.
Blackbird fly. Blackbird fly
Into the light of the dark black night.**

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life, You were only waiting for this moment to arise.**

Blest Be the Lord

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

**He will release me from the nets of sinful men.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.**

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

**I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.**

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

**Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armor that I need
To wage my battle with my foe.**

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Thanksgiving for Baptism

Opening Hymn: *Earth and All Stars (vs. 1-4)*
Song Leader: *Robert Bowden*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. . .

Response: **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

1 Corinthians 13

Reader: *Dorothy Sconzo*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 21:1-7

Reader: *D.J. Oswin*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Pastor Serena Rice*

Silence for reflection follows

Eulogy: *Mike Cavallero*
Speaker for the Lumberjacks

Special Music: *Blackbird*
Alison Soccio Willemssen, flute
Benjamin Schroeder, organ

WE JOIN IN PRAYER

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition concludes with: God of mercy,
Response: **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.

WE ARE SENT OUT IN HOPE

Commendation

Let us commend Luke to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Luke. Acknowledge him, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Response: **Amen.**

Sending Song: *Blest Be the Lord*
Sue Stirrat, soloist and guitar

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace,
Response: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude

All are invited to a luncheon and sharing time following the service.

For Luke's obituary and comments on his life: <https://everloved.com/life-of/luke-mueller/>