

The Victory Service of

JAMES LESTER GOODMAN

December 15, 1944 – August 27, 2022

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday September 2, 2022 • Noon

INVOCATION

GREETING AND PRAYER (Pastor)

HYMN: JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down. Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Amen.

A REVIEW OF GOD'S GRACE - JAMES LESTER GOODMAN

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; Psalm 68:6; Psalm 116:15; Ephesians 3:14-21.

On Saturday, August 23, 1969, James and Dianne Katherine DeLarye were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Garden. It was a hot (100 degree) day when James and Dianne made their vows before friends and family. Pastor Jonathan Schaller officiated at their wedding. God blessed Jim and Dianne with three sons, Christian, Matthew and Justin. Jim and Dianne raised their children on Orchard Lane in Skandia.

"I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live." (Psalm 116:1-2, NKJV)

Jim became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Garden after taking adult instruction classes with Pastor Jonathan Schaller. Jim took his relationship with Jesus seriously, and found comfort in regularly hearing the promises of Jesus and receiving confirmation of his forgiveness in the Sacrament of the Altar.

In September of 1974, Jim took a job as plant repairman at the Tilden Mine run by Cleveland Cliffs. He worked at the Tilden Mine for 29 years, retiring as a supervisor there in 2003. After his retirement he took a class in tax preparation and worked as a tax preparer for several years. Jim enjoyed spending time with his wife after his retirement. He enjoyed golf, basketball, bowling, racquetball, fishing and gardening. He loved spending time with his grandchildren: Hanna, Hailey, Paige, Nolan, Allison, Isaiah, Rowen, Reagan and Quinn.

Jim and Dianne were members at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Green Garden, Good Shepherd and Calvary Lutheran in Marquette. Jim served His Lord faithfully in a number of ways, including serving as a council member, elder, secretary and treasurer.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints."
(Psalm 116:15, NKJV)

In the morning hours of Saturday August 27th, the Lord Jesus kept this promise to James Lester Goodman as He has every other believer in Christ. He sent his angels to receive his soul from his body to his heavenly home. Jim's remains will be laid to rest at St. Paul's Cemetery in Green Garden to await the glorious return of the Lord Jesus, when his body will be raised and glorified and reunited with his soul, perfectly prepared for life in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

James Lester Goodman lived a life full of blessings on this earth for 77 years, 8 months and 12 days. He now awaits the glorious reappearing of the Savior Jesus when by God's grace through faith in Christ, he will enter eternal life in both soul and body.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Jane Goodman; a sister, Joanne; a brother Gerald; as well as other friends and acquaintances.

"O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD."

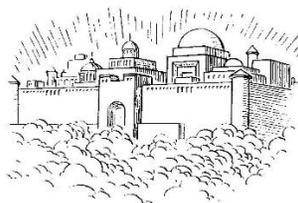
(Psalm 116:16-17, NKJV)

We have gathered here today to thank God for the many blessings that he showered upon James Goodman. While we sorrow in saying goodbye, we know that this separation is temporary.

For more than any other earthly blessing or ability, our gracious God blessed James with faith in Jesus Christ, in His sinless life, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. He counted it his guarantee of life eternal.

Those who remain in their time of grace to taste and see that the Lord is good include: His Wife, Dianne; His children, Christian and Kea Marie Goodman; Matthew and Sarah Goodman; Justin and Jessica Goodman; and his grandchildren, Hannah, Hailey, Paige, Nolan, Allison, Isaiah, Rowen, Reagan, and Quinn; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

"Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling." *(Psalm 116:7-8, NKJV)*



HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Hannah Hailey Paige Nolan Allison
Isaiah Rowen Reagan Quinn

SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Pastor Andrew Schaller Organist Walter Priebe

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“Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.”

(Psalm 116:5, NKJV)

On Friday December 15th, 1944 God blessed Lester and Jane (Glenn) Goodman with the gift of a baby boy, James Lester Goodman. James was born in North Tonawanda, New York and was the second child with which God blessed the Goodman’s. God had first blessed them with a daughter, Joanne and would later bless them with a son, Gerald.

“For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.”

(Psalm 116:8–9, NKJV)

James Goodman grew up in North Tonawanda, a nice town between Buffalo and Niagara, New York. He graduated from High School in North Tonawanda on June 24, 1963. Jim was raised in the Catholic Church, being baptized and confirmed at Ascension Catholic in North Tonawanda.

James was prepared to serve his country and volunteered for service in Vietnam. James joined the US Air Force and became a medic though he was considered as a potential spy because of a background in German. James was a dedicated airman and was once chosen as airman of the month. He served on KI Sawyer Air Force base outside of Marquette.

While stationed at KI Sawyer, James went to a dance the night before Mother’s Day, 1967, and had an unexpected dance partner named Dianne DeLarye. Two weeks later at an NCO Club Dance they met again and danced.

On June 24th 1967, James concluded his service time, was honorably discharged and returned home. He enrolled at the University of Buffalo pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. James transferred his credits from the University of Buffalo to Northern Michigan University where he also changed his major to History. He obtained his master’s degree in 1974. James also had aspirations of attending law school.

“What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.”

(Psalm 116:12–14, NKJV)

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:

GALATIANS 3:26-27

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

FAMILY WITH GOD IN CHRIST



HYMN: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. Amen.

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: 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. Amen.

There will be a meal in the fellowship hall following the service. All are invited to gather to remember and rejoice in God's blessings and gifts to James Goodman. The Ladies of Calvary will serve a lunch. After the lunch the Goodman Family will depart for a short private graveside service at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Green Garden.

