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Luke 2:26



# Celebration of Life

## The Reverend Everett Ray Price

*May 16, 1935 – December 20, 2021*

Reverend Everett Ray Price, 86, of West Columbia, passed away Monday, December 20, 2021. He was born May 16, 1935, in Hickory, NC to the late Floyd and Ila Price. Services will be held 11:00 a.m. December 27, 2021, at Mt.

Hermon Lutheran Church officiated by Rev. Gina Metze, Bishop Emeritus David Donges, Rev. Arden Hallman, and Bishop Ginny Aebischer. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 26, 2021, at Barr-Price Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel. Memorials may be made to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169.

Rev. Price graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College (now University) in Hickory, NC in 1956 and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC in 1959. He was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in June of that same year. He accepted a call to develop a new Lutheran congregation in Lincolnton, NC which they named Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In 1968, he moved to Hartsville, SC to develop Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. In 1985, Rev. Price accepted the call to become Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC where he remained until his retirement at the end of 1999. After retirement, Pastor Price remained active by serving as an Interim Pastor (Orangeburg Lutheran – 3 times; St. Thomas, Chapin, SC; St. Luke, Columbia, SC; St. Timothy, Camden, SC) and Supply Pastor which he loved. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener. He delighted in sharing what he grew with friends and family.

Rev. Price is survived by his daughter, Scottie (David) Marsh and cherished grandson, Jacob Mathias Marsh; sister, Wilma Austin of Hickory, NC; brother, Harold (Jean) Price of Conover, NC; sisters-in-law, Dot Mathias and Gloria Mathias of West Columbia, Sandra Price of Conover, NC; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rev. Price was predeceased by his beloved wife, Bernice Mathias Price; sister, Dorothy Killian; brother, Darrell Price; as well as his parents. Special thanks for loving care to Dr. Frederic Smith, Dr. Keith Brightbill, Lutheran Hospice, Kindred at Home and Ms. Andrea Foster.

*Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.*

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We stand and face the doors of the sanctuary.*

**PRELUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*P. Manz*

## **THE GATHERING**

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 you our brother, the Reverend Everett Ray Price. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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. ***We glorify you.***

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. ***We praise you.***

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. ***We worship you.***

To you, O blessed † Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*As the cross passes your pew, please turn and continue to face the altar.*

## HYMN

## *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

## PRAYER

*We pray together.*

***O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Everett. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## REMEMBRANCE

### THE WORD

#### **ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39**

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

***<sup>6</sup>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.***

## **FUNERAL FOR A REVEREND**

### **JOHN 14: 1-6**

*A reading from the Gospel of St. John.*

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling

places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**MUSIC**

*My Spirit, Be Joyful*  
Cantata #146, JS Bach

We stand.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:25-35**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he

would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."  
<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**HOMILY**

*“until he had seen the Lord”*

We stand.

## HYMN

## Blessed Assurance

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- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest.



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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## APOSTLES CREED

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.*

***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**

*We pray.*

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and

pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **THE SENDING**

### **COMMENDATION**

*We commend Everett Ray Price to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your child, Everett. 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. ***Amen.***

Let us go forth in peace,  
***in the name of Christ. Amen.***

# HYMN

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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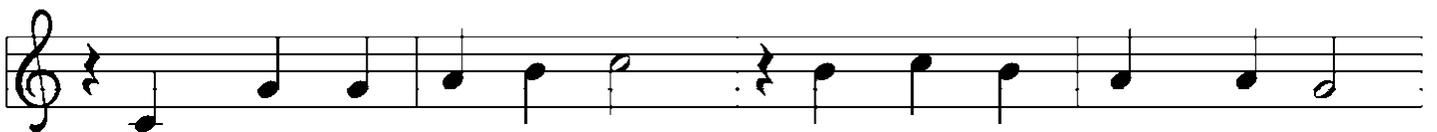
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - duces him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***Nune Dimitis***

*(Lord, let your servant go in peace)*

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**POSTLUDE**

***Hallelujah Chorus from “Messiah”***

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*Please follow the casket, and the family as we exit the sanctuary.  
You are asked to follow the funeral processional.*

# THE GRAVESIDE COMMITTAL

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enemies;  
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all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of  
the LORD my whole life long.

## PRAYER

*We pray.*

Holy God, holy and powerful, by death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Everett, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, the Reverend Everett Ray Price, and we commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon him with favor † and give him peace.

Rest eternal, grant him, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him. *Amen.*

### **BLESSING TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. *Amen.*



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Trumpeter	Dr. Tony Roebuck
Crucifer	Ronnie Fulmer
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Honorary Pall Bearers	Ronnie Fulmer, Gino Prozzi, Susan Leray Schronce Lockridge, Dusty Rhodes, Archie McCarty, Danny Scott, Senator Nikki Setzler, Congressman Joe Wilson

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Everett Ray Price by the Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church family.

**THE PASCHAL CANDLE** is placed at the head of the casket and is lit to symbolize the risen Christ.

**THE FUNERAL PALL** replaces the flowers as worship begins. The white cloth is reminiscent of the white garment worn in baptism. The pall is a reminder of our baptismal clothing and a reminder that we are baptized into the Christ’s death and Christ’s resurrection.

**MEMORIALS** may be made to “Growing on Holy Ground” at Mt. Hermon Lutheran 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169.