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Memorial Service for:

Patrick J. Donnelly

Celebration of Life for
Patrick J. Donnelly

August 14, 2025

Officiants: Rev. Nathan Mugaas & Rev. Anne Scheafer

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Amazing Grace, ELW 779

VERSE 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.

VERSE 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!

VERSE 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.

VERSE 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.

VERSE 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 Patrick, 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, Patrick 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

Kathy Kostohrwz, sister
Pete Donnelly, son
Riain Donnelly, grandson
Megg Baade, daughter

MUSIC

Remember When
Taylor Quinn, solo

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 15:12-17

Read by Laura Lou Aldrich, niece

Matthew 25:37-40

Read by Paula Donnelly Kramer, cousin

Psalm 23 – Text by Bobby McFerrin, introduced by Pastor Anne

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever & ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

- 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.

- 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*
- 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*
- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory forever,
Amen.

You are invited to join in Holy Communion.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Gluten free wafers available.

Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available.

MUSIC

Hallelujah

Now I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor falls, the major lifts
The baffled king composing Hallelujah

CHORUS

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne, and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah **CHORUS**

You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well, really, what's it to you?
There's a blaze of light in every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah *CHORUS*

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah *CHORUS x 2*

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

COMMENDATION

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

Oh What A Beautiful World
Recorded by Willie Nelson & Rodney Crowell

OBITUARY

Pat was born to Patrick and Gertrude Donnelly and grew up in St. Paul as one of seven siblings: Michael, his twin sister Rose, Kevin, Terry, Peggy, and Kathy. He shared countless stories of childhood mayhem, mischief, and a deep love for his family—each one told with the warmth and humor that only Pat could deliver.

A proud Navy Veteran, Pat traded the sea for the siren, serving the city he loved as a St. Paul firefighter for 27 years. He retired as a Captain, training with his crew for high-angle and confined space rescues.

Pat was also incredibly proud of his 34 years of sobriety—a milestone he held with deep humility and gratitude. His journey in recovery was one of his greatest personal accomplishments, and he found true purpose in supporting others through theirs. Whether through a quiet conversation, a shared story, or simply showing up, Pat offered strength and hope to many walking the same path.

Pat had a deep love for music—it was the constant backdrop of his life. Whether strumming his guitar at home or enjoying the energy of a live performance, music brought him joy.

He was the best husband, dad, and papa his family could have dreamed of. Pat and Paula were soulmates, teammates, and campfire companions. They spent weeks each summer at their happy place, Campers Paradise in Nevis, MN.

Together, Pat and Paula built a life of love, laughter, and family. Living just five miles from each of their children and grandchildren meant endless opportunities for spontaneous visits, birthday hugs, school pickups, hockey games, and the constant unsolicited joke.

Pat had the BEST sense of humor. If you knew him, chances are you were on the receiving end of one of his jokes. He could make you laugh until you cried, mostly because the jokes were just so bad.

He found great joy in running, especially in completing countless marathons alongside his children, creating cherished memories with every mile.

And of course, he had Murphy. Pat liked to say, "He's Paula's dog," but everyone knew who shared the best walks and belly rubs. The two of them were often spotted on their daily walks around the lake.

Pat was loved fiercely and will be missed beyond measure. His warmth, his humor, and his unwavering love for his family left a mark on everyone lucky enough to know him.

If Pat could send us a message today-
May your legs be always faithful.
May your feet never be sore.
May your mind always be peaceful,
May you run forevermore.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Gertrude Donnelly; Elmer and Harriet Eckland; his beloved twin sister, Rose Bachtle; and his brother-in-law, Wally Bachtle.

Pat is survived by his beloved wife, Paula; his children, Pete (Sara), Megg (Mike); his cherished grandchildren, Riain, Maizie, and Sydney; and niece Laura Lou. He is also survived by his siblings, Mike Donnelly (Tracy), Terry Donnelly (Jeanne), Kevin Donnelly (Debby), Kathy Kostohryz (Rick), and Peggy Riggs (Craig); along with beloved nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.

Following the service, you are invited to proceed outside for military honors, which will take place on the south side of the building (lower level by the river). Please note: the ceremony will include loud rifle volleys. Afterward, all are welcome to gather for a luncheon in the Community Room.

