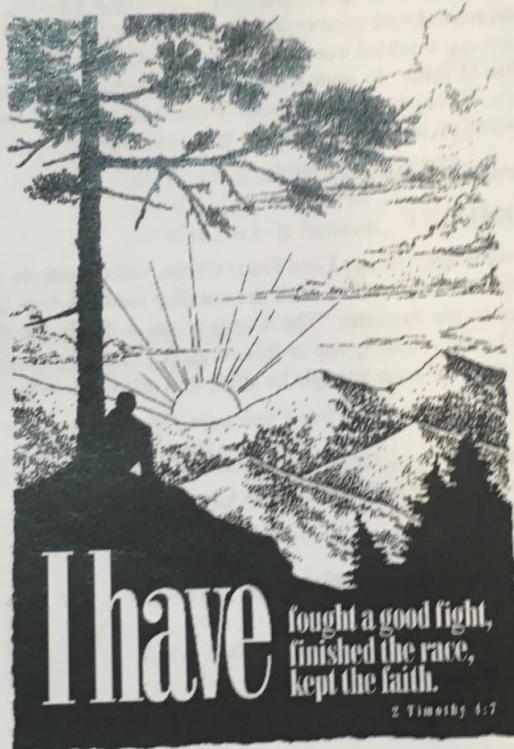


A Service of Comfort and Hope
for the Family and Friends of

Richard John White

+ February 2, 1960 – October 10, 2021 +



October 23, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church – Dallas, TX

OPENING HYMN

GREETING AND PRAYER

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

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 the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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 for the loss of Ricky, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 23 (spoken by the presiding minister)

RESURRECTION COMFORT

M Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

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

C **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C **Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

M We will be before the throne of God

C **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

M Never again will we hunger;

C **Never again will we thirst.**

M For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

M Let us pray. God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson Job 19:23-27 – I know that my Redeemer lives
Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-4; 12-17 – The victory and peace of Christ
Gospel Lesson John 14:1-6, 25-27 – Do not let your hearts be troubled

HYMN

457 – **Fight the Good Fight**

SERMON

2 Timothy 4:7

One Race Is Done; Another's Begun

1. The race on earth
2. The race in heaven

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

PRAYERS

M Almighty God, 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, Ricky, 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 on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. *Lord, in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

M We praise you for your love in 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. *Lord, in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

M You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. 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. *Lord, in your mercy.*

C Hear our prayer.

M Remove our fears, and make us bold to speak with confidence as we join to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who are 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

M 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.

CLOSING HYMN

417 – I'm But a Stranger Here