

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



April 7th, 2017
Funeral Service of
James Lynch



*“I am the resurrection
and the life.”*

Invocation

- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Remembrance of Baptism

- ☐ In Holy Baptism Jim 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?"
- ☑ **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- What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Kyrie

- ☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.
- ☑ **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

- ☐ Let us pray.
O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Jim 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.

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"

V This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

☑ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☑ If we have died with Christ,
we shall also live with Him;

☑ **if we are faithful to the end,
we shall reign with Him.**

Holy Gospel – John 11:17-27

☑ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

☑ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord;

I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

V 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.**

Hymn- Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

V Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

❑ ... Lord, in Your mercy,

❑ **hear our prayer.**

❑ O God of all 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 He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

❑ **Amen.**

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.**

Hymn- How Great Thou Art

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Nunc Dimittis

V "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.**

V "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

V The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

V Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

V Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

V 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.**

V Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn- I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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James Lynch

Age 86 of Washington, formerly of North Strabane Twp., on April 2, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Sarah "Norma" (Funaiock) Lynch for 59 years; loving father of Keith F. (Betty) Lynch, Kelly D. (John) Henrichs, Kathleen R. (Wayne) Conn and Karen J. (Scott) Snyder; proud grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of one. He is preceded in death by his siblings Dorothy Sweet, Terrence and Donald Lynch. James was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and retired after 52 years from Mack Trucks. Family and friends received on Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Warchol Funeral Home Inc., 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412-221-3333). A funeral service will be held on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Amedisys Hospice, 275 Meadowlands Blvd., Washington, PA 15301.