

# ✠ A CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE ✠

## JEFFREY LAWRENCE HEINER

**June 8, 1984 – January 30, 2022**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Huntington Beach, California

**February 19, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**Pastor Bill Duerr, Homily**  
**Pastor Mark Jasa, Liturgist**  
**Matt Laub, Organist**  
**Anne Bobich, Soloist**

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## PRAYER

Emily Hermes

Lord, today we humbly sing your praises and also mourn within our souls for the loss and yet joyous occasion of our sweet Jeffrey being welcomed into his heavenly home by You.

Lord, I always knew Jeffrey had a knowledge of you that many of us have never possessed because day by day he lived his life completely surrendered to your care. Lord help us to learn to live like Jeffrey did. Let his life be an example of your love and mercy and what it looks like to receive your grace.

Father I also lift up my dear Aunt Wendy, uncle Steve and all my favorite cousins who are mourning his loss on a level I have not yet had to experience.

Will you please be their peace and comforter? I ask that you transcend through their grief, pain and fears and give them rest, assurance and Hope! Because You live, and made a way for us live together in the end, we give you praise and thanks even in this hardship.

I would say give Jeffrey my love, but I know that it is now Your love that consumes him fully which is forever a reminder that the passion of Christ, His sufferings and death, always ends in the joy of the resurrection, which has been made complete in him.

Jesus I pray this all in Your Name. Amen.

# PRELUDE

## “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

### ✠ HYMN ✠

#### “Jesus Loves Me!” [LSB hymn 588]



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.  
3 On the cross of Cal - var - y Je - sus died for you and me.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.  
In the tomb my Sav - ior lay but the stone was rolled a - way.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!  
3 Yes, he has ris - en Yes, he has ris - en



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.  
Yes, he has ris - en Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

### ✠ INVOCATION ✠

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

## ✠ REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM ✠

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Jeffrey was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. Saint Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**Cong.: 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.**

## ✠ PSALM 23 ✠

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Cong.: He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Cong.: 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.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

**All: 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.**

## ✠ KYRIE ✠

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Cong.: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

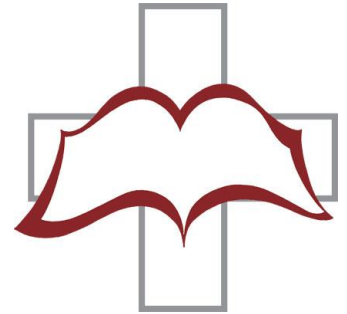
## ✠ SALUTATION & COLLECT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And with your spirit.**

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

**Cong.: Amen.**



## ✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

### **Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 12:15b-23**

And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:7-8**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

**Cong.: to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Stand*

### **Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ✠ APOSTLES’ CREED ✠

Pastor: *God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**Cong.: 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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# ✠ HYMN ✠

## “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” [LSB hymn 740]



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd’s lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - ’ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

# ✠ SERMON ✠

(Pastor Bill Duerr)

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ✠

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to the family of Jeffrey and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Jeffrey and for all those who have supported him in his earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong.: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## ✠ 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.**

## ✠ NUNC DIMITTIS ✠

Pastor: "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."

**Cong.: 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.**

Pastor: "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 ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong.: And with your spirit.**

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

## ✠ BENEDICAMUS ✠

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

## FAMILY PRAYER

**“Jesus Tender Shepherd Hear Me”**

Chris Heiner

## ✠ BENEDICTION ✠

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**Cong.: in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

**“On Eagles Wings”**



# JEFFREY LAWRENCE HEINER

June 8, 1984 – January 30, 2022

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)**

Jeffrey was born June 8, 1984 at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, California to parents Steve and Wendy Heiner. Jeffrey was baptized on July 8, 1984 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach and his sponsors were Uncle Tim Hermes and Aunt Lisa (Hermes) Headley. As a toddler, Jeffrey had an exuberance for life that shone like the sun. He was playful, silly, and musically inclined on piano and drums. His Uncle Tim said, “God gave us Jeffrey to make us happy!” And he did.

On May 22, 1987, Jeffrey suffered a near-drowning event. Initially he was called, “the Miracle Boy” at Children’s Hospital Orange County (“CHOC”); but days later suffered life changing disabilities because of brain swelling. Months were spent receiving care at CHOC where Pastor Bill Duerr, Sr. would visit and always pray the Lord’s prayer. The Lord’s prayer always comforted Jeffrey and he often joined in with his own sounds of joy expressed loudly.

It was the family’s choice to bring Jeffrey home and raise him with the special care and love of his family and assistance from some special friends. Little could anyone know how Jeffrey would continue to bring his exuberance for life to fill our lives with so much love and joy.

Jeffrey grew up riding the yellow school bus to Village View, Spring View and Marine View. His high school education was completed at Edison High School, Huntington Beach. In August of 1996, Jeffrey’s mom married Steven M. Tomich at Redeemer Lutheran Church. A new family bond was forged when Steve became Jeff’s “Forever Dad,” and together the family enjoyed making memories camping, taking trips to the river and desert where “whoop-de-dos” were the best fun!

Faith was Jeffrey’s foundation, and he loved his Redeemer Church family. Children’s messages led by the Pastors and Laurie Hansen were well liked. The Youth Variety shows starring his brother Rick, sister Lauren and brother Dylan were especially enjoyed. Later, home visits from the Pastors were joyfully received and whether ended with the Lord’s prayer or Jesus Loves Me renewed the Holy Spirit within him.

Jeffrey couldn’t speak with words, but there was no doubt that family, music, and faith brought him the greatest joy. He touched all those who met him with his smile and a heart that beat with a passion for living. On January 30, 2022, Jeffrey was received by the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is survived by his parents, Steve and Wendy Tomich, his father Steve Heiner, his siblings, Christopher (Nicole) Heiner, Richard Heiner, Lauren Heiner, and Dylan Tomich, grandparents Dick and Marlene Hermes, Jack and Vicki Tomich, his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his precious nieces and nephews Hadlee Heiner, Cade Heiner, Blakely Heiner, and Jaxon Tomich.

# The Garden

Jimmy Scott

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories a lane  
We'd walk right up to Heaven  
And bring you back again

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
And He saw your precious face

He put His arms around you  
And He lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best  
Yes, He always takes the best

We knew that you were suffering  
We knew you were in pain  
We knew you'd never get well  
On this earth again

So He closed your weary eyes and  
He whispered, "Peace be thine."  
Then He took you up to heaven  
So gentle, so kind

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
And He saw your precious face

He put His arms around you  
And He lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best  
Oh, God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

# Faith, Love and Trust

