

*“I am the
resurrection
and the life.”*

JOHN 11:25



Calvary Lutheran Church – Dallas, TX

A Service of Comfort and Hope for the
Family and Friends of James Rayford Plumlee

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OPENING HYMN

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REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

In Holy Baptism, Jim Plumlee 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.”

The apostle 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 Jim, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Jim 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.

PSALM 23

Read by the presiding minister

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
- ³He restores my soul:
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
- ⁴Yea, 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.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Cornerstone

Sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain

*Christ alone; Cornerstone
weak made strong
in the Savior's love
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of all.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.*

Refrain

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.*

Refrain

LESSONS AND HYMNS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27

JOB 19:23“ Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:13-20

COLOSSIANS 1:13For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READINGS

Jesus' "I Am" Statements

^{JOHN 6:35}Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty... ⁴I am the bread of life... ⁵I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

^{JOHN 8:12}When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life..." ^{9:5} While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

^{JOHN 10:7}Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

^{JOHN 10:11}"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

^{JOHN 11:25}Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

^{JOHN 14:6}Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

^{JOHN 15:1}"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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SERMON

Colossians 1:18

Jesus is #1

1. In quality
2. In time

HYMN

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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.**

PRAYERS

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, 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.

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

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John 8:12; Hebrews 2:10-18; John 14:27; John 11:25-26; Mark
3:31-35

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OLD RUGGED CROSS

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Matthew 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43;

John 1:29, 14:2-3, 19:17-24;

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Galatians 6:14;

Philippians 2:8, 3:14, 3:18;

2 Timothy 1:11-12, 4:8; Hebrews 10:10, 12:2;

James 1:12; Revelation 2, 3:11

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Luke 2:1-16; Isaiah 9:1-7

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Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19; John 10:28

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Isaiah 61:10; John 17:24; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 19:6-9

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1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 no one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 give God the glo - ry, God with us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

The Old Rugged Cross



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rugged cross, The em - blem of
2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so de - spised by the world, Has a won - drous at -
3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, Such a won - der - ful
4. To the old rugged cross I will ev - er be true; Its shame and re -



suf - fring and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
 beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

Refrain



dear - est and best For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry a - bove To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll
 suf - fered and died To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



cher-ish the old rugged cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will



cling to the old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,
 2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:
 3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,
 4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred;
 sweet new - born babe, how frail! And in a man - ger bed:
 his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:
 its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



but there is room and wel - come there for me,
 a still, small voice to cry one day for me,
 a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
 to die, to live, and not a - lone for me,



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1. In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
 Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
 This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
 plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
 joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
 throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
 these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
 wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
 stand in joy be - side you.

James Rayford Plumlee

+ February 13, 1934 – February 20, 2022 +

James Rayford Plumlee was born in Irving, TX on February 13, 1934, the oldest son Ralph and Stella Mae Plumlee. Jim grew up with older sisters Marvel and LaRue and younger brother Ralph. He graduated from Sunset High School in 1951 and matriculated to Texas A&M, from which he graduated in 1956.

After graduation, Jim moved to Chicago, Illinois and worked as a missile lieutenant for the army. He eventually returned to the Dallas area and joined the family business, Weben Industries, as an engineer and in sales. Jim was married to Betty Ann Plumlee. They had a son, Mike, and a daughter, Sara. On June 26, 2003, Jim married Joyce O Leath. Jim helped Joyce run a bed and breakfast in Winnsboro, TX. After full retirement from the bed and breakfast, they moved back to Dallas at which time Jim assisted his son, Mike, with his financial planning company.

Jim joined Grace Lutheran (WELS) in Scroggins, TX while he and his wife managed their bed and breakfast. Upon their return to Dallas, they attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Lake Highlands. While at Calvary, God's grace was brought to bear on Jim's life through the remembrance of his baptism, the regular assurance of forgiveness at worship, and in the building up of his faith through the reception of the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, Jim was sustained in his faith in Jesus. Jim relished the forgiveness of sins and eternal life God had given him as a gift of grace. In love for his Savior, Jim served Calvary congregation in various capacities, including Church Council secretary, chair of the Board of Elders, first chair of the Calvary Endowment Committee, and organizational lead for Men's Bible Study.

On Sunday, February 20, 2022, after a two year struggle with stage four kidney failure, Jim as called home by his heavenly Father. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Stella Mae, and by his sisters LaRue and Marvel. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, her son, Keith (Lois) and daughter, Noelle; his son, Mike (Courtney) and daughter, Sara; brother, Ralph; and multiple grandchildren.

All praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life to forgive all sins, who claimed Jim as his own dear child through water and the Word, and who will return to bring Jim and all believers in Christ, body and soul, to live in the eternal glories of heaven.

Memorials can be given to the Endowment Funds of Calvary Lutheran Church.