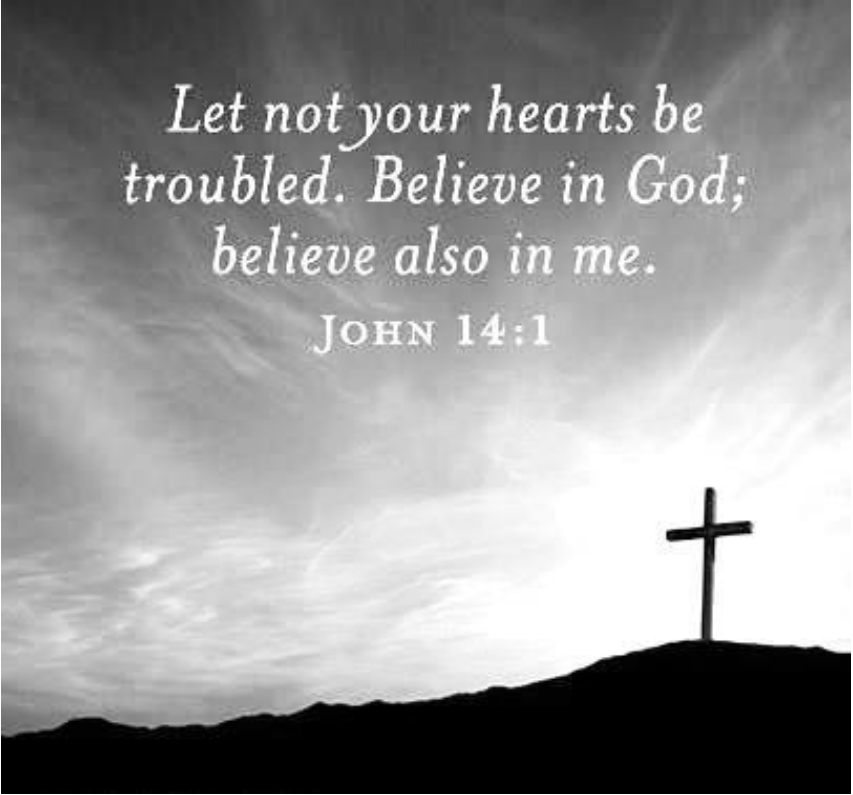


**Memorial Service for
Hans Christensen**

*Let not your hearts be
troubled. Believe in God;
believe also in me.*

JOHN 14:1



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Lutheran Church of the Savior, Bedford, MA
Saturday, April 30th

We reflect on the words of the hymn writer...

In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help?

From You alone, O Lord.

Holy God, holy and almighty, holy and merciful Savior.

*You know the secrets of our hearts; shut not Your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.*

Holy God, holy and almighty, holy and merciful Savior,

Do not let the pains of death turn us away from You at our last hour.

Holy God, holy and almighty, holy and merciful Savior.

The Psalmist proclaims...

P "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" *Psalm 122:1*

C **Amen.**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism Hans was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

C **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."**

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Psalm 121

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
- P** He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
C **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- P** The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
C **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- P** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to our brother Hans and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,

³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

"Brother James's Air"

based on Psalm 23

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon

"A Place for Hans"

John 14:1-6

Solo

"On Eagles' Wings"

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*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"*

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.*

*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.*

*For to His angels He'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.*

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead...

Almighty God, grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give to the family of Hans and to all who mourn, comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Give courage and faith to all, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Receive our thanks for Hans and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C 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.**

Canticle of Commendation

P Confident in the hope of eternal life, let us commend our brother Hans to the loving mercy of our Father, who will raise up his body on the Last Day.

"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.' " *John 11:25-26a*

[Simeon said] "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."
Luke 2:29-32

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with Hans and with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in that peace,

C **In the name of the Lord.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

For All the Saints

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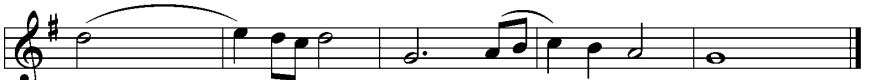
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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The Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, their support, and their presence here today. You are all invited to join together for food and fellowship in the Family Life Center immediately following the service.

Serving in Worship today from Lutheran Church of the Savior

Officiant: Rev. Jonathan Manor

Organist: Mrs. Katherine Ou

Director of Choral Ministries: Mr. Tyler Hoyt

Soloist: Mr. Zachary Hoyt

Obituary

Christensen, Hans I. of Lexington, January 20, 2022. Beloved husband of Lynn Christensen (Finkbeiner). Loving father of Kaj Christensen and his wife Yvonne of Loudoun, VA, Amy Christensen of Waterbury, CT, Lisa Christensen (1970 – 1990), and Arne Christensen and his wife Stephanie Allen of Greenfield, MA. Devoted brother of Randi Mathisen of Norway and the late Rolf Christensen. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Sophie, Maia, Liv, Calista, and Nathan by 1 niece, Ann Gro, and by 4 nephews, Kjetil, Tor Ivar, Kent and Peter, and great grand-daughter, Elliana.

Hans served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. After his service he began his career in international finance, which included many positions in the U.S., and across Europe bringing him closer to his birthplace in Trondheim, Norway. Hans loved making connections with people, spending time with his family, eating Norwegian delicacies, listening with his heart, and taking long walks.

A private Graveside Service was held at Westview Cemetery in Lexington, MA. A Memorial Service in celebration of his life will be held on April 30, 2022 at Lutheran Church of the Savior in Bedford, MA.

Donations to the Scandinavian Living Center, West Newton, MA, or Lutheran Church of the Savior in Bedford, MA.

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