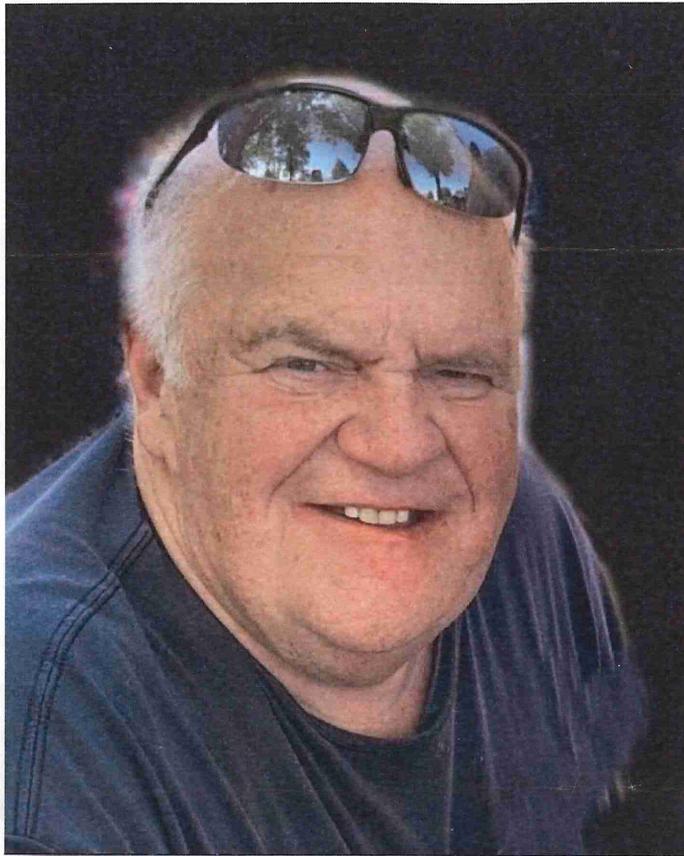


Celebration of Life



Roger Betlach
November 29, 1949 — May 23, 2025



WORD of PEACE
Lutheran Church

June 26, 2025
11:30 AM

Rogers Event Center

Thursday, June 24, 2025 — 11:30 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold**.
+ indicates congregation invited to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

CONSOLATION

PRAYER

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Roger Betlach. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd,
 I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SCRIPTURE

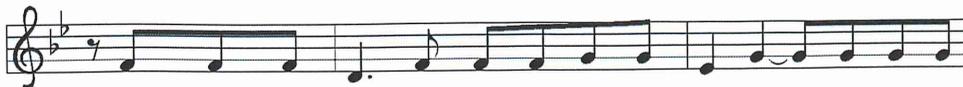
2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion 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!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989
 Music: O STORRE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Rick Skare

HYMN

Amazing Grace



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



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



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.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

+ APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYER

+ 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

+ COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Roger Betlach.
Acknowledge, we humbly ask you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a
sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy and into the
blessed rest of everlasting peace. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hallelujah

TABLE PRAYER

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Drop Kick Me Jesus Through the Goal Post of Life

POSTLUDE

Roger's family would like to give special thanks to their family and friends for all their prayers, love and support during this time of grief.

You are invited to join Roger's family for lunch immediately following the service.

OFFICIANT

Pastor Rick Skare

MUSICIAN

Rachel Kurtz

Roger D. Betlach, age 75 of Rogers, died peacefully of Parkinson's disease on
May 23, 2025.

He is preceded in death by his parents Marvin and Marjorie Betlach.

He is survived by his wife Mary; children Liz Glock (Stu), Peggy Worel (Ken), and Tim
Betlach (Mandy); grandchildren Sophie, Josh, Lilly, Kelsey, Layla and Griffin; brother Ron
Betlach (Marilyn); nephew Dustin Betlach; niece Amy Ceroll and her family,
along with relatives and friends.

Roger grew up in Blooming Prairie, MN and was proud to be a Blossom. He served in the
US Army and was stationed in Vietnam. He retired from the US Postal Service.

Roger enjoyed helping his family and friends, loved phone calls and sports.

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