

A Service in Memory of

MICHAEL ARTHUR MCCARTY

October 15, 1941 – October 22, 2019

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday October 28, 2019

1pm

INVOCATION

GREETING AND PRAYER (Pastor)

HYMN: JESUS CHRIST, MY SURE DEFENSE

- 1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.**
- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?**
- 3. Nay, too closely am I bound Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.**
- 4. I am flesh and must return Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.**

A REVIEW OF GOD'S GRACE TO MICHAEL ARTHUR MCCARTY

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 14:1-2; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:22-23; 1 John 1:8; Psalm 130:1-5; Psalm 51:1-3,5; Titus 3:4-5; John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:19,21; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Philippians 3:20-21; John 14:18-19, 27; John 5:24; Matthew 10:32-33; Revelation 2:10.

After graduating from Northern, Mike taught at Kingsford High School for a year and then served eleven years in the Neenah area traveling between various schools and serving as a Physical Education Teacher.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) – “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Mike McCarty loved and respected his parents and it showed. He had witnessed the ultimate love in the Cross of Jesus, and sought to emulate that love in caring for his parents. When Mike's father was called from his earthly to his heavenly home March 20, 1977, Mike returned home to support his mother.

In 1978, he resigned from his teaching job in Neenah Wisconsin to come home and take care of his mother, Lena McCarty and his Uncle, Emil Gutzman, who lived with them. Mike, his mother and his Uncle Emil wintered in South Carolina and traveled throughout southern states.

Mike loved sports and it showed. He loved to talk about Tiger Baseball and Lion football. He often attended sporting events at Northern Michigan University (Football, Basketball and Volleyball). He also followed other local teams like the Legion Blues, attending games when able.

1 Timothy 2:3-6 – “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...”

Mike McCarty trusted in the Lord Jesus, and it showed. He read the sermons that were sent to him on a weekly basis and discussed the content with his pastor. He confessed his faith in Jesus, and attended Wednesday evening Bible Study at Calvary Lutheran Church, where he was charter member. Mike taught Vacation Bible School and occasionally did opening devotion in the pastor's absence for Ladies of Calvary meetings.

2 Timothy 4:18 -- “And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!”

When the Lord called his parents from this life, Mike found comfort in the promises of Jesus in the Word of God. He looked forward to seeing his parents again in heaven. Mike relied heavily on his neighbors, good friends Jim and Cheryl Shirtz.

When Mike fell sick from time to time, the Shirtz's cared for him. When He became weak, they took him to the hospital. When his pain grew worse, it was discovered that it wasn't gout that troubled him, but cancer. Even when faced with his own mortality, Mike McCarty trusted in the Lord Jesus. He didn't question why this was happening to him, but prayed that the Lord's will be done. God's will is always done for the good of His people, even when difficult.

On Tuesday morning, October 22nd, the Lord Jesus ended Mike's suffering and pain by sending his angels to take his soul home to heaven.

Michael Arthur McCarty lived a life full of blessing on this earth for 78 Years, 7 days. Mike's earthly remains will be laid to rest at a later date to await the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when according to Christ's own promise, he will be raised again, reunited with his soul and his body will be glorified, perfectly fitted for Everlasting Life.

Psalm 103:1-4 – “Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.”

We have gathered here today to thank God for the many blessings that He showered upon Mike McCarty.

More than any earthly blessing or ability, we thank God for His Heavenly gifts to Mike, for his grace in receiving him by faith in Christ into His Kingdom. His parents, Michael Arthur McCarty Jr. and his wife Lena; his Uncle Emil Gutzman, and other cousins precede him in death.

Those who remain in their time of grace to taste and see that the LORD is good include numerous cousins, Godson Allen Kleohn and numerous friends.

Revelation 1:17-18 – [Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of the grave and of Death.”

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Psalm 139:13-14 – “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”

On October 15th 1941, God blessed Michael A. McCarty Jr. and his wife Lena Anna (Gutzman) McCarty with the gift of a baby boy, Michael Arthur McCarty. Michael was the only child with which God blessed Michael and Lena.

God was gracious to Michael, not only granting him physical life and breath, but also spiritual life when He washed away his sins in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Mike was baptized on December 21st 1941 by Pastor William Roepke at Trinity Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan.

Isaiah 43:1b-3 -- “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior...”

Michael McCarty grew up in the Marquette Area and attended Froebel Elementary School which was located where the Pine Ridge Apartment Building now stands. Mike also attended Howard Junior High School and then Graveraet High School, graduating in 1959.

Mike was a willing worker and during his school days he helped his father, Michael A. McCarty Jr. with his businesses, the Lake Superior Ice Company and McCarty Sand and Trucking.

God blessed the instruction that Mike received in God’s Holy Word. On July 17, 1955, Mike made confession of his faith in Christ before Pastor Egbert Albrecht and the membership of Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan.

After graduating from High School in 1959, Mike enlisted in the United States Navy September 10th 1959. He served his country as an Electronics Technician Third Class. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Mike enlisted in the Army National Guard and served two years.

It was during this time that Mike also attended Northern Michigan College graduating in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education.

HYMN:

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

SERMON:

JOHN 11:11-15

¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, **“Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”** ¹² Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” ¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, **“Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.”**

THE BLESSINGS OF BEING JESUS’ FRIEND

HYMN:

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

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5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
6. Then these eyes my Lord shall know,
My Redeemer and my Brother;
In His love my soul shall glow,-- I myself, and not another!
Then the weakness I feel here Shall forever disappear.
7. They who sorrow here and moan
There in gladness shall be reigning;
Earthly here the seed is sown, There immortal life attaining.
Here our sinful bodies die, Glorified to dwell on high.
10. Oh, then, draw away your hearts
Now from pleasures base and hollow.
There to share what He imparts,
Here His footsteps ye must follow.
Fix your hearts beyond the skies,
Whether ye yourselves would rise.

All are invited to gather in the fellowship hall following service to remember and rejoice in God's blessings and gifts to Mike McCarty. The Ladies of Calvary will serve a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Michael McCarty's remains will be laid to rest at a later date.

