

The Church of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
Moorhead, MN
Funeral Service with Holy Eucharist
According to the Book of Common Prayer (1979)
Saturday, May 23rd, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

***In Loving Memory of the Late Amos Lomindya Albert
Born 1977 When to be with the Lord: 2026***

**Church: Trinity Lutheran Church
Anthem at the Entrance (BCP 491)**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. (John 11:25)
Processional Hymn: ***Amazing Grace***

SALVATION

314 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

st. 1-5 John Newton, 1779
st. 6 anon.

NEW BRITAIN
CM

Columbian Harmony, 1829

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
5. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow; the
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
Word my hope se - cures; He will my Shield and
sun for - bear to shine; but God, who called me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
Por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Celebrant then says:

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray

Opening Collect

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Amos. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen! (BCP p. 493)

II. The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (Reader: James Azza)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:15 (Reader: James Azza)

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

Gospel Hymn: SYA 19

All stands for the Gospel Hymn

1. Bet ta Abuii al fii samaa,

Huwo mahaal ta faraha.

Ayaan wa taab mafi inaak,

Moyo ena mafi kulu.

[Chorus]

Aleluya! Aleluya!

Ana mashi le bet Abuii. (Kerir)

2. Bet ta Abuii al fii samaa,

Mahaal gaaad fogo ketiir,

Biyuut bitana kulu fi,

Jahiz le'na Seiid Yesu.

3. Bet ta Abuii al fii samaa,

Anaas ketiir ma arufu,

Umon hibu al dunia,

Wa mali al bi kalasu.

Ya Mesihiin arasu kwes,

Kutu bala fii bet al fok,

Yesu bi yeji geriib de,

Shilu inta le bet Abuii

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 14:1-6

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Lord Christ.

KAKUWA [96]

1. Twa na Yesuna i kalope,
Aroba mori na torozi,
Alalakindra yi a lokye,
I teilikoni.

[Chorus]

Beleta kari kanye,
Beleta kari kanye.
Rima kine se na lalazu,
Teiliko kaya.

2. Toruzo a kulia drumala,
Riteta lepe a na'bu po.
Inde lepe ku kolokindro
Teiliko kaya.

3. Yude i kalope lo Kristo
Kidi kata a lo njutulu.
Piri na lalaini teiliko
Lepe ma nu de.

4. Mizu nyogona i kalope,
Ku teili lolulo yole yo
Mo do lalazu tinaṅade
Teili lolulo.

Eulogy: Ronald Albert

Speaker 1: Robert Simbe

Sermon: Pastor Paul Agamiri

The Apostles' Creed (BCP p. 496)

All standing, the Celebrant and People say:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen!

Deacon: *The Prayer of the People (BCP, p. 497).*

For our brother Amos, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Amos; and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother Amos eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept

The Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Amos, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

Amen!

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

Offertory Hymn: SYA 70

1. Keli'na worii kalamaat kulu

Le Yesu; huwo sabii al hak.

Yesu bi asuma wa bi saadu,

Bi arfa kalaam tegiil kulu.

[Chorus]

Salaa bi timu, salaa bi timu!

Nina deiif lakiin hu gadir.

Salaa bi timu, salaa bi timu!

Keli'na worii le Yesu bes.

2. Keli'na worii kalamaat kulu,

Kalaam bitana wa bita nas.

Yesu hu daiman geriib maa nina,

Huwo bi gedim fii sika kwes.

3. Keli'na worii kalamaat kulu,

Sika ta dunia de tegiili.

Katiia maa tajaarib ta shetaan

Yesu bi wodii le'na najaa.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest faces them and sings or says

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Proper Preface (for a Funeral)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who rose victorious from the dead,
and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continue

Holy and gracious Father:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
Your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with **Amos**,
and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:
By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive.)

Communion Music: St. John's Choir

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant, Amos.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

KAKUWA [14]

1. Kolo Mata likalo yiyite,
I dokundra karuko,
Lepe tunadru ñutulu kanye,
Zonga ko i 'diko ya.

[Chorus]

Do monдру inyo luñase liolo?
Bane ilo lelenga.

Rugini Yesu mo do tu 'diko,
Mata Yesu yiyite wule.

2. Kolo Mata likalo yiyite,
Kari konu kata ya?
Yu de i buku naga na runa,
Kugbo ko naga 'bani?

3. Kolo Mata likalo yiyite,
Bane le'de 'bani tro.

Baņe lo lopukoni teiliko,
Le'de 'bani boni tro.

4. Kolo Mata likalo yiyite,
Do gona tutu ya po?

Kolo nani karuko ko wutu
Ku Mata i 'diko ya.

5. Kolo Mata likalo yiyite,
Karuko nyonyolazi,
Ku wutu naga yu de i 'diko,
Ku nyolana a druma.

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him O Lord.

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Blessing

The Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will.
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Praising song: St. John's Choir



With grateful hearts, we thank the leadership and our brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church for their kindness, generosity, and Christ-centered hospitality.