



In Loving Memory of  
**James D. Acers**  
1938-2023

Celebration of Life

# Jim Acers

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Officiants: Rev. Anne Schaefer and Rev. Nathan Mugaas

Urn Bearers: Emily Acers

Music: Lead by Taylor Quinn, Lisa Griffin, and the ERLC Choir

**PRELUDE**

**Music by Meade Acers Redwine**

**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 Jim, 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, Jim 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**

Karen Acers  
Wade Bastion  
Mike Acers

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 23  
Read by Joe Kane  
John 14:1-6  
Read by Andy Acers

**SERMON**

Pastor Anne Schaefer

**MUSIC**

Beautiful Savior, ELW #838

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
  
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
  
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor: With 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.**

### **PRAYERS 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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin 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.**

### **MUSIC**

**Ave Verum Corpus, Sung by the ERLC Choir**

### **COMMENDATION**

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jim. 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 HYMN**

**Soon and Very Soon, ELW 439**

- 1**      **Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King.**

## **REFRAIN**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah,**  
**We're going to see the King!**

- 2**      **No more crying there,**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**No more crying there,**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**No more crying there,**  
**We are going to see the King. *Refrain***

- 3**      **No more dying there,**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**No more dying there,**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**No more dying there,**  
**We are going to see the King. *Refrain***

- 4**      **Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King,**  
**Soon and very soon**  
**We are going to see the King. *Refrain***

## OBITUARY

**Jim Acers**, 85, of Ramsey, died suddenly August 31, 2023, at their cabin on Long Lake, Cotton, MN with his beloved wife Karen at his side.



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Jim and Karen Wilson married December 14, 1963, thus began an amazing life together of adventure, challenge and love celebrated for 59 years. Jim will be remembered for his smile, positive attitude and sense of humor. Those are necessary attributes for a successful salesman. As an entrepreneur, Jim started the James D. Acers Company in 1984, an engineered sales company. Jim's sons, Mike and Terry, joined the business as salesmen following graduation from Augsburg College. They were well-liked by their clients.

Jim became a volunteer in Boy Scouts of America when his sons joined the program. He believed strongly in the tenets of the Scout Oath and Law, principles to live one's life as a model for youth. Jim received the Silver Antelope Award, the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients are of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth. This year Jim was recognized for 20 years' service hosting the Annual Friends of Scouting Leadership Breakfast in Elk River raising funds for youth programs.

Music was Jim's passion. He played French horn in the Elk River German Band for 39 years. He sang in the church choir, always listened to MPR classical music and exercised to Neil Diamond.

Jim leaves a rich legacy of deep love for family and God, strong character being a role model trying to lead by example and a reputation for service to the Boy Scouts of America and other community organizations. We his family honor his life with pride.

Jim is preceded in death by parents Joyce and John Acers, sister Judy Formico and beloved son Terry.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife Karen, son Mike (Jody), grandchildren Emily and Andrew, Terry's children Joe Kane (Tagen), Meade (Collin Redwine), Bijou, Kieran and great-granddaughters Hazel and Alice, as well as many cousins and dear friends.

Memorials preferred to Elk River Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts of America - St. Cloud Council or Guardian Angels of Elk River.

*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.*

*A private interment service will be held at a later date.*

