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Memorial Service for:

Myron Richard Grams

Celebration of Life for
Myron Richard Grams

March 11, 2026

Officiants: Rev. Nathan Mugaas & Rev. Anne Scheafer

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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 Myron, 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, Myron 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

PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE

Kayla Grams, daughter

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-3

Read by Pastor Jeremy Hallquist

Psalm 23

1 **The Lord is** our shepherd; we shall not want. 2 He makes us lie down in green pastures; he leads us beside still waters; 3 he restores our souls. He leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil, for you are **with us**; your rod and your staff, they comfort us.

5 You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil; our cups overflow. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord **our whole life long.**

THE LORD IS – WITH US – OUR WHOLE LIFE LONG

Ephesians 2:8-10

Read by Linda Henderson, daughter

MUSIC

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

Taylor Quinn, solo

Romans 8:31-39

Read by Pastor Anne Scheafer

John 3:16-17

Read by Linda Henderson, daughter

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

MUSIC

Let us Go To the Banquet, ELW 523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

- 1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

- 3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

MUSIC

Borning Cry, ELW 732

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

MUSIC

Joy to the World, ELW 267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Myron. 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.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
 - 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
 - 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
 - 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*
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*Following the service you are invited to a luncheon gathering in the
Community Room.*

**We are blessed to be a blessing...
Saved by grace, not by works...
For God so loved the world...**

THE LORD IS WITH US OUR WHOLE LIFE LONG...

**And nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

OBITUARY

Pastor Myron Richard Grams, (Mike) 94, of Riverview Landing in Otsego MN died Friday February 27, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids MN.

Myron (Mike) was born on September 8, 1931, to Richard Paul and Hattie Evelyn Koskela Grams on the family farm near Westbrook MN. He was baptized on Sept 27, 1931, and confirmed April 14, 1946, at Emanuel Lutheran Church Rosehill. He received his Associate of Arts degree at Waldorf Jr. College in Forest City, Iowa, in 1951. 1952-1954 Myron was drafted into the Korean War as a Corporal with Signal Corp US Army. His basic training included Cryptography, and he worked in the Pentagon. He was stationed in Tokyo Japan. From 1954-1958 he farmed with his father in Westbrook MN.

After meeting at a Luther League gathering, he married his wife of 68 years Florence Mae Bakker in 1957 and after a year of farming he decided to pursue ministry to become a Lutheran pastor. He first attended Wartburg College, Waverly Iowa with a BA class of 1960, then interned at Bethany Lutheran, Portland Oregon in 1962 and received his Master of Divinity in 1964 at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Ordained in 1964, he served the following ELCA parishes of St. Peters, Byron Nebraska, 1964-1968, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, Hastings, NE 1968-1975, American Lutheran Memorial, Denver Colorado 1975-1979, Zion and St. John's Lutheran Churches in Appleton, and Holloway MN and Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Canby, Minnesota 1987-1996. He retired after 32 years of Lutheran ministry in 1996. Retiring near Lindsey Lake in Backus MN, he was able to do what he loved most, which is fishing. His passion and strong faith for the ministry still fulfilled his life through the years serving as pastor in Victoria Palms Weslaco, Texas and Hackensack MN. Whether it was teaching the gospel, involvement in the Synod, or participating in other ministries of the ELCA Lutheran church, he was always available to support friends, families and others in their time of need. He was always a friend ready to give a helping hand, no matter what. Myron has touched the lives of many people through the years. He had an ability to face difficult conflicts with love, grace, compassion and

tactfulness. Myron was a kindhearted man, willing to listen, advise and be reassuring. He has always loved the communities he lived in and served on the Senior cooperative Housing committee. His stewardship, guidance and leadership makes Myron an exceptional human being. He loved meeting people and listening to their life stories. Myron was a constant source of wisdom and support that will be dearly missed. Dad and Mom enjoyed their time at Riverview Landing, Mom always at his side, taking Tai Chi, watching the Eagles and swans on the river. His dry wit could brighten the day of anyone. Very proud of his Finnish heritage, he had a stoic determination, stubbornness and spirt, SISU

Myron is preceded in death by his parents Richard and Hattie and sister Myrna (Steve Codden). He is survived by his wife Florence (Bakker) Grams, his children Sharon Meyer (Ron), Louann Grams, Linda Henderson (Jim), and Kayla Grams. Grandchildren Ian and McKenzie Henderson.

The committal service will be held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN on Thursday March 12 where he will be laid to rest.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to Elk River Lutheran Church, Guardian Angels or Wartburg Seminary.

