

Zion Lutheran Church



January 22nd, 2021
Funeral Service of Peter Fisher

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✠ Peter Fisher ✠

Born: March 23, 1938

Baptized into Christ: May 15, 1938

Confirmed: May 1, 1951

Entered eternal rest in Christ: January 20, 2021

Prelude -- "*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*" *Johannes Brahms*

An excerpt ...

Psalm 84:1-2, 4

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!



Please Stand

Processional Reading

Please be Seated

Opening Hymn – Through Jesus' Blood and Merit #746



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

Please Stand

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Placing of the Pall

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Peter 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.**

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

G **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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

G **Amen.**

Please be Seated

First Reading -- Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Romans 6:3-9

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Praise be 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.

Please be Seated

Hymn of the Day – Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart #708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Sermon

Please Stand

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** ... hear our prayer.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Please be Seated for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn- For all the Saints

#677



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight; And
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please Stand

Removal of Pall

Recessional Readings

Postlude

Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Organist: Doug Krantz

Obituary

Peter Robert Fisher, 82, of Pittsburgh, PA died at home on Wednesday, January 20. Despite his struggles with cancer in the past 14 months he remained a caring man of faith, generosity, persistent patience, and deep love for his God, family and friends.

Peter was born in New Eagle, PA on 23 March 1938 to David Curl and Ellen Marie (Brady) Fisher. The oldest of four, he is survived by Theresa Mae Fisher, Jonathan David Fisher both of Pittsburgh, and Mary Ellen (Fisher) Landon (Jerry Forderhase) of NYC.

Peter graduated from Greensburg High School and Carnegie-Mellon University, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. It was at CMU that he met his loving wife of almost 60 years Barbara Anna (Grau). He is also survived by his children Kirk Peter (Sondra Vernau) and Kirsten Laurel Fisher-Price (Allen Price), grandchildren, Jocelyn Nicole Fisher, Patrick Uriah Fisher, Ethan Robert Fisher and niece, Brady Michelle Landon-Forderhase.

While he was a man of many talents and accomplishments, the overarching trajectory of Peter's life is that of a designer. As a younger man, he professionally managed the design of transformers for McGraw Edison, while at home he designed and made furniture. His love for design and craft manifested itself in everything he did including: wooden boxes, metal buttons, jewelry, poems and stories.

He worked with widely varied groups of people, professionally: Board member of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, liaison for The Ben Franklin Partnership, mentor for CMU management game undergraduates. And, also, designed meetings of minds and conversations, personally: creating a Saturday breakfast Bible study group, forming the ROMEOS (retired old men eating out), President of Christ Lutheran, an elder for two congregations. Everyone, whether family, friend or co-worker, experienced his pleasure in sharing unique ideas. He and Barbara traveled with a mutual desire to soak in art, culture and cuisine of domestic and European places.

In his middle age, Peter bought his sports car and enjoyed many subsequent excursions with Barbara and the West Penn Miata Club.

He also designed a tenet with which he would strive to live out the rest of his life: “God, family and friends” in that order. And to be with the Saints when they come marching in. We will miss him and look forward to that day.

Memorial gifts can be sent to Zion Lutheran Church, 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017, or Good Samaritan Hospice, 116 Browns Hill Road, Suite 100, Valencia, PA 16059