

INVOCATION, CONSOLATION & PROMISE

P: We gather in this place and we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God

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. **AMEN**

P: Let us Pray:

C: O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today Robert Gary Warren. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as companions in our journey on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may 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.

READING GOD'S WORD

A TIME TO REMEMBER.

THE PRAYERS

P: We give back to You, O God, the those whom You gave to us. You did not lose Bob when You gave him to us and we do not lose him by his return to You. Your Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see more clearly and draw us closer to You that we may know that You have prepared a place for us. Prepare us also for that Holy place, that where You are we may be always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, especially the family and friends of Robert Warren who knew and loved him most. O God, give them and all who mourn this day strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope. Give them joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And God, help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor; You are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially Bob who now rest in You. Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in You and have striven to do Your holy will. To Your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE COMMENDATION

P: Into Your hands. O merciful Savior, we commend Robert Gary Warren.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner 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

COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God Robert Gary Warren.

We commit him to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord Bless him and keep him.

The Lord make His face shine upon him
and be gracious to him.

The Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace.

AMEN

BENEDICTION

As you go on your way may Christ go with you!

May He go

- * Before you to show you the way,
- * Behind you to encourage you,
- * Beside you to befriend you,
- * Above you to watch over you,
- * And within you to give you peace.

In the name of The Father,
and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

The Christian Funeral for:

Robert Gary Warren

October 13, 1934 – January 12, 2021

Prairie Grove Cemetery

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

2901 E. Zion Road #17

Fayetteville

Jeffery L Carpenter - Pastor

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11

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and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
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a time to search and a time to give up,
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a time for war and a time for peace.
What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
⁴ There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
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REVELATION 7:9-17

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¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

JOHN 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

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