

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

*Victor Herschaft
February 9, 2017*

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The Order of Service for the Funeral of Victor Herschaft

Pre-service Music:

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

Processional:

How Great Thou Art (Solo)

The Invocation

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

L In Holy Baptism Vic 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.**

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

People: a time to be born, and a time to die;

Leader: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

People: a time to kill, and a time to heal;

Leader: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

People: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Leader: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

People: a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
Leader: a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

People: a time to seek, and a time to lose;
Leader: a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

People: a time to tear, and a time to sew;
Leader: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

People: a time to love, and a time to hate;
Leader: a time for war, and a time for peace.

People: **He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He re-stores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.”

Rock of Ages

LSB 761

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

John 11:38–44

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet

bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Solo:

On Eagles' Wings

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

L 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.**

Prayer of the Church

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

L ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord and giver of life, we give thanks to you for sending Your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ to rescue us from sin, death and the devil. We thank You for extending Your mercy to Victor, who now rests in Your presence. And we, along with all who are in Christ, eagerly await the return of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, protect us from all harm and danger, strengthen our faith, and increase our love for You and our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L 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.**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Nunc Dimittis

L "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.

L "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

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L 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.**

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

L 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.**

- L** Let us go forth in peace,
C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

The Recessional: For All the Saints

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For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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

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!

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

*The family would like to thank you for coming,
for your kind words and your prayers.*

The Officiant: Rev. Eric Carlson
The Preacher: Vicar Joshua Ulm
The Organist: Sandra Quinlan
Pallbearers: Timothy Herschaft
Tim Fitzgerald
Timmy Fitzgerald
Mitchell Fitzgerald
Matthew Meehan
Devin Meehan

VICTOR E. HERSCHAFT

Age 80, of North Strabane, on February 3, 2017. Devoted husband of the late Jackie (Hatala) Herschaft; loving father of Jodi L. (Tim) Fitzgerald, Victor A. (Kim) Herschaft and Tim A. Herschaft; beloved brother of Etta "EJ" Meehan and the late Richard Herschaft; proud grandfather of Tim, Jared, Mitchell and Jennifer Fitzgerald, Katie (Tony) Sturgis and Victor J. (Amber) Herschaft and great grandfather of Myles Herschaft. Victor served as a volunteer fireman. He enjoyed playing sports, coaching his sons through the years and was always present to cheer for his grandchildren. He was a head elder at Zion Lutheran Church for many years, he worked as an elevator mechanic and loved vacationing at the Outer Banks with his family. Friends received on Wednesday from 2-8PM, at the Warchol Funeral Home Inc., 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412.221.3333). A funeral service will be held on Thursday, 12 noon, at Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville (EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. View and share condolences at www.warcholfuneralhome.com