



*Nothing can
separate us
from God's love
in Christ Jesus.*

—Romans 8:38

† *From Life to Eternal Life with Jesus* †
A Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Victory for

William R. Holmquist

October 18, 2014

12:00 PM

PROCESSIONAL

O God Our Help In Ages Past

LSB 733 Verse 1-6

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or the earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
 LSB 803 Verses 1,3

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Fountain head of love divine;
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Readings chosen by Bill, Marilyn and family include verses given by dear friend Alice Braeger in a note of encouragement.)

Isaiah 41: 10, 13 – Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Romans 8:18, 37-39 – I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN***How Great Thou Art***
LSB 801 Verses 1,3,4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul! My savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

But when I think that God, His son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in-
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul! My savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill me heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul! My savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

MESSAGE**"An Eternal Perspective"****Pastor Jeff Dorth**

Solo

**Navy Hymn
Verse 1-4**

Don Guth

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave
You bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and pow'r
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fir and foe
Protect them where so e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, 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, Bill, 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 in this life. In Your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour.

We praise You for Your love in Jesus 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.

You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through Your Word and gifts. 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. Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

HYMN

Beautiful Savior
LSB 537 Verse 1,4

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forever more be Thine!

BENEDICTION

P: 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

RECESSIONAL

A Mighty Fortress

We Thank Those Serving

- Officiants** **Pastor Jeff Dorth**
Pastor Jeff Hesse
Pastor Dave Kellerman
- Organist** **Warren Graf**
- Soloist** **Don Guth**
- Instrumentalists** **St. John's Brass**
- Sexton** **Robert Krause**
- Luncheon** **St. John's Ladies Aid**
- Funeral Home** **Myrhum~Patten**

† Christian Obituary †

William R. "Bill" Holmquist

William R. "Bill" Holmquist, 88, of West Bend, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of October 7, 2014.

A native of Red Wing, MN, Bill was born on December 14, 1925 to William and Tina (Jagusch) Holmquist. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Wing where he attended grade school and high school, graduating in 1943.

Bill joined the US Navy in 1944 and, after boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, attended Naval Radio Training School at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

World War II was in full swing and in January 1945 Bill began service on a naval destroyer, the USS Hutchins DD476. He saw action in several major battles in the Pacific, including the Invasion of Iwo Jima and the Battle of Okinawa. His ship was attacked by a Japanese kamikaze boat, suffered major damage, and was eventually towed back to the US, where Bill was reassigned to the USS Arlington APA 151. He joined the American Legion in 1946 and is currently a member of the Lt. Ray Dickop Post # 36 in West Bend.

Using the GI Bill, in 1946 he began his studies at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. While at Carleton, Bill was active in campus life and was elected President of the Student Association. He graduated in 1950 and began work in a series of sales positions for Butler Brothers, Community Concerts Inc., and Marathon Paper Corp. in Menasha, WI. During that time he met his wife, Marilyn, who was a teacher in Appleton, WI.

Bill and Marilyn Moeller were united in marriage on April 7, 1956 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, West Bend, and soon made West Bend their home. Bill was hired by BC Ziegler and Company in 1957, holding a number of different positions before eventually being named Senior Vice President of Marketing. He retired in 1989 and continued his already active role at church and in the community.

Bill served for ten years on the West Bend School District Board of Education, including the last five years as president. He was a founding member of the Washington County Historical Society Foundation, a board member of the Volunteer Center of Washington County, treasurer of the Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery Board, an original board member of the West Bend Beautification Committee (Roots and Branches), and served as treasurer of the Board of Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown for over 20 years. Bill was a 40-year member and past president of the West Bend Noon Kiwanis Club and was instrumental in the club sponsoring the lighting of the Old Courthouse Tower, which became a symbol of West Bend. Bill was also a member of the West Bend Country Club for over 50 years.

A long-time active member of St John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bill served two terms as president of the congregation, taught adult and teen bible studies, and was also a founding member of the St. Johns Foundation Board.

Bill loved music and was an accomplished trumpet player for most of his life. He was a bugler in the US Navy, played in both high school and college bands, and directed drum and bugle corps, including the Boys Brigade in Menasha. In West Bend, he was a member of the brass ensemble at St. John's and an original member of the River City Irregulars.

After retirement, and until recently, Bill was a faithful member of the "Walkers"—a locally famous group of friends who walked six days each week, in all weather conditions, and interacted socially with many of the residents along their regular route. The Walkers were described by the local paper as "the city equivalent of the rooster's crow" and "part of the morning routine" of many residents, and their route included "cheering fans and refueling stations".

Bill is survived by his wife, Marilyn Holmquist; three children, Ann (Douglas) West of Montgomery, IL, John (Sue) Holmquist of Los Alamitos, CA, and Susan (Scott) Alexander of Holladay, UT; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew and Peter West, Kelly, Michael and Caroline Holmquist, and David and Kathryn Alexander; a brother, Curt (Lorraine) Holmquist of Hendersonville, North Carolina; two brother-in-laws, John (Ann) Moeller of Hortonville, WI, and William (Joanne) Moeller of Scottsdale, AZ, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Burial will be in Washington County Memorial Park. Memorials to the St. John's Lutheran Church Foundation, the ALS Association/Wisconsin Chapter, or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank the pastors and fellow parishioners of St. John's and all their West Bend friends for their love and support.

Gratitude is expressed to the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home for their service and assistance to the family, and to St. John's Ladies Aid for serving the meal.

Immediately following the service at church the family extends an invitation to everyone to attend a luncheon which will be served in the fellowship hall (lower level) of the church. Following the luncheon the committal will take place at Washington County Memorial Park, West Bend, Wisconsin.