

Zion Lutheran Church



September 17th, 2022
Memorial Service for Frank Oelschlager

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✠ Frank Emil Oelschlager ✠

Born: June 8th, 1928

Baptized: July 1st, 1928

Confirmed: March 29th, 1942

Entered eternal rest in Christ: December 25th, 2021

Please Stand

Processional Reading

Please be Seated

Opening Hymn - Rock of Ages

#761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Invocation

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

G Amen.

Placing of the Pall

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Frank 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.

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

Salutation and 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 Frank 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.**

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Old Testament Reading – Psalm 27: 1-6

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading – John 3:14-17

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Praise be to thee, 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.**

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: How Great Thou Art #801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Please Stand

Lord's Prayer

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

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Closing Hymn - Jesus Savior Pilot Me #715



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -



tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear



pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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Removal of Pall

Recessional Readings

Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
 Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Obituary

Frank E. Oelschlager, 93, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2021, at Brookdale Conway Assisted Living in Orlando, FL.

Frank was born on June 8, 1928, in Bridgeville, PA, the eldest of six children born to Frank M. and Pauline (Engel) Oelschlager.

Frank grew up during the Great Depression. At age 11 he went to work in Carozza's Market where he worked part-time as many as 6 days a week until completing high school.

Frank then worked for an auto service station until he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. Following basic training in Colorado, he was stationed in Alaska, attaining the rank of sergeant. Upon his honorable discharge, Frank returned to Bridgeville and worked first at the Flannery Bolt Co. where his father worked, and later at the Universal Cyclops steel mill.

In 1954 Frank met the love of his life through a bowling league. He and Irene ("Renie") were married on May 11, 1956, at Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville, PA. Not long afterward, Frank was laid off from the steel mill, so he and Irene indulged in a honeymoon trip to Florida.

Tired of the difficult conditions and unsteady employment of factory work, Frank decided to try a different path. He landed a Sales/Marketing job with Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania, where he worked for the remainder of his career. He eventually became the sales representative to Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh and was so appreciated by his customer they offered him a job!

While working to support his family, Frank devoted time to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in West View, PA. Over the years he served in the roles of Sunday School Superintendent, Elder, Trustee, Vice President, and President.

Upon retirement in 1985, Frank and Irene relocated to Melbourne, FL where they became active members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Frank served in various roles including Elder, Vice President, President, and Custodian. He was also active in-service projects with the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Frank and Irene traveled extensively. They visited all 50 states, Canada, Europe, China, Australia, New Zealand, and several countries in South America and the Caribbean. They also made visiting family in Pennsylvania a priority.

When he wasn't volunteering or traveling, Frank filled his free time with DIY projects and household chores. He also enjoyed swimming, long walks, happy hour, and talking to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

Following Irene's devastating stroke in 2014 Frank gave her countless hours of faithful companionship until her death in 2017, despite suffering from depression which led him to isolate himself from supportive friends and to drop most of the activities he had previously enjoyed. His own physical decline the last year of his life only exacerbated that illness.

Frank is survived by his two children, Eric Oelschlager, and April (Richard) Drucker; his brothers, Robert (Sandy) and Wilbur (Kay) Oelschlager; his sisters, Jane Kozak, Judy Dames, and Carol Lockhart; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 61 years, and five nieces and nephews.

The family has chosen to hold a memorial service and celebration of life this summer in Frank's hometown of Bridgeville, PA. At that time, his and Irene's cremains will be buried together at Melrose Cemetery. Details will be announced at a later date.

The family wishes to acknowledge Beverly Floyd for being a friend to Frank and Irene, and for providing support that enabled Frank to live independently since Irene's death, until the last few months of his life. Special thanks also to Pastors Ron Myer and Kevin Duff and the lay ministers of Faith Viera Lutheran in Rockledge for attending to Frank's spiritual needs, and to the care teams at AdventHealth Medical Center in Lake Wales, and Brookdale Conway Assisted Living and Cornerstone Hospice in Orlando.

Expressions of condolence may be made to the family using the Tribute Wall of this obituary.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at www.nami.org or to your local community of Christian faith.

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