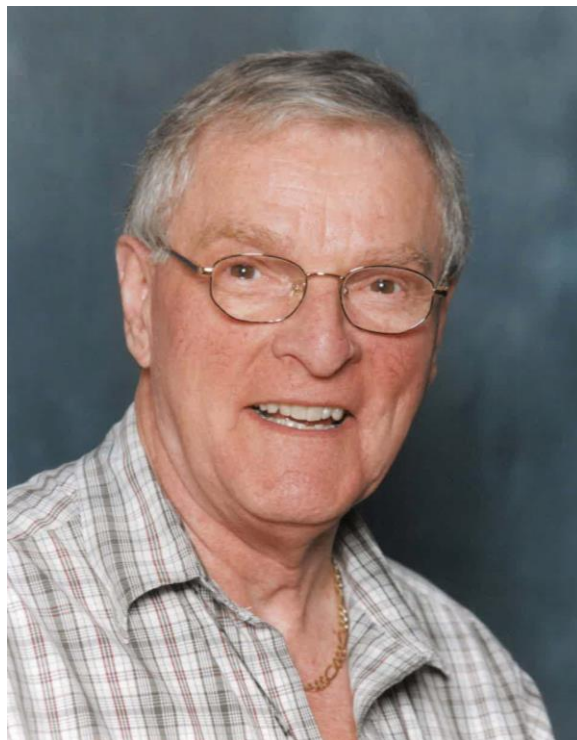


**Celebration of  
Life Service  
for  
James  
Russell  
Hartsoe**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**April 27, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. Visitation  
11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service**



**Celebration of Life Service**

**for**

**James Russell Hartsoe**

BORN

April 11, 1934

DIED

April 10, 2024

Age: 89

**SURVIVED BY:**

Life Partner, Lyle Steinfeldt  
Children, Alison Blasko and Judy (Kevin) Sventek  
Grandchildren, Trevor, Ryan, and Haley

**PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:**

Parents, Russel and Laura Hartsoe  
Brothers, Glenn and Roger Hartsoe  
Former Wife, Mary L. Mart

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PREACHER  
PRESIDER  
ORGANIST  
SOLOIST

Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen  
Pastor David Larson-Martínez  
Brad Althoff  
Ann Schrooten

## WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish  
to extend a special welcome to all visitors.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception.  
Therefore we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table  
to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Hearing assist devices are available in the Narthex.  
Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Memorials may be given in memory of **Jim Hartsoe** to the American Cancer Society,  
OutFront Minnesota, or to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

*A **livestream and recording** of this worship service can be found on the Holy Trinity Vimeo page  
(<https://vimeo.com/event/4242013>).*

*+invites the congregation to stand*

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## GATHER

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### PRELUDE

### +THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Jim Hartsoe, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

*A pall is placed to symbolize Jim's  
being clothed with Christ in baptism.*

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Creator, we too might live a new 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.

+HYMN

*For All the Saints*



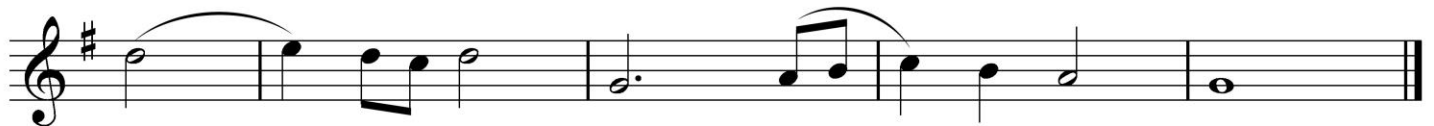
For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou  
Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, . . .  
And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, . . .  
The golden evening brightens in the west; . . .  
But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee . . . by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, . . . their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; . . .  
saints . . . triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates . . . of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O . . . Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.  
all are . . . one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are . . . brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
King of . . . glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

**+GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**+PRAYER**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, James. We thank you for giving him to us to know and love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**SOLO**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
Ann Schrooten, soloist

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## WORD

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### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 61:1-3*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 42:1-7

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND LESSON

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### +GOSPEL

*Luke 23:39-43*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

## HYMN

*Shepherd Me, O God*

*Refrain* (first time: Cantor, then **All**):

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love  
in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain**

**+APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **+PRAYERS**

Gracious God, in holy baptism you knit your people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You have made us in your image to reflect your truth and life: we give you thanks for Jim, for the grace and mercy he received from you and for all the memories we treasure today. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, make us certain that because Christ 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 in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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# MEAL

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## +GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## +SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

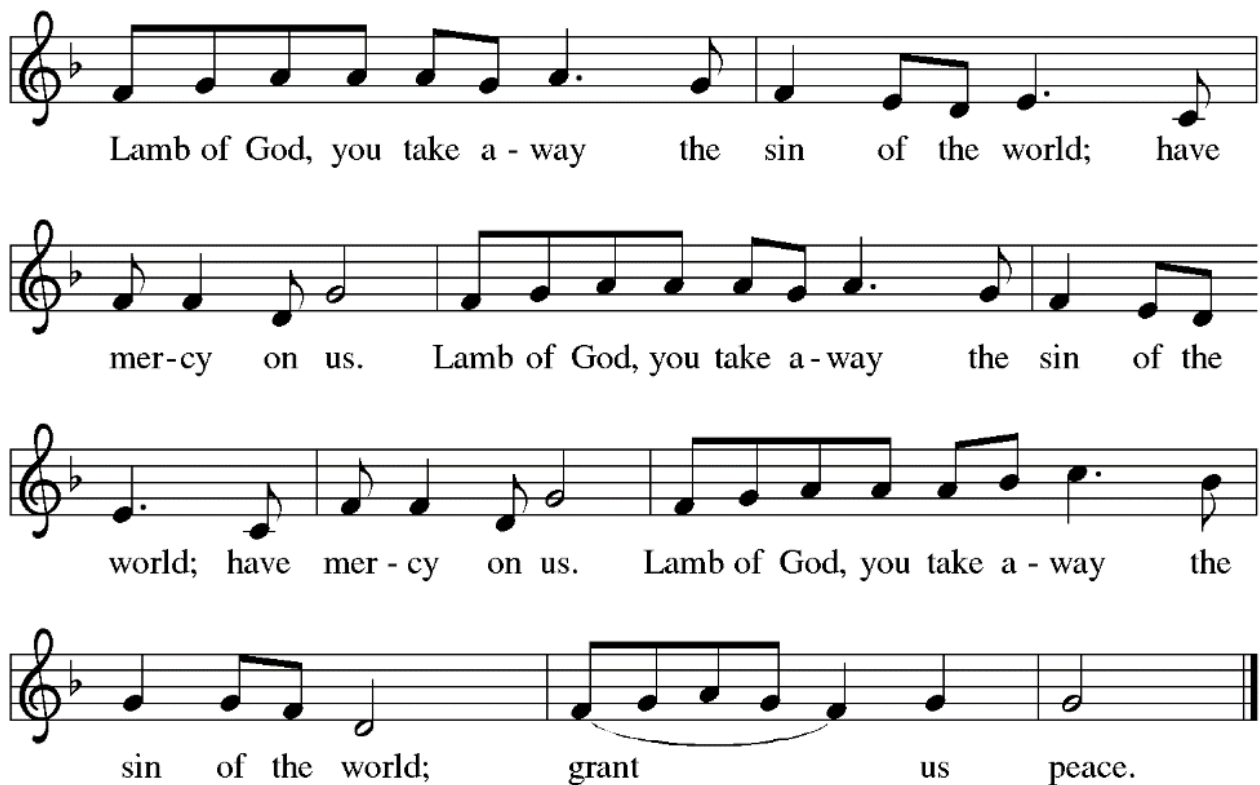
## +WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## +LORD'S PRAYER

Living in trust and hope, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## +LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*Communion is served by intinction.*

*Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains  
both red wine and white grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.*

*All are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to commune, you may remain in your seat  
or come forward and request a blessing from one of the pastors.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, identical in notation to the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**+BLESSING**

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

God, in this meal you have given us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### +COMMENDATION

Let us commend James to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Jim Hartsoe. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

### +BENEDICTION

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Christ, renew, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

+HYMN

*Lord of All Hopefulness*



Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

POSTLUDE

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*All are invited to the Community Room at the back of the sanctuary  
for food, friendship, and remembrances following the service.  
The family will be available to greet guests during lunch.*

James Russell Hartsoe passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 89, one day shy of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was the son of the late Russel and Laura Hartsoe. He was born on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1934, in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Jim graduated from Quarryville High School in 1951 in Quarryville, Pennsylvania and went on to graduate from Millersville State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English in 1955. He served in the United States Air Force from 1957-1958. Jim later attended Princeton Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1961.

While raised Methodist, he switched his denomination to Presbyterian during his studies at Princeton. During his professional career as a Presbyterian Minister, he served churches in Iowa and Pennsylvania before settling down in Minnesota. Shortly after moving to Minnesota, he switched denominations again and concluded his career as an ELCA Lutheran Minister at Bethel Church in Minneapolis after also serving at a church in Hudson, Wisconsin. Other career highlights include working for the American Cancer Society and Control Data.

Jim had a passion for the arts, cooking, and music. An active member of the choir, he could often be heard singing a solo at one of the churches he served, or he could be found serving up one of his favorite culinary dishes. He loved the outdoors. Jim enjoyed hiking and biking whether in the mountains of Pennsylvania or West Virginia, at the beach in New Jersey, or at one of numerous parks and lakes in Minnesota.

Jim was a congregant of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis. He resided in Roseville, Minnesota, with his partner of more than 30 years, Lyle Steinfeldt. In addition to his partner, he was survived by his children Alison Blasko and son Trevor, and Judy (Kevin) Sventek and their children Ryan and Haley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russel and Laura Hartsoe, his brothers Glenn and Roger Hartsoe, and his former wife Mary Mart.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church capital projects fund, the American Cancer Society, or Outfront MN.