

The Funeral Service of

## ROBERT JOHN VIDLUND

July 2, 1951 – December 17, 2021

### CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday May 27, 2022 • Noon

#### INVOCATION

#### GREETING AND PRAYER (Pastor)

#### HYMN:

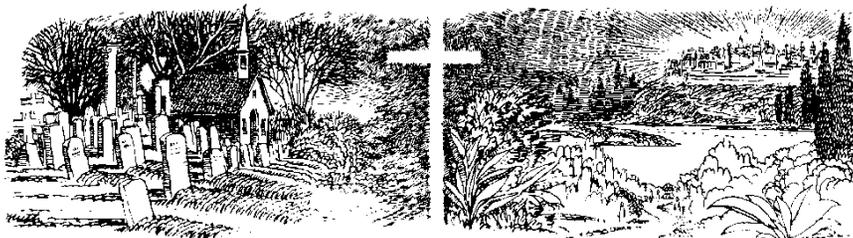
#### **AMAZING GRACE**

1. **Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**
2. **The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Gold's praise Than when we'd first begun. Amen.**

#### **A REVIEW OF GOD'S GRACE TO ROBERT JOHN VIDLUND**

#### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 14:1-2; Romans 3:10-12, 22-23; 1 John 1:8; Romans 5:12; Psalm 130:1-5; Titus 3:4-5; John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 51-52, 54-57; Philippians 3:20-21; Psalm 23; John 10:27-28; John 6:40.



After serving as a bricklayer for many years, Bob began a second career in the insurance industry. He worked with insurance companies Mutual of Omaha, Prudential and later Voya. He established his own insurance business which he ran until he retired.

**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.”**

God not only blessed Robert Vidlund with a loving wife, children and grandchildren, He also granted him spiritual gifts. He confessed his faith in Jesus and faithfully attended worship with his wife at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Garden. Robert and Debra became members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and later Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan, joining the church January 23, 1978 under Pastor Walter Schaller. While a member of Calvary, Robert served his Lord and received of Him comfort through Word and Sacrament.

**Psalm 116:15 - “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”**

In the early morning hours of Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> the Lord Jesus Christ ended Bob's suffering and pain calling him from this earth to Himself in Heaven. Robert Vidlund walked with us on this earth for 70 years, 5 months and 15 days. Bob is preceded in death by his father, John Henry Vidlund. The remains of Robert Vidlund will be laid to rest on another day and will await the return of the Lord Jesus Christ – when they will be raised to join his soul in life everlasting.

**Psalm 30:4-5 – “Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”**

We have not come here this day to grieve for Robert Vidlund, for He has gone to be with the LORD Christ. We grieve for ourselves because it is difficult to say goodbye, even if it be a temporary parting.

We also gather to support Debra, Rachel and Naomi and their families with the promises of God's Word. We stand ready to help as needed in the days and weeks to come.

We further pray that Jesus be near to those who remain in their time of grace, including: His wife, Debra (Gutzman) Vidlund of Marquette; two daughters, Rachel (Rob) Tedder of Madison, WI and Naomi Evans of Grand Rapids; his grandchildren, Reid Tedder, Vivian Tedder, Sophia Tedder and Chloe Evans; his mother, Marjorie Vidlund of Marquette; three sisters, Lorel (Mike) Green of Ann Arbor, MI, Lynn (Bob) Schense of East Lansing, MI, and Kris (Bob) Koebele of Waukesha, WI.

**Luke 23:42-43 – “Then he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

The Life of a Child of God  
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**Psalm 71:5-6 -- For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth. By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.**

On Monday July 2, 1951, the Living God blessed John Henry and Marjorie (Gothe) Vidlund with the gift of a son, Robert John. Robert was born in Marquette, Michigan where he would grow up. He was the oldest of the four children with which God blessed John and Marjorie, including also three younger sisters: Lorel, Lynn and Kris.

**Psalm 103:11-13 – “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”**

Robert John Vidlund was baptized in the Christian Faith. The Holy Trinity, ever gracious and merciful washed Bob's sins from him in Holy Baptism. The Lord Christ did not then leave him alone, but continued to confirm His promises and sustained his faith through his hearing of the Word of God.

Robert Vidlund grew up in the Marquette area, graduating from Marquette Senior High School in 1969. After graduating, Bob enrolled at Northern Michigan University briefly before deciding to begin a career as a bricklayer. He worked with the Bricklayers Union for many years.

**Psalm 144:1-2 – “Blessed be the LORD my Rock, My loving-kindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge.”**

On Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 1974, God blessed Robert Vidlund with a Christian wife, Debra Gutzman. Robert and Debra were united in Christian marriage taking their vows at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Garden. Pastor Jonathon Schaller conducted the service.

After their marriage, Robert and Debra built a home together on Veda Street in Harvey Michigan. God blessed their marriage with two daughters, Rachel and Naomi. In time, God also granted them grandchildren. As a faithful Christian father and grandfather, Bob loved spending time with his daughters and granddaughters.

**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.**

**THE SERMON: PSALM 31:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” <sup>15</sup> My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup> Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

**BOB IS IN GOOD HANDS**

**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.

## 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

#### THE CLOSING HYMN:            I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE

1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home; Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav'n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav'n is my home; And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
3. There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home; I shall be glorified,  
Heav'n is my home; There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;  
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.
4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home; Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heav'n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

The Caregivers of Eastwood Nursing Home in Negaunee, MI

### SERVANTS OF THE WORD:

Pastor: Andrew A. Schaller

Organist: Mr. Walter C. Priebe

The Internment Service will not take place following the service today, but at a later time and place.

