

A Service of Comfort and Hope for the Family and Friends of

Delroy Martin Aswege

+ April 17, 1928 - December 20, 2021 +



January 11, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church - Dallas, TX

Opening Hymn

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Junior Choir sings vs. 1,2

Assembly joins to sing vs. 3-5



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science seize me
not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Remembrance of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In Holy Baptism, Delroy Aswege was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Paul also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

God's Comfort

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 from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ, who is our life, appears,

then we also will appear with him in glory.

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 the loss of Delroy Aswege, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Delroy to faith and giving him the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading

Psalm 32:1–2, 11

¹Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

²Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

¹¹Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Reading

Psalm 103:8–12

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Reading

Isaiah 25:1

¹LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

Reading

Isaiah 54:10

¹⁰Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Junior Choir sings the verses of the hymn
Assembly joins to sing the refrain



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Reading

John 14:1-4, 6-7

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My 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? ³And 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. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

⁵⁴When 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.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

John 20:28 – Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

“My Jesus!”

Apostles’ Creed

**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 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.

Hymn

576 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the



heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me



day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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Delroy Martin Aswege

(April 17, 1928 – December 20, 2021)

His loving Savior Jesus Christ called Delroy Martin Aswege to his heavenly home on Monday, December 20, 2021. Delroy passed away peacefully with his daughter Dawn at his side in her home in Dallas, Texas. All of his children were able to spend time with him in his final days.

Delroy Martin Aswege was born on April 17, 1928 in Graceville, Minnesota, to Meinert von Aswege, Jr. and Elsie (Krieg) Aswege. Delroy was baptized into the Christian faith in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on May 13, 1928 and confirmed in this Christian faith on March 29, 1942 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Johnson, Minnesota.

After graduation from the U of MN Agriculture School, Delroy worked the family farm in Chokio, MN. He was drafted in 1953 and served for two years in the U.S. Army Signal Corp in Ft. Hood, Texas, reaching the rank of corporal. Delroy received an honorable discharge in 1955 and returned to the farm.

In February, 1956, Delroy traveled to the Apache Mission in Cibecue, Arizona, to visit Dolores Ohlmann. They were engaged soon after and married on August 19, 1956 in Valentine, Nebraska. Their marriage was blessed with four children: David Delroy, Dawn Marie, Daniel Dale, and Dayna Irene. Delroy and Dolores were blessed with 64 years together.

In the late 50s, Delroy, Dolores, and their family left the farming life. Delroy was hired by the J. F. Anderson Lumber Company and would go on to spend 30 years managing lumber yards in Iowa and Colorado, retiring from the lumber business after managing the United Building Center in Longmont, Colorado. For the next 15 years, Delroy ran his own business, Home Security and Locksmithing. He spent many hours woodworking in his garage shop.

Delroy and Dolores spent 30 happy years living in Loveland, Colorado. When Jesus called Dolores to her heavenly home on November 24, 2020, Delroy moved to Dallas, Texas, to live with his daughter, Dawn.

Delroy was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, active in church and often found teaching Bible studies. All his life, he spent time each day reading his Bible. At worship this past year, he was often moved to tears on hearing again the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the last weeks of his life, he called out in a loud voice, “My Jesus has forgiven all my sins!” and “God so loved the world!”.

Delroy was preceded in death by his parents, Meinert and Elsie von Aswege, his brothers, Wallace and Robert, and his dear wife, Dolores. He is survived by his children, David (Nancy) Aswege, Dawn Aswege, Daniel (Jess) Aswege, and Dayna (Mark) Asche; his grandchildren: Rachael Aswege, Louis Asche, Abi Aswege, Kate Aswege, Ben Aswege, Liz Aswege, Josh Aswege, and Jonny Aswege. Survivors include his sister Janice Budach and sister Lanita Farstad, brother-in-law David Farstad, sister-in-law Elaine Aswege, cousins, nieces and nephews, and many, many dear friends.

Delroy’s memorial service, a Celebration of God’s Grace, will be conducted by Pastor Noah Herrmann on December 30, 2021 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church at 1217 17th Avenue in Longmont, Colorado. His earthly remains will await the resurrection and his Savior’s return at the Foothills Garden of Memory Cemetery in Longmont, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Calvary Lutheran School Forward in Faith Fund. <https://calvarydallas.org/about-cls/fif/>