

CELEBRATION OF THE ETERNAL LIFE GIVEN TO

Roger Eugene La Plante

May 31, 1936 † March 30, 2023

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 – 5:00 pm
St. Martin's Lutheran Church – Archbold, Ohio
Deacon Steve Basselman, Officiating

A Christian funeral service is a service of worship intended for the strength and comfort of the living. It is focused upon Jesus Christ's triumph over death and His promise of eternal life to all who believe.

*The large white **Paschal Candle** is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a visual reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. For funerals, the paschal candle is also lighted. The paschal candle proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."*

*Today we also celebrate **Holy Communion**. In Communion, the living bread and the cup of salvation, shared in community, is full of healing power for those who grieve. On the night before his own death, Jesus gave his disciples this holy meal; on the day of resurrection, the risen Christ brought joy to the grieving disciples at Emmaus through the breaking of the bread. This sacrament is the gracious sign of the completion of baptism, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and the anticipation of all the faithful reunited before God and the Lamb.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM – *Please stand as you are able*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. *(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)*

Thanks be to God.

When we were baptized into 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. *(Romans 6:3-5)*

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.

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.

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.

We worship you.

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

Amen.



HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING AND PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

And also with you.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Roger. 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 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 and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING – PSALM 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁸O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING – BASED ON PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd.

That's relationship!

I shall not want.

That's supply!

He maketh me lie down in green pastures,

That's rest!

He leadeth me beside still waters,

That's refreshment!

He restores my soul.

That's healing!

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness...

That's guidance!

For His name's sake.

That's purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

That's testing!

I will fear no evil...

That's protection!

For thou art with me.

That's faithfulness!

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

That's discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

That's hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil,

That's consecration!

My cup runneth over.

That's abundance!

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

That's blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord...

That's security!

Forever...

That's eternity!

And ever.

That's a promise! Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

ROMANS 8:18,24-28,31-39

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

MESSAGE

Deacon Steve Basselman

HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Please stand as you are able

PROFESSION OF FAITH – *Apostles' Creed*

We are made children of God through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 into hell.**

**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

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.

Other prayer petitions are offered, concluding with...

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he 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, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, (*Romans 8*) who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you".*

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are holy, O God of majesty, and holy is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lived as one of us, and knew our joy, our pain and sorrow, and our death. By his death on the cross you revealed that your love has no limit. By raising him from death you conquered the last enemy, crushed all evil powers, and gave new life to the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. By your Holy Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name.

Remember our brother, Roger, whose baptism is now complete in death. Bring him into your eternal joy and light, together with all who have died in the peace of Christ; through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America welcomes all Christians who believe in the loving presence of Christ to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be distributed in a continuous style. You'll be asked to come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and then step to the side to receive the wine. The light colored glasses in each tray are grape juice. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW 294 (Green hymnal)

SENDING

Please Stand

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER

Comforting God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin: "now you have dismissed your servant"*)

*O Lord, now let your servant depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill,
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)*

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Roger.

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

Amen

CLOSING HYMN

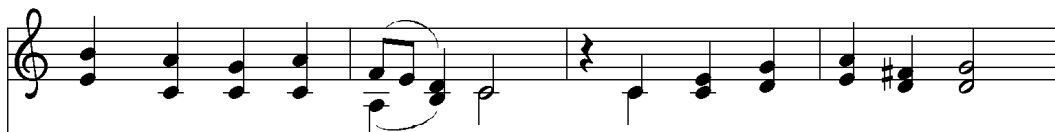
"A Mighty Fortress"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

POSTLUDE

Memorial contributions may be made to
 Good Samaritan Fund, c/o St. Martin's Lutheran Church

You are invited to a meal in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Officiating: Deacon Steve Basselman
Communion Assistant: Jerry Rohrs
Musician: Matthew Wachtman

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Celebrating the Life of
ROGER LA PLANTE

Roger Eugene La Plante of Archbold, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Roger was born on May 31, 1936, to Margaret (Bucher) La Plante and Sereno La Plante of Whitehouse, Ohio. Roger attended Anthony Wayne High School and was an avid baseball player. Upon graduation, he was accepted at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. At OU, he majored in Geology, minored in Chemistry and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. At Bowling Green State University, he went on to obtain his Master of Arts degree in Chemistry.

On June 2, 1962, he married Marilyn Alice Pile, of Sylvania, Ohio and worked as a chemist in Tulsa, OK. The following year, Roger joined Amoco Production Research as a geochemist. During that time, several papers that he wrote, were published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. After many years at Amoco, Roger moved the family back to Ohio and eventually settled in Archbold.

Roger was a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church and was baptized here on May 7, 1995, by Pastor Steve Schick.

In Archbold, Roger was employed by the Village of Archbold Water Department. Upon retirement, Roger and Marilyn traveled to many states in the U.S. as well as the Canadian Rockies. They also enjoyed spending time along the shore of Lake Michigan.

Surviving family members include, daughter, Patricia (Jon) Dennis of Salado, Texas, two sons, Steven La Plante of Archbold, Jeffrey (Tammy) La Plante of Spring Branch, Texas, three grandchildren, Brett (Raven) La Plante, Marc La Plante, and Rosemary Dennis; as well as his sister, Suzanne Shook of Sturgis, MI, his brother, Les (Betty) La Plante of Oceanside, CA, and his sister Luann (Chuck) Perzynski of Toledo, Ohio.

Interment was made at the Archbold Cemetery.

Well done 
Thou good and faithful servant