



In Loving Memory of
Stephen W. Lindberg
1952-2023

Celebration of Life for
Stephen Lindberg

January 5th, 2024

Officiants: Rev. Nathan Mugaas & Rev. Anne Schaefer

PROCESSIONAL SONG

"I Can Only Imagine" Video

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 Steve, 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, Steve 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

Pastor Anne Schaefer

REMEMBRANCES

Grandchildren

MUSIC

"Well Done"

Josh Christian, solo

Accompanied by Noah and Atira Grose

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 116

Read by Zach Hary

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by Natalie, Sophie, Kyra, Ava and Bryn

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC

"I Won't Let Go"

Taylor Quinn, solo

Accompanied by Deb Fasanello

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.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Taylor Quinn, Solo

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 SONG

"You Are Mine"

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VERSE 1

"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

VERSE 2

"I am hope for all who are
hopeless, I am eyes for all who
long to see. In the shadows of the
night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in Me.

REFRAIN

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

VERSE 3

"I am strength for all the
despairing, Healing for the ones
who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
The lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.

REFRAIN

VERSE 4

"I am the Word that leads all to
freedom, I am the peace the
world cannot give.
I will call your name,
Embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!

REFRAIN

VERSE 1

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead
me. I will hold your people in my
heart.

VERSE 2

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"

REFRAIN

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

COMMENDATION

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

"Wild Blue Yonder - Anthem of the United States Air Force",
uploaded by elkriverlutheran.info, 5 January 2024,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JP3whmQ_OZc

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).

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

OBITUARY

Stephen W. "Steve" Lindberg 1952 – 2023

Stephen W. Lindberg died peacefully at home on December 19, 2023. He was a faithful follower and believer in his Lord and Savior.

Steve proudly served his country for 33 years, retiring from the US Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant in 2008.

Steve was an avid sports fan. He was a true and loyal fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins. He participated in many sports throughout his life and thoroughly enjoyed golfing and ebiking. Steve played, coached, or refereed many sports, but his favorite pastime had become a spectator watching his grandchildren play.

Steve's love of learning was evident in his daily life. He proudly held a Masters Degree in Business, he read the daily newspaper, and listened intently to the evening news and weather forecasts. He enjoyed his many group classes either in person, online, or Zoom and faithfully read his Bible and daily Devotions each morning.

Steve was a good, kind, honest, generous man. He forgave easily and didn't hold grudges or pass judgment. Steve was present when with you, showing his love for you easily and constantly. He listened first, offered advice if asked, and gave hugs when needed and wanted. Steve loved his family always and forever.

Steve is survived by his wife Mary; his children Brian and Amanda Lindberg (Ethan, Laney), and Kristi Lindberg of Louisiana, Anna

and Mike Belleson (Drew, Kyra, Bryn) of Dayton, MN, Luke and Mandy Fredrickson (Cody, Corbyn, Cole, Gage, Ivy) of Champlin, MN, Aaron and Jamie Fredrickson (Katelyn, Kylee, Katrina, Damion, Noah, RuthAnn) of Detroit Lakes and Bemidji, MN, Emily and Zach Hary (Natalie, Ava, Sophie) of Otsego, MN; sister Pam Lindberg of New Hope, MN; brothers and sisters in law, Nona Lindberg, Mary Hood, John and Sharon Hood, Joel and Marilyn Hood; an aunt Margaret Lindberg of Maple Grove, MN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents Al and Marie Lindberg and brother Michael Lindberg.

Steve's celebration of life service will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Elk River Lutheran Church, 729 Main Street NW, Elk River, MN. Visitation from 11:30-1:00, 1pm service and lunch to follow.