

✠ A CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE ✠

**ALBERT KRUEGER**

**September 14, 1928 – July 26, 2023**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Huntington Beach, California

**August 12, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Jim Toma, Pastor**

**Beth Hansen, Pianist**

**Sanctuary Choir**

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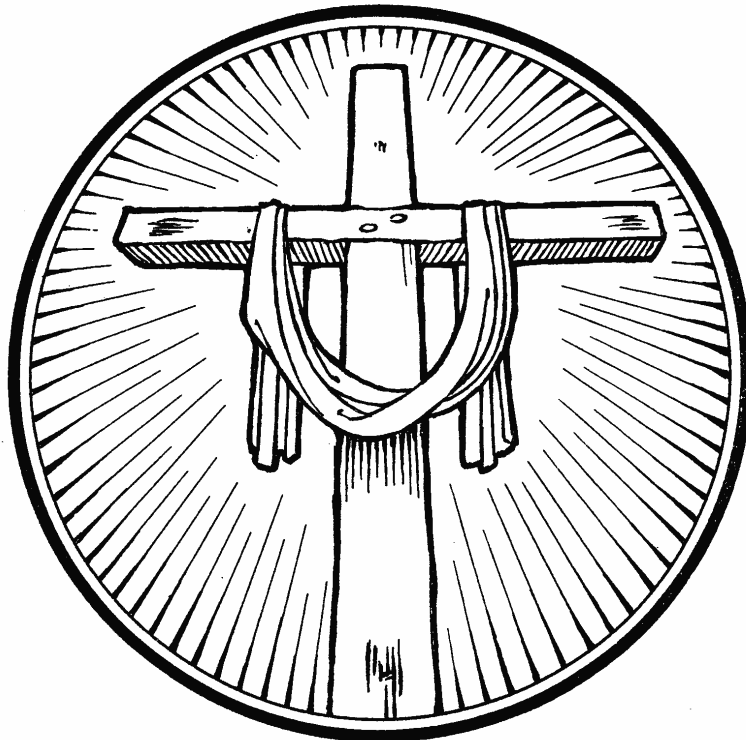
**Prelude**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**“On Eagles Wings”**

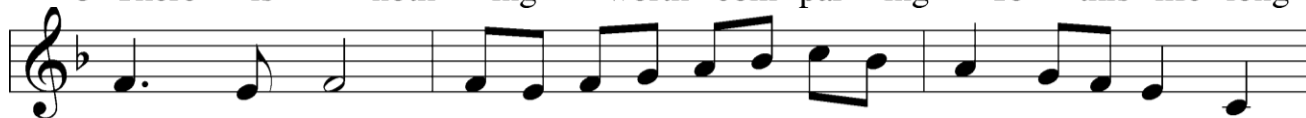
**Military Honor Guard and the presentation of the American flag**



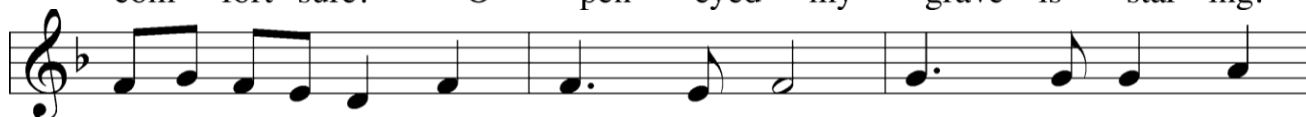
✠ HYMN ✠ “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” [LSB hymn 594]



1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s  
 Je - sus’ cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I’ll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I’ve trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith’s as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus’ blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I’m a child of par - a - dise!

## ✠ 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, Al 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 Al 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.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

**“Heaven’s Choir”**

Pepper Choplin

## ✠ SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7**

But now, this is what the LORD says, He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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.**

*Stand*

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

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

### **Holy Gospel: John 11:32-45**

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

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.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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.**

*Sit*

## ✠ HYMN ✠

**“O Blessed Spring” [LSB hymn 595]**



1 O	bless-ed spring,	where Word and sign	Em - brace us
2	Through sum-mer heat	of youth-ful years,	Un - cer - tain
3	When au-tumn cools	and youth is cold,	When limbs their
4	As win - ter comes,	as win - ters must,	We breathe our
5	Christ, ho - ly Vine,	Christ, liv - ing Tree,	Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine:	Here Christ en - joins	each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears,	Sus - tained by Christ's	in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold,	Then through us, warm,	the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust;	Still held in Christ,	our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y:	That Word and wa - ter thus re -	



be	A branch of this	life - giv - ing Tree.
rain,	The boughs will shout	for joy a - gain.
move	With gifts of beau -	ty, wis - dom, love.
wing	And trust the prom -	ise of the spring.
vive	And join us to	Your Tree of Life.

✠ SERMON ✠  
“For Whom He Died”  
(Pastor Jim Toma)

*Stand*

✠ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ✠

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

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 Al 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: 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: Receive our thanks for Al and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this 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: 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 ✠

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

**Cong.: 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: 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.**



# ✠ BENEDICTION ✠

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.


May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you His peace.


**Cong.: Amen.**

## “Lift High the Cross” [LSB hymn 837]


*Refrain*




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



*Refrain*



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

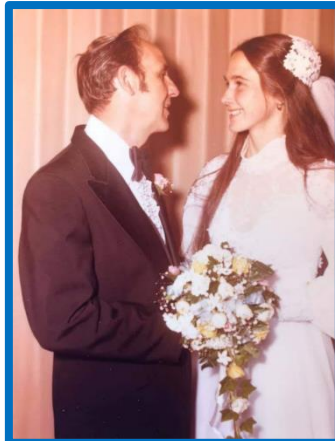
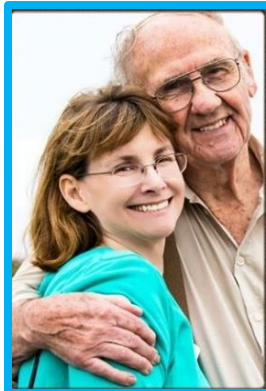
Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

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

## Postlude

### “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and share your memories of Al.



# ALBERT KRUEGER

September 14, 1928 – July 26, 2023



Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Al.

Albert Krueger, son of Albert and Alvina Krueger, was born in Holyoke, Colorado on September 14, 1928. He was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in Colorado on October 21, 1928. He was confirmed in Christ on April 18, 1943 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colorado.

Al met Beverly in South Pasadena at the Curries Ice Cream store operated by her parents, where she worked. They were married on October 20, 1950 in Long Beach, California, had three daughters and two sons and were happily married for nearly 63 years until Beverly died in 2013.

Al was a sergeant in the Air Force from October 2, 1946 – August 2, 1949. After he was discharged, he worked on Aircraft Interiors and later Classic Car Interiors.

The Krueger's moved to Huntington Beach in 1973 and became members of Redeemer. Al was a part of getting the stained-glass windows in the church. He was a trustee and elder for many years.

After he “retired” he built and sold miniature carousels. He attached one to a wheelchair, added music and he and Bev took it around to nursing homes and schools for the patients and children to enjoy. Later in life he built a Piper J3 Cub in his garage and when he was 70 got his pilots license again and flew the Cub one time before he sold it.

Al and Bev loved cruising. Together with family and friends they went on twenty-six cruises to Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal, and the Caribbean. Al loved having family around, his cat in his lap and in the back yard he could watch the birds and squirrels who came to visit. He loved and appreciated fresh flowers growing in the yard and cut flowers in his home to enjoy. He was a very good handyman. He was always asking if we had anything for him to fix. He was a part of the “old guys” who got together one day a week for brunch and fellowship at Denny's.

On July 26, 2023 Al, at the age of 94 years, fell asleep in Jesus. Al was proceeded in death by his wife Beverly, his parents, his two brothers and six sisters. He is survived by daughters Carol Waidner, Damara Wingerd (Greg), Marji Thomsen (Dave), and sons Albert (Nancy) and Ronald. And, by eight grandchildren: John Wingerd, Andrew Krueger (Kellie), Brittany Bailey (Dustin), Amanda Wingerd, Benjamin Krueger, Chad Thomsen (Chelsea), Claire Wingerd, and Kali Krueger—as well as six great grandchildren, Uriah Krueger, Ellie Krueger, Chloe and Declan Bailey and Lincoln and Emerson Thomsen.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord for our brother, Al.

*"Well done,  
thou good and faithful servant....*

*Enter thou into the joy  
of thy Lord."*

**MATTHEW 25:21**