

THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL OF Carl Herman Liebig

April 5, 1940 — December 21, 2020

December 28, 2020 at Christ Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin



“...whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” - Jesus
John 11:26

ORDER OF SERVICE

With the Word of God, the Christian Church comforts the bereaved family and friends and confesses its lasting hope in the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

GREETING AND PRAYER

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought Carl to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

PSALM 103

Selected Verses

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
- 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
- 8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
 15 As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;
 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.
 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him...
 22 Praise the LORD, O my soul.

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand | #451

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws
 stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near And the day is al - most gone,
 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my
 light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-3

We may be overwhelmed, but in Christ we will not be overcome.

- ¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
- ² 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.
- ³ For I am the LORD, your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

ANTHEM

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SERMON

John 3:22-30

He must become greater; I must become less.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

PRAYERS

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Carl, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13
Sung by the soloist*

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.

RESURRECTION COMFORT

- M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Romans 6:23; John 11:25
- M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!
C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:54, 57*
- M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,
C: **Then we also will appear with him in glory.** *Colossians 3:4*
- M: We will be before the throne of God
C: **And serve him day and night in his temple.** *Revelation 7:15*
- M: Never again will we hunger;
C: **Never again will we thirst.** *Revelation 7:16*
- M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.
C: **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.** *Revelation 7:17*

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 152 vs. 1-2, 4-5, 8

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.

CHRISTIAN EULOGY ✕ Carl Herman Liebig

In his infinite wisdom the Lord called to his eternal home the soul of our departed Christian brother, Carl H. Liebig, on Monday, December 21, 2020 at his home in Eagle River at the age of 80.

Carl was born to Herman and Clara (Schilf) Liebig on April 5, 1940 in Chicago, IL. As an infant he received the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. He was confirmed in his Christian faith at the age of 14 and remained a faithful Christian throughout his life.

He was united in marriage to Heidi Kutzbach on June 6, 1959 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Des Plaines, IL, and the Lord blessed them with three children. He served in the US Army National Guard. For many years he was employed as a floor covering installer and was the owner of FlorCraft in Eagle River from 1986-1999.

Although Carl made his living by often crawling around on the floor on his hands and knees, his heart was often in the clouds with his deep passion for airplanes and flying. He was a member of a national flying club and enjoyed every opportunity to be in the air, whether as pilot or passenger. His greatest loyalty, however, was to his Lord and Savior Jesus, as well as his deep love for his family.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Heidi; three children: Judith (Richard) Anderson of Hartsville, SC, Anna (Jon) Hadler of Marathon, WI, and Andrew (Jean) Liebig of Wasilla, AK; six grandchildren: Holly (Jake) Rettig, Emily (Justin) Morman, Heidi (Russell) Krautkramer, Haley Hadler, Benjamin Liebig, and Kaitlyn Liebig; four great-grandchildren: Jackson Rettig, Henry Rettig, Madeline Morman, and Claire Morman; and a sister, Marie Chizek of Rolling Meadows, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Russell Chizek.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

NOTES

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joshua Odell

Organist: Mrs. Lenette Spiess

Soloist: Mr. Brian Gumtz

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