Wilford “Buzz” Nelson Verneau, Jr.

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But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.
Psalm 71:14

Our Redeemer

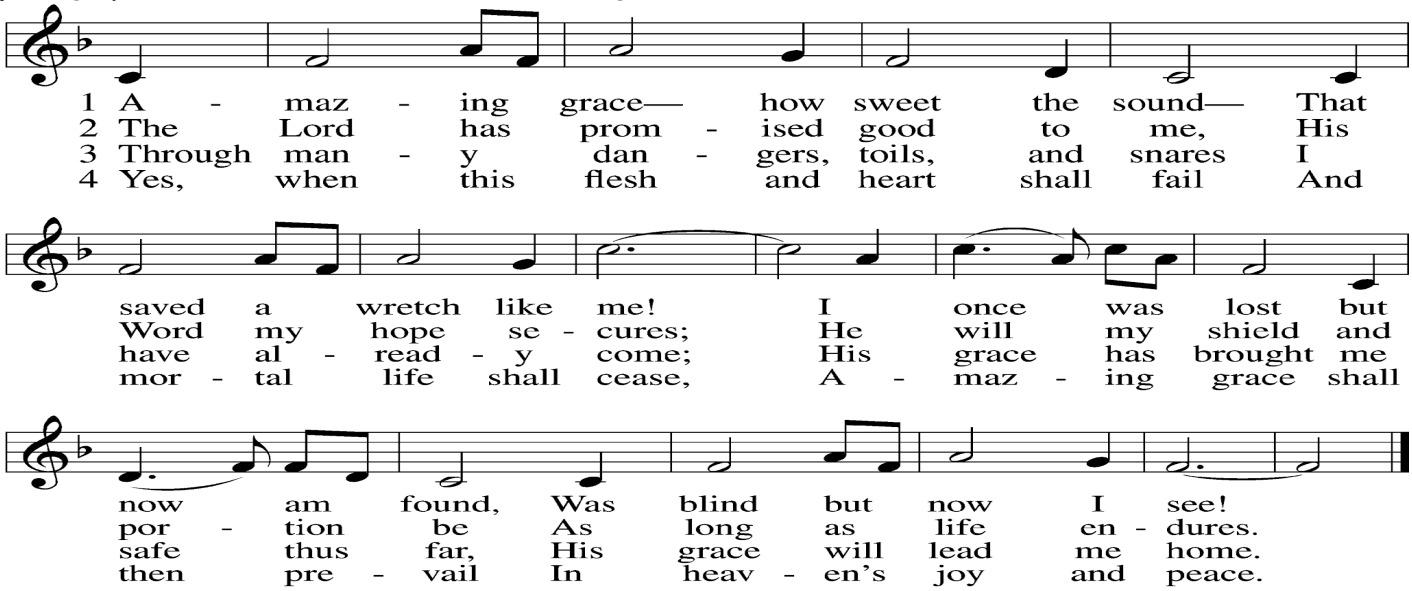
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Prelude
Family Procession
Opening Hymn **Amazing Grace** *LSB 744 sts. 1–4*



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Buzz Verneau was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Buzz Verneau and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Christian Obituary

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 43:1–3, 25*

1But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... 25"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 65:1–8*

1Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
2O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
3When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.
4Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

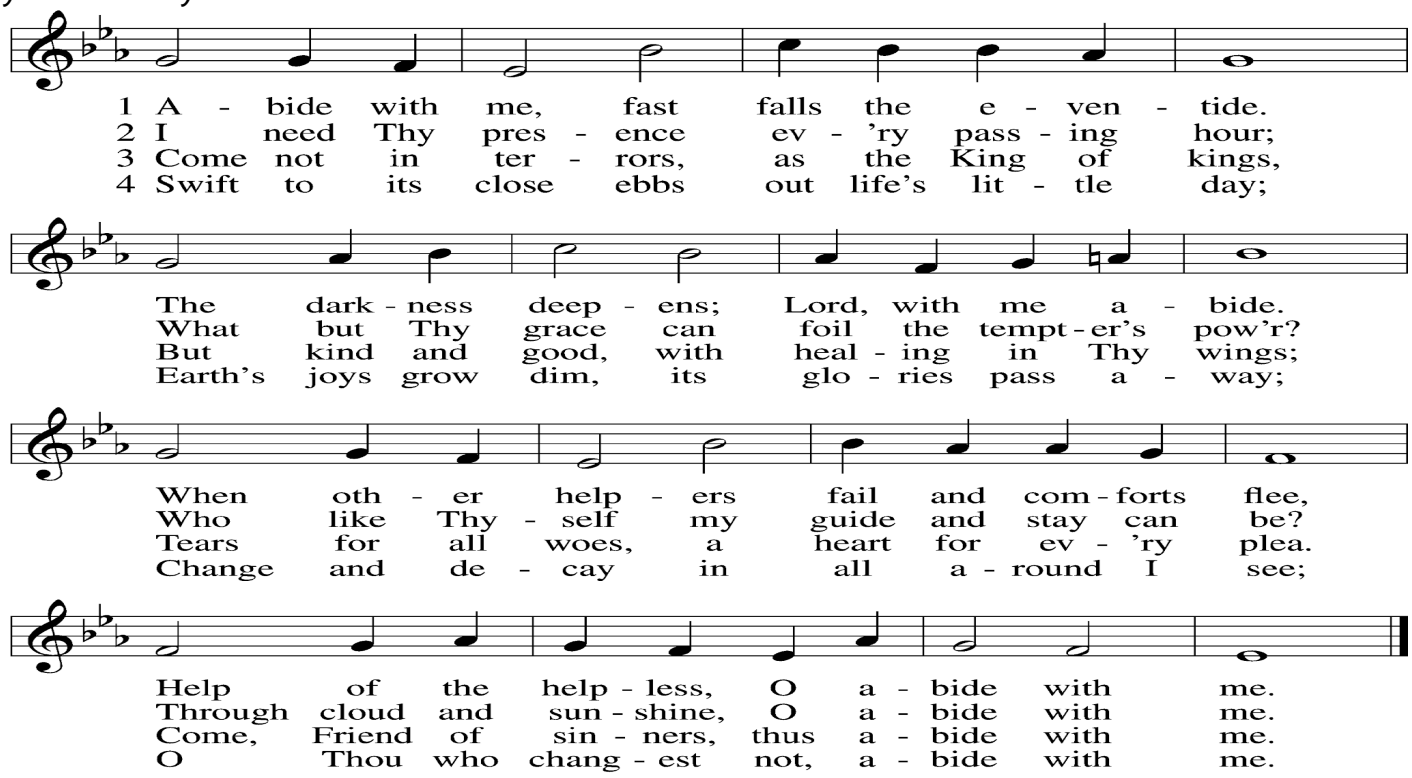
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!
5By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;
6the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;
7who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,
8so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

Epistle *2 Timothy 4:6–8*

6For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8Henceforth there is laid up 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 loved his appearing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day **Abide with Me** *LSB 878*



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5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Holy Gospel *John 10:11–18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

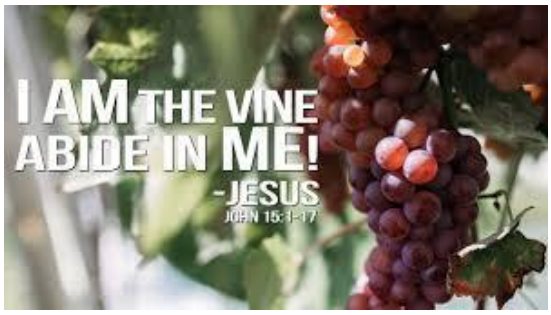
C Glory to You, O Lord.

11[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

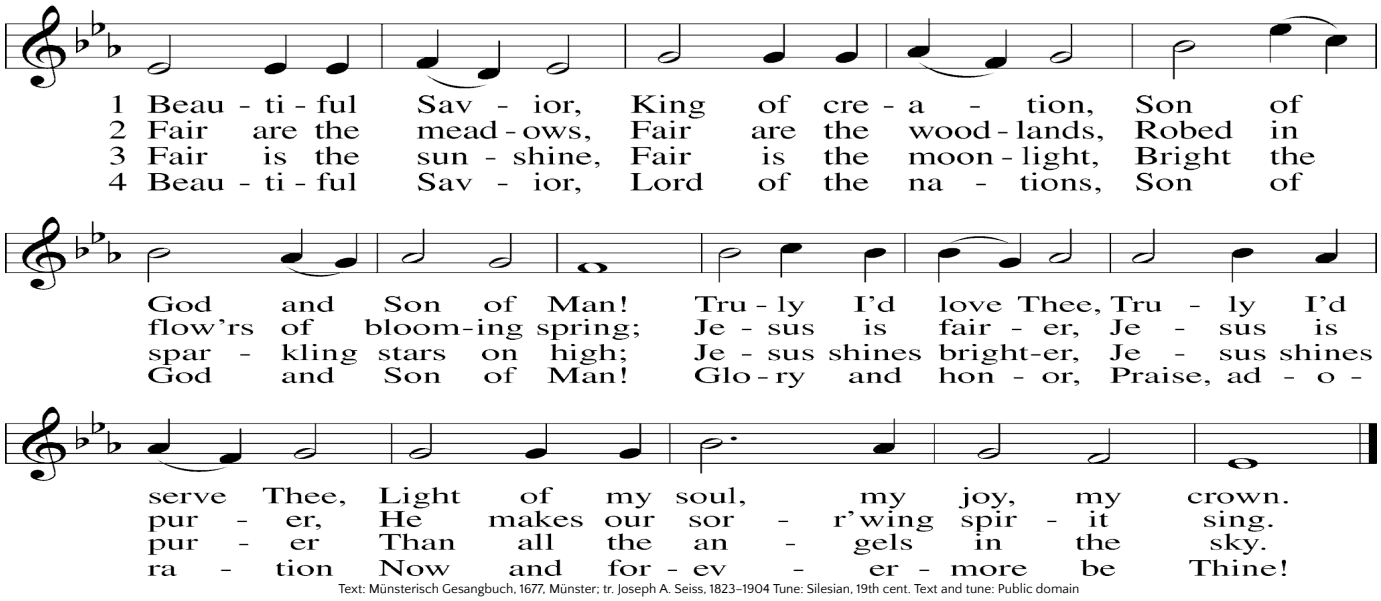
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon



Hymn of Response **Beautiful Savior**

LSB 537



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Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the family of Buzz Verneau and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our thanks for Buzz Verneau and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer **Soloist – Diana Porter**

Nunc Dimittis

A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

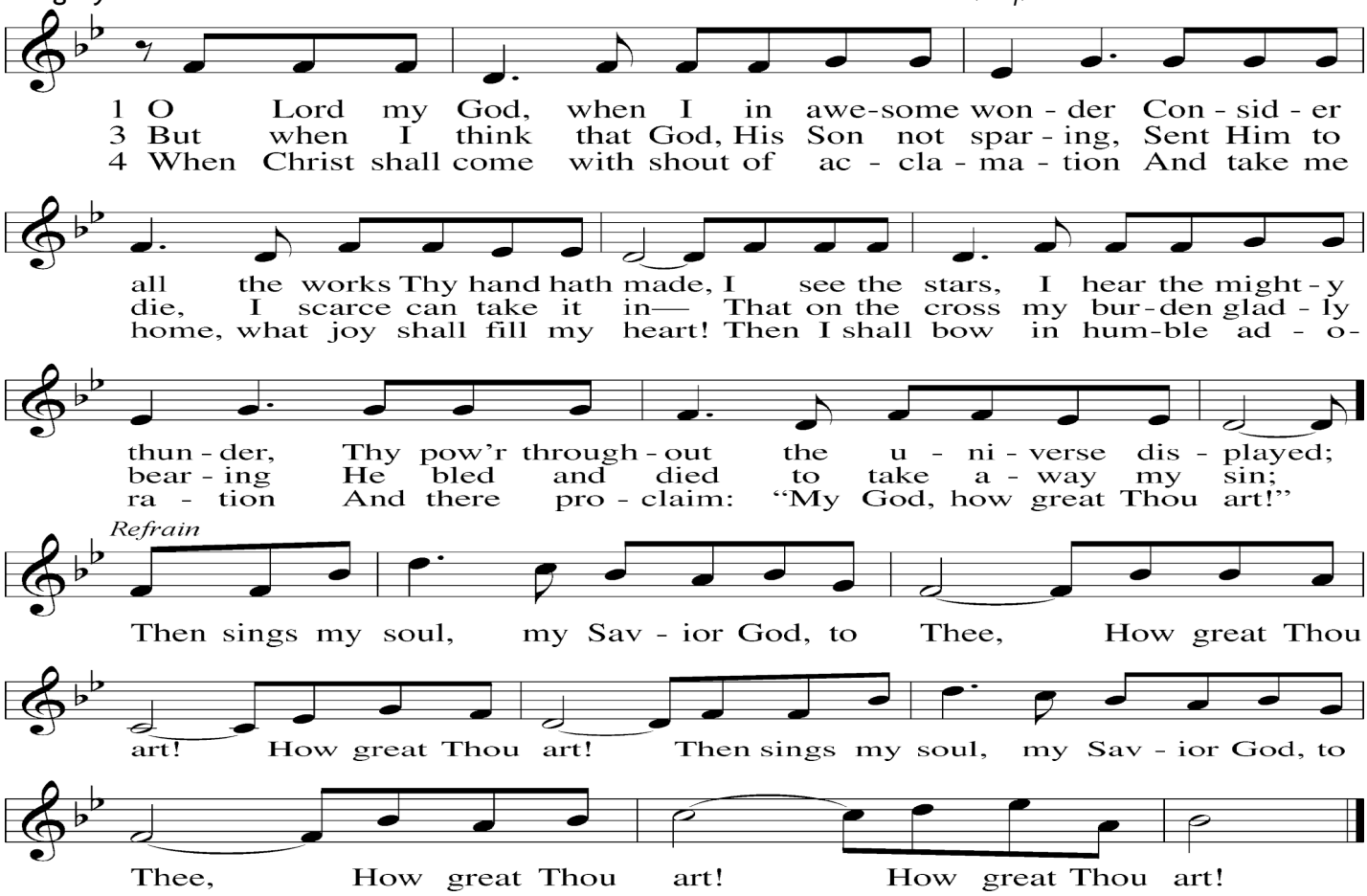
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn **How Great Thou Art** **LSB801***sts. 1, ref, 3–4*



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Family Recessional *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park

The Verneau family thanks all those who have expressed their encouragement and love these past few days. All your prayers and kindnesses are appreciated.

Christian Obituary for CW3 Wilford "Buzz" Nelson Verneau Jr. (ret. U.S. Army)
Buzz was born in Latrobe, PA on October 10, 1935 to Wilford Nelson Verneau, Sr. and Freda K. Jones. He was baptized on December 15, 1935 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Latrobe, PA. He was later Confirmed in his faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trauger, PA. He married his wife, Nancy (Nan) Jean Forsha on October 16, 1954 at St. James Lutheran Church in Youngstown, PA. Together they were blessed with 5 children.

Buzz served his nation in the U.S. Army for 25 years before retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. After his military career, he worked in civil service for 20 years before retiring a second time. Buzz was a faithful member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church where he served as president and in many other ways. He also sang in the choir and acted in various skits throughout the years. He died on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at his residence in Harlem, GA. and is now home with His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family members in addition to his wife of 68 years include his children: Debra Verneau, Bruce Verneau (Deanna), Scott Verneau (Joy) and Kathleen Verneau; 8 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and sister: Pamela Reschick. He was preceded in death by his daughter: Brenda Lee Verneau and brother: David Verneau.

The funeral service is held Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Rev. Roger Schwartz officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park where military honors will be conducted.

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