



1937-2023

In Memory of
Darrell Madsen

Celebration of Life for
Darrell Madsen

January 12, 2024

Officiant: Rev. Anne Schaefer

Music: Lead by Taylor Quinn and Lisa Griffin

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Amazing Grace, ELW #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

GATHERING

Pastor: 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 Michael, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Michael was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: 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.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: 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.

All: We praise you.

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

All: We worship you.

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

All: Amen.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

The Children of Darrell and Norma

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 6:35-40, Read by Elvina Nelson
Matthew 11:28-30, Read by Alyssa Duresky
2Timothy 4:6-8, Read by Lisa Madsen

**SERMON
HYMN**

Pastor Anne Schaefer
HOW GREAT THOU ART, ELW #856

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.**

1. Soft as the voice of an angel,
Breathing a lesson unheard,
Hope with a gentle persuasion,
Whispers her comforting word:
Wait till the darkness is over,
Wait till life's tempest is done,
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow,
After the sunshine is gone.

CHORUS:

- Whispering hope,
O how welcome Thy voice,
Making my heart
In its sorrow rejoice.
2. If in the dusk of the twilight,
Dim be the region afar,
Will not the deepening darkness
Brighten the glimmering star?
Then when the night is upon us,
Why should the heart sink away?
When the dark midnight is over,
Watch for the breaking day. CHORUS
 3. Hope, as an anchor so steadfast,
Rends the dark veil for the soul,
Whither the Master has entered,
Robbing the grave of its goal.
Come then, O come, glad fruition,
Come to my sad weary heart;
Come, O Thou blest hope of glory,
Never, O never depart. CHORUS

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Michael. 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. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC, ELW 890

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

CHORUS

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires
of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the
Evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the
dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on. CHORUS
3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. . . CHORUS

Following the service, you are invited to head outside for military honors, which will take place on the south side of the building, on the lower level by the river (please be aware that honors will include loud rifle volleys outside).

You are then invited to a luncheon gathering in the Community Room.

OBITUARY

Darrell Madsen, passed away peacefully at home on December 20, 2023 at the age of 86 years. He was born on July 21, 1937 to Alex and Elna Madsen of Askov, MN. He was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be remembered for his warm personality, strong work ethic and dedication to his family.



Darrell served his country with honor as a United States Army Veteran from 1960-1964. After his military service, Darrell pursued a career as a heavy equipment operator. He worked at William Kranz Construction for 20+ years, displaying dedication and excellence in his craft. He finished his career at Business Incentives (BI). In addition to his professional achievements, Darrell was a loving husband, proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Norma and children: Kristy (Jim) Russell, Susan Blume, Jeffrey (Lisa) Madsen. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Darrell had a variety of hobbies that brought him joy. He enjoyed snowmobiling, mowing the lawn, fixing cars, camping, watching football and playing cribbage. These activities allowed him to relax and spend quality time with loved ones. He will be remembered most for his quick wit and one-liners, always sure to get a laugh.

Darrell will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His warm smile, strong character, and loving nature will forever be cherished. May he rest in peace.