



SERVICE OF RESURRECTION
THE REV. ALLAN B. SORTLAND
JANUARY 26, 1928 – OCTOBER 20, 2024

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church | November 2, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Red Hymnal #504

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Greeting

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

Welcome

P 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, Allan, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Remembrance of Baptism

P 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.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: O God of grace and glory, we remember Allan before you today. 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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life. May we continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Life Tribute

Paul Sortland, *son*

First Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

read by Eric Sortland, *grandchild*

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Solo

Psalms 23

Howard Goodall

Gospel

John 14:1-7

read by Joseph Sortland, *grandchild*

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Homily

Pastor Makayla Dahleen

Hymn

Beautiful Savior

Red Hymnal #838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love the, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

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, 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

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

C Hear us, Lord.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, Lord.

P Give courage and faith to Allan's family, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

C Hear us, Lord.

P Grant us grace to entrust Allan to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.

C Hear us, Lord.

- P God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has 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 shall 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**

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Prayer of Entrustment

- C **Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we entrust your servant, Allan. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child 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**
- P Let us go forth in peace.
- C **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Red Hymnal #840

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| <p>1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.</p> <p>2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.</p> | <p>3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.</p> |
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Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Postlude

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Please join Allan's family for a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

The Rev. Allan B. Sortland

The Rev. Allan B. Sortland, 96, passed away, surrounded by family, on Sunday, October 20, following a fall. He was born in Litchville, North Dakota, and grew up in Fargo, graduating from Oak Grove Lutheran High School. He attended Concordia College, served in the U.S. Army, and earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis. He later received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Pastor Sortland was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1953 and served as pastor to Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Powers Lake, North Dakota from 1953 to 1957; Sharon Lutheran at Grand Forks from 1957 to 1965; as an associate pastor at First Lutheran in Albert Lea, Minnesota, from 1965 to 1972; pastor of American Lutheran in Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1972 to 1978; and as an associate pastor at Calvary Lutheran in Golden Valley from 1978 until 1994. After retirement, he and his wife, Eunice, moved to Plymouth, Minnesota.

Allan enjoyed his children, grandchildren, and many friends and relatives. He and Eunice took many trips around America and Europe. He also studied in the Holy Land. He enjoyed downhill skiing, photography, and reading books. He authored a number of histories about his family which

was a center of his life. A lot of the family activity focused on the annual Grace Lake reunions he started in 1961 for the extended Sortland family and which are still continuing. He was dedicated to his family and his churches.

He is survived by Eunice (née Nystuen), his wife of 72 years, his children, Paul (Carolyn Anderson), John, Mary (Rod Moberg), and David (Marie), along with grandchildren Joseph (Kelsey), Martha, Nicholas (Mike Kohfeld), Benjamin, Katrina, Natasha, Brandon, and Brian (Megan), Britta (Eric Ryan), Ana (fiancé Jack Dean), and Eric, and great grandchildren: Linnea, Olin, Wyatt, Haylee, and Sven, one sister (Eunice Anderson), and one brother-in-law (William Halverson), as well as sisters-in-law Beverly Carlsen (Rev. Omar Nelson), Winifred Nyhus, Miriam Gusdal, Grace Watkins, (Dennis), and Nancy Nystuen, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased on his side by his parents, John and Hulda (Teigland), brother the Rev. Howard Sortland, sister Marolyn Halverson, and brothers-in law, Ivar Anderson, and Lonnie Webb, and by sisters-in law, Mary Lou, and Lynda. On his wife's side, he was predeceased by Eunice's parents, the Rev. Joseph and Selma (née Norum) Nystuen, and brothers-in-law, the Rev. Erling Carlsen, Rev. Edward Nyhus, Rev. Delmar Gusdal, and Rev. Joseph Nystuen.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18

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Worship Leaders

Pastors

Pastor Makayla Dahleen
Pastor Mark Schmid

Organist

Celina Kobetitsch

Soloist

Debi Kilde

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"Behold, I am making all things new."

—Revelation 21:5