

# MEMORIAL SERVICE

## + Emery Albert Reinford Strege +

Born July 10, 1928 | Baptized December 9, 1928 | Confirmed May 24, 1942

Departed to be with Christ on March 29, 2021 (age 92)

Memorial Service on April 7, 2021 at Praise Lutheran Church, Maryville, TN

Pastor Derek Roberts, Officiating

### Hymn: 763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My

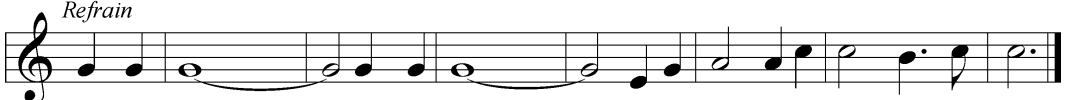


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

#### *Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Remembrance of Baptism

*Emery was baptized December 9, 1928*

- P** In Holy Baptism Emery Strege was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.



### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
  
- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Emery and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading/Psalm

*Psalm 118:13–14, 17–18, 29; antiphon: v. 17*

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me**

in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil;**

my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## General Verse

- A** Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
- C** to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 21:1-14*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it

was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them,

"Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.



- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

- ☐ God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## + Sermon +

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
- 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 so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Emery and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for Emery and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **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.

### Nunc Dimittis

- A** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Concluding Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction and Dismissal

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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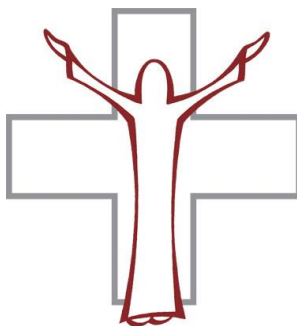
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**Emery Albert Reinhold Strege** passed on to the Lord's hands late on March 29, 2021 at the age of 92, surrounded by family. Mr. Strege was a beloved family patriarch, splendid barber, and patriot to his country. While he held many titles in his life, the title of "Opa" was his most cherished as he was adored by his many grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. Despite being a child of the great depression, he had a wonderful childhood growing up along the countryside of Wisconsin where he had many rural adventures. Upon adulthood, Emery had several jobs from dairy farm worker to factory positions at Hot Point, Spiller Springs, and the Sturgeon Bay Shipyard. Upon his marriage to his loyal wife, Phyllis, at age 25, Emery wanted stability and attended Barber School with an Army grant. Upon graduating, Emery had a long professional tenure as a licensed barber in the states of Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin, where he cut the hair on more heads than he could count. Along with his civilian career, he also served during peacetime in the US Army, traveling overseas to Germany, his beloved fatherland. In his past time and retirement, Emery was an avid sportsman who enjoyed many deer hunts as well as fishing in the plethora of lakes and rivers surrounding his home. Emery will be dearly missed for generations to come by the many lives he touched from family and friends to the loyal clients of his barbering days. Emery is preceded in death by his parents, Erdrich and Irene Strege, as well as brother, Ervin Strege and many other close relatives. He is survived by his faithful wife, Phyllis Strege; children, Pam, Greg, Cindy, Cathy, Brian, and Sharon; grandchildren, Brandon, Katie, Hannah, Summer, Carl, Carson, Marie, Travis and Taylor; great-grandchildren, Kolson, Knox, Hudson, Sophia, Landon, Preston, and Skyler; and cousin, Roger Bahlert of Door County, WI. Arrangements are with Miller Funeral Home, Maryville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Praise Lutheran Church, 1850 Big Springs Rd. Maryville, TN 37801.