Service of Celebration of the Life and Resurrection of Richard Waren Barger January 19, 1919–February 9, 2016





Richard Barger Memorial March 01, 2016 2:00 pm First Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

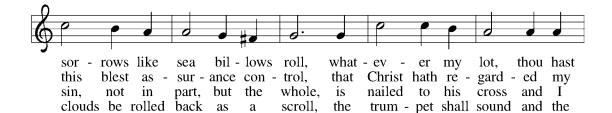
Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Richard, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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.

GATHERING HYMN: When Peace like a River (ELW 785)









THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Richard was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

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.

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.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

We worship you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,

we remember before you today our brother Richard.

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.

TIME OF REMEMBERANCE: Cris Rongve - Son-in-Law,

Evan Holzknecht - Son-in-Law,

Sam Rongve - Grandson

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM: Psalm 121

Liesl Gelotte, granddaughter

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 7:7-14*Gretchen Jones, granddaughter ⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

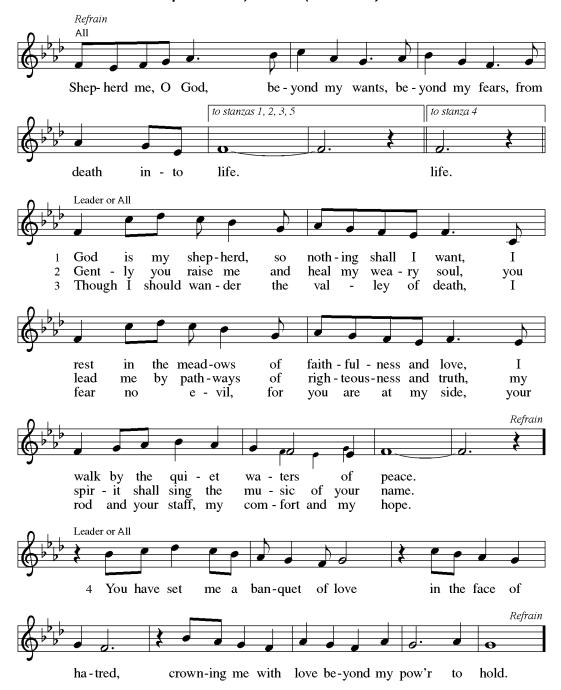
¹³"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

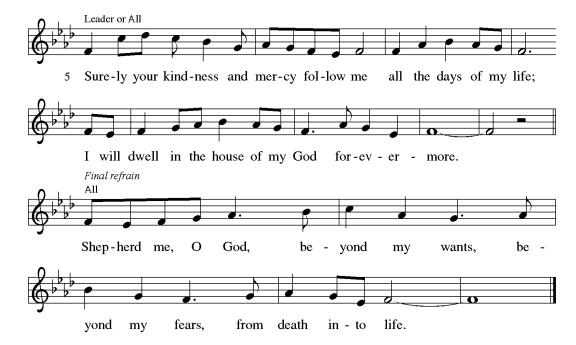
The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Shepherd Me, O God (ELW 780)





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 OF INTERCESSION

Let us 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Richard to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Richard. 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

May the silence of the hills, the joy of the winds, the peace of the fields, the music of the birds, the fire of the sun the strength of the trees and the faith of a little child, in all of which is God go with you and be with you today and always. Amen

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY HONORS

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Piano: Nathan Jensen

Readers: Liesl Gelotte, granddaughter

Gretchen Jones, granddaughter

Altar Guild: Donna Hillard

Ushers Walt Stoll

Sound Technician: Ann Bormann

Reception Coordinator: Nancy Funsinn

SENDING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, praising thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



POSTLUDE

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A BOW TIE

- REAL GENTLEMEN WEAR BOW TIES -



Begin by draping tie around neck, with the left side extending 1-1/2" below the right side.



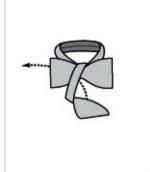
Cross longer end over shorter and pass up through loop.



Form front loop of bow by doubling up shorter end (hanging) and placing across collar points.



Hold this front loop with thumb and forefinger of left hand. Drop long end down over front.



Place right forefinger, pointing up, on bottom half of hanging part. Pass up behind front loop and...



Poke resulting loop through knot behind front loop. Adjust the ends evenly, and tighten.

Richard Waren Barger January 19, 1919—February 9, 2016

Richard (Dick) Warren Barger, age 97, died peacefully on February 9, 2016 in Kirkland, WA. Dick was born in Lavina, MT on January 19, 1919; he was raised in Eugene, OR. Dick served in the Army and retired as an Army Major after 21 years of service. He fought in Germany and France during WWII, earning a Bronze Star Medal. Dick also had a career at Safeco Insurance Company; retiring in 1977. He was an Eagle Scout, avid fisherman, golfer, and Rotary member. Dick married Mary Main in 1956. Together they had two daughters and enjoyed boating, travel, and spending time with family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife Mary. He is survived by his daughters Molly (Evan) Holzknect and Laurie (Cris Rongve) Barger; four grandchildren: Gretchen (Neil) Jones, Liesl (Nick) Gelotte, Sam Rongve and Gabe Rongve; five great grandchildren: Dante, Dominique and Mila Jones, and Madeline and Ethan Gelotte.

The Barger family would like to extend our gratitude to the staff of Aegis Lodge, Kirkland and the Evergreen Hospice team for their competent and compassionate care of Dick.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dick's name to the Salvation Army or Evergreen Health Foundation.



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