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**Memorial Service**  
**† Dennis Wilbert Weigand †**  
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Hymn - "How Great Thou Art" (v1,3,4) (sung while the family enters)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

Con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
When I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,  
 He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 And there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, "How great thou

art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior - God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Reading of the Obituary *(printed on the back page of this folder)*

## Order of Christian Funeral

### Greeting and Prayer

**M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
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 for Dennis Weigand, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled spirits, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting 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. Amen.

### Psalm 23 (*read responsively* - pastor\*/congregation)

The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures,\*  
**he leads me beside quiet waters.**  
**he restores my soul.**

He guides 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 for me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,\*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## 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 himself gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and the one who lives by believing in me will never die."

**M:** Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C:** **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C:** **Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

**M:** We will be before the throne of God

**C:** **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

**M:** Never again will we hunger.

**C:** **Never again will we thirst.**

**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.**

**M:** 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.**

Hymn - "The King of Glory Comes" (sung by all)

*Refrain*

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.

1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of sal - va - tion;  
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

*Refrain*

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
He goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.  
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

**Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:50-57**

<sup>50</sup>I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – <sup>52</sup>in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV®)

**Scripture Reading - John 11:1-7,20-27**

<sup>1</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)

<sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

<sup>4</sup>When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup>and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” ...

<sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup>“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” (NIV®)

Hymn - "In Christ Alone" (sung by all)

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the

light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al

ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y, Sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-for - ter, my all in  
 God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me

(Fine)  
 all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**Sermon - Isaiah 43:1**

*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.”*

**You Are Mine**

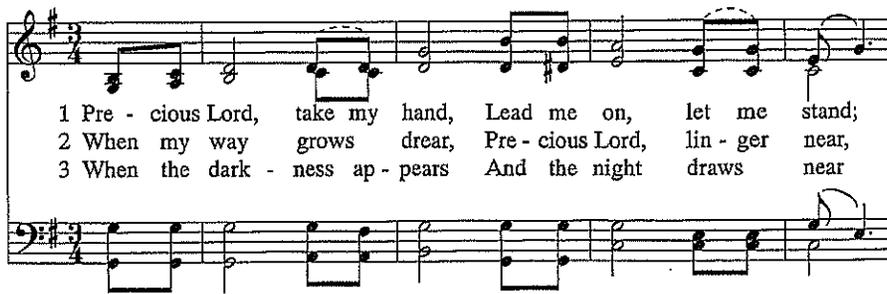
**Apostles' Creed**

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

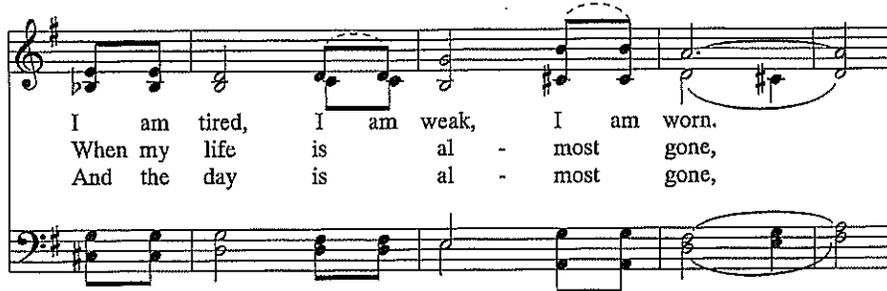
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he shall 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.**

Hymn - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (sung by all)



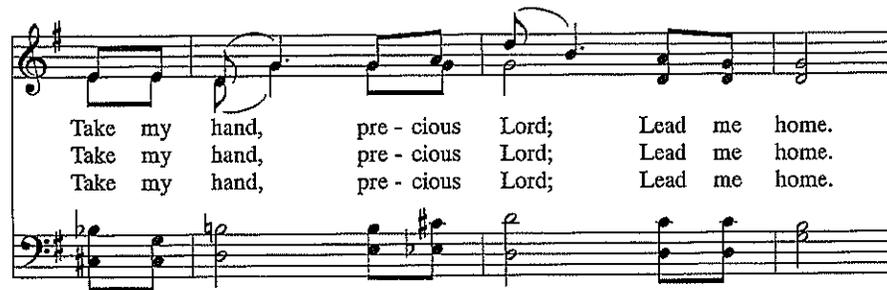
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
When my life is al - most gone,  
And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

## 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, Dennis Weigand, 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.

### The Lord's Prayer *(sung by all)*

**G** Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our



dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

### The Blessing

- 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.

### Announcements

Hymn - "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (sung while the family leaves)

F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace;

Bb F Bb Dm Gm Dm Gm

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his ten - der com - fort  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

C F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing — You are my own.  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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### Dennis Wilbert Weigand

Dennis Wilbert Weigand was born February 23, 1946 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Wilbert and Almira (Schaumberg) Weigand. He was received into Christ's kingdom through the power of Holy Baptism on March 17, 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Town of Lomira. He publicly declared his faith in Christ in the ceremony of confirmation on April 10, 1960 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Town of Lomira.

Dennis graduated from Northwestern Preparatory School in Watertown in 1964 and attended Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Dennis married Ardis Gerken on June 22, 1969 at St. John Lutheran Church in Red Wing, Minnesota. The Lord blessed their marriage of fifty-one years with three children.

Dennis served his Savior faithfully as a husband, father, and grandfather; in his career that included work in sales, estimating, and as a project engineer at several firms, including Mayville Metals in Mayville; Miller, Inc. in St. Nazianz; and Perlick Corporation in Milwaukee; in his service to his congregations, as a Sunday School teacher and Lutheran Pioneer leader at St. Paul, Town Lomira, and as council secretary, outreach elder, head usher, member of the choir, and leader of the men's Bible study at St. Paul, Brownsville; and as a member of the executive board of Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

God called Dennis from this world to his eternal home on Saturday, September 12, 2020. He had reached the age of 74 years, 6 months, and 20 days. He is survived by his wife, Ardis, his sons, Joel (Erin) Weigand and Keith (Andi) Weigand, and his daughter Rachel (Ty) Mittelstadt; by four grandchildren; by his brother, Harvey (Karen) Weigand; four sisters-in-law, Vernice Weigand, Judy Weigand, Sandi Meyer, and Bev (Mike) Watson; and brother-in-law, Ron (Jane) Gerken; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Philip (Deanna) Weigand, Lee (Lillian) Weigand, Rev. Cleone Weigand, and John Weigand.

His earthly remains will be committed to the ground and await the resurrection at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. A committal service will take place there immediately following this service.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, even forevermore.