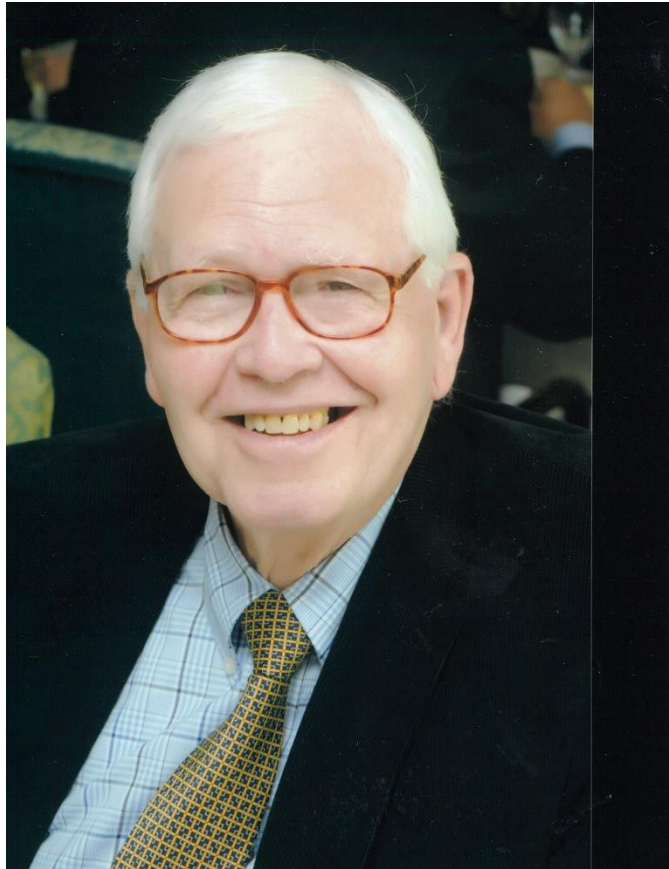


Thanksgiving to God for the Life of
Larry Post
7/27/1942 – 2/7/2025



Central Lutheran Church
May 17, 2025
1:00pm

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

The Carillon

The bells toll, one for each year of Larry's life.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Hudson & Harrison Annett, grandsons

PRELUDE *Siciliano* - John Alcock

Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

WELCOME

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

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 in Christ, Larry, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR 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 Father, 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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN #515 Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Oh, send your Spirit, dear Lord, to me,
that you may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,
and in your book revealed I see you Lord.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother in Christ, Larry. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console all 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 and Lord. **Amen.**

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Dave Pubols, Men's Bible Study Group
Pastor Larry Thomas, Family Friend

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

PSALM 23 (*read in unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOSPEL READING John 3:16-17

Readers: Anneliese Post, granddaughter & Hudson Annett, grandson
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
Indeed God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

HOMILY

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

SOLO

Ave Maria - Schubert

David Gustafson, Tenor

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen 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.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. 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.**

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Malotte*

David Gustafson, Tenor

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Larry. 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.**

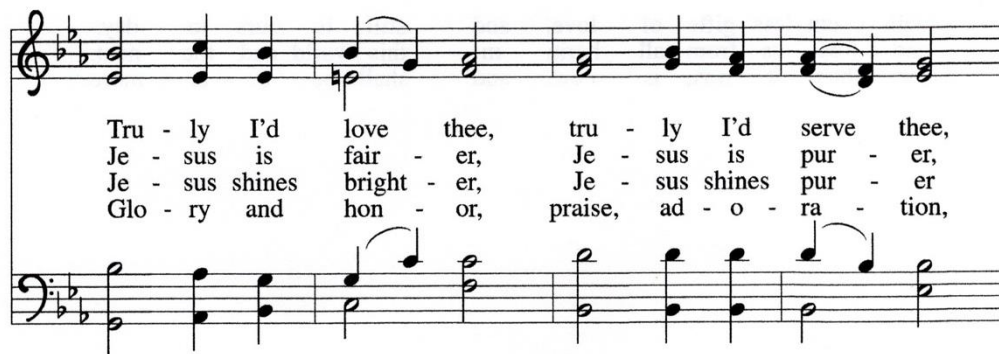
HYMN #838 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* - John Bennett

Following the worship service you are invited to join the family in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and a time of informal sharing.

Roses in December

*God gave us memory
That we may have roses in December
And snowflakes in July.
That we may find laughter amid the tears
and sunshine even on the darkest of days.
God gave us memory
That we may see the face of those we love
Even when they can't be near.
And to recall what we can no longer
Talk about together.
God gave us memory
That we may never forget.*

Author Unknown



A Life of Service and Love
In memory of:
William Lawrence “Larry” Post
(1942 – 2025)

Larry Post was a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished grandfather whose life was a testament to hard work, generosity, and unwavering faith. Born in 1942 in Los Angeles, Larry grew up with a strong sense of community and a passion for helping others.

From a young age, Larry demonstrated a commitment to service, earning the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts, where he learned the values of leadership, loyalty, and community service. These principles guided him throughout his life, shaping him into the man his family and friends admired.

As an entrepreneur and successful small business owner for over 30 years, Larry was known for his innovative spirit. He invented and patented a novel method for building his products, which not only showcased his ingenuity but also his business acumen and sound judgement. His company was a reflection of his hard work and determination, and it provided for his family while also contributing to the local economy.

Music was another passion that enriched Larry's life. A talented saxophonist himself, he loved listening to Jazz as well as music from many other genres. His love for music was matched only by his devotion to his family. He was a proud father of three and a doting grandfather to seven, always making time for bedtime stories, road trips, coaching his kids' baseball teams, cheering on his grandkids, and being there for so many celebrations and cherished moments.

A devout Lutheran, Larry lived his faith through acts of kindness and service. He readily gave to those in need, loved building houses for the homeless, and he was deeply loyal to his friends and family. His honesty and dependability

made him a trusted friend and confidant, and his generous spirit touched the lives of many. He believed in the inherent goodness of people and approached life with a positive outlook, even in challenging times.

Larry was a true jack-of-all-trades, always handy around the house and eager to tackle any project. His great mind for remembering facts and trivia made him a delightful conversationalist, and his optimism inspired those around him.

As we gather to celebrate Larry's life, we remember him as a confident, well-respected, and kind individual who put others first. His legacy of love, generosity, and unwavering faith will continue to inspire all who knew him. Larry leaves behind a profound impact on his family, friends, and community, and his memory will be cherished for generations to come.

Larry is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Travis (Kara); daughters, Jen (Josh) and Megan (Andrew); granddaughters, Anneliese, Natalie, Piper, and Penelope; grandsons, Hudson, Harrison, and Camden.



