1935-2025

Memorial Service for:

Darrell P. Gildemeister

Celebration of Life for

Darrell P. Gildemeister

June 7, 2025

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas
Urn Bearers: Jennifer & Chad Enstad

PROCESSIONAL SONG **Precious Lord Take My Hand, ELW 773**

VERSE 1
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

VERSE 2
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold me hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

VERSE 3
When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is part and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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 Darrell, 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, Darrell 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 Mike Dorrian, brother-in-law

MUSIC **How Great Thou Art, ELW 856**

VERSE 1
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain
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!

VERSE 2
When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

VERSE 3
But 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; *Refrain*

VERSE 4
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!” *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READINGS **John 6:37-40**

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Read by Christopher Dorrian, nephew

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SERMON Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC **O Day Full of Grace**

Taylor Quinn, solo

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.

COMMENDATION
Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Darrell. 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 **On Eagles Wings, ELW 787**

VERSE 1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

VERSE 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

VERSE 3

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

VERSE 4

For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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 P. Gildemeister, age 89, of Elk River, after a long illness April 17, 2025.

Born September 7, 1935 on the family farm in Brooten, MN. Darrell attended the same one-room country school as his parents during his younger years, graduating from Brooten High School in 1952 at the age of 16.

After high school, Darrell moved to Minneapolis and attended Dunwoody Institute graduating with an automobile mechanic degree. Darrell then enlisted in the Army and completed his service 1958-1960 at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1960, Darrell moved back to Minneapolis where he met and married his wife of 59 years, Margaret Dorrian.

For the past 47 years, Darrell had resided in Elk River on a hobby farm where he loved gardening and planting all varieties of tomatoes and peppers. He also loved working on his 1950's Farmall tractor and other equipment. He could fix anything and was an avid reader of history and mysteries. Darrell retired in 2000 from Remmele Engineering of Big Lake. He enjoyed joining classes at the health club and volunteering delivering Meals on Wheels and as an usher for his church on many Sundays.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents George and Charlotte Gildemeister and brother-in-law Donald Voss. Survived by wife Margaret, daughters Laura, Valerie and Jennifer (Chad) Enstad, sister Grace Voss, brother-in-law Michael (Lynann) Dorrian and nieces, nephews and cousins.

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