



**A Service of Comfort and Hope for the  
Family and Friends of Richard Michael Jackson**

Calvary Lutheran Church – Dallas, TX  
September 22, 2023

## OPENING HYMN

880 (vs.1,2,8) – For All the Saints (page 9)

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

**Amen.**

In Holy Baptism, Rick Jackson 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 Rick, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Rick 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*

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

**HYMN**

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# LESSONS AND HYMNS

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-9

JEREMIAH 17:5 This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup> “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

575 (vs. 1,5) – By Grace I’m Saved (page 11)

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31-39

ROMANS 8 1:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN**

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## **GOSPEL READING**

John 11:17-27

JOHN 11:17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles<sup>[b]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **HYMN**

850 – It Is Well with My Soul (Page 13)

“A new command I give you: love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

## Live in Love

1. Believed
2. Lived

### 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 and THE LORD'S 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.**

**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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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to  
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my  
 I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -  
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of  
 prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false-hood taught? So then this  
 di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.  
 glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.



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.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re-sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*  
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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.



Richard Michael Jackson  
+ April 12, 1945 – August 13, 2023+

Richard Michael Jackson was born in Dallas, TX on April 12, 1945, to I.S. (Sonny) and Catherine Jackson. “Rick” was baptized on August 12, 1945 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He was confirmed on September 9, 1984 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, TX. His confirmation verse was Matthew 6:33, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Rick graduated from North Dallas High School in May of 1963. Two years after graduation, he enlisted in the Marines (July 1965) and served our country in Viet Nam repairing electrical systems on fighter planes. He received an honorable discharge in July 1971.

For most of his career, Rick worked in the electronics industry. After a short stint at LTV, he was hired by Sony Co. in 1971. He took early retirement from Sony in 2001, but kept busy employed by Goodman TV. His last place of employment was Audio Electronics Dallas.

Rick met his future wife, Sue Ellen, on their mutual birthday while they both were employed at Sony. A date to a Dallas Cowboy vs. the San Diego Charger football game in

October 1980 began a romance which eventually led to their marriage before JP Pat McDowell on April 3, 1981. They settled in Irving, TX and were blessed with four children.

As the family moved, the Jackson family attended various churches. Rick served as elder at each church at which he held membership. In 2008, Rick and his family joined Calvary Lutheran Church (WELS) in Lake Highlands. While at Calvary, God's grace was brought to bear on Rick'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, Rick was sustained in his faith in Jesus. In love for his Savior, Rick served Calvary congregation in various capacities, including Congregational President, Elder and Visiting Elder, chair of the Adult Discipleship Board, Evangelism Visitor, and as an integral part of Calvary's Audio/Visual Team. Rick will be remembered for his passion for learning and for his compassion for people.

On Sunday, August 13, 2023 Rick was suddenly called home by his heavenly Father. As an organ donor, Rick was able to "gift" his kidneys to someone in need of a transplant. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his two brothers. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sue Ellen, four children and four grandchildren as well as many friends and other family members.

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

