



Van Steven Keszler

May 14, 2022

September 14, 1956 September 23, 1956 January 31, 2022
birth baptism death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- AU** **And also with you.**
- 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.
- AU** **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.**

HYMN (hymn) 638
"Blessed Assurance"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brother, Van Steven.
We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us your aid, so we may 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.
- AU** **Amen**

WORD

POEM

READINGS

*Each reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."
Please respond "Thanks be to God."*

First Reading Psalm 23

- L** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- AU** **²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- L** ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- AU** **⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- L** ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- AU** **⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- L** Word of God, word of life.
- AU** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

Gospel John 14:1-7; 27

SERMON

HYMN (hymn) 732
"Borning Cry"

CREED

- P** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- AU** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end "In your mercy,"
 Please respond "hear our prayer."*

LORD'S PRAYER (1975)

AU Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

REMEMBRANCE

SENDING

HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855
 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Van, our companion in faith,
we entrust you to God.
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.
- A** **May you rest in peace and rise in glory,
where pain and grief are banished,
and life and joy are yours forever.**
- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant, Van Steven.
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.
- P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
A **and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

BLESSING

- P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing
that you may abound in hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
- A** **Amen**
- Let us go forth in peace.
- A** **In the name of Christ. Amen**

POSTLUDE

The congregation is invited to gather for lunch and mutual conversation and consolation.

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Jim Kalvelage, <i>brother-in-law</i>	<i>readers</i>
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Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

MEMORIALS may be directed to

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INTERMENT

Will be at Graceland Cemetery in Mitchell, South Dakota on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

THANK YOU

Van's family wishes to thank everyone for attending and for their condolences. We appreciate the many kindnesses shown to us and the caring words about Van. By his wide circle of friends, it is obvious that Van touched many lives.

This service is being streamed live on the internet. www.centralmpls.org



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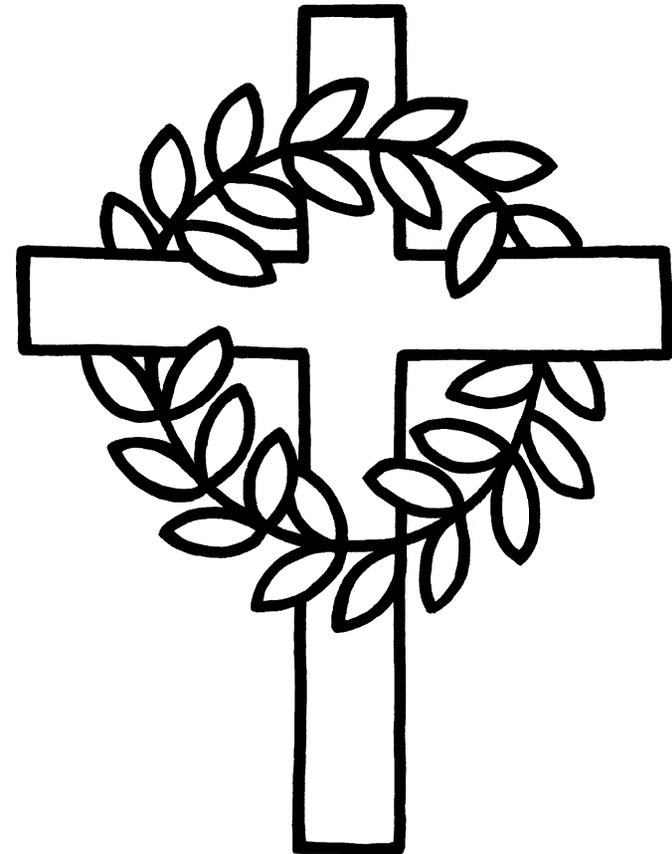
Van S. Keszler, died suddenly Monday, January 31, 2022. He was born September 14, 1956 in Langdon, North Dakota, but grew up in Wisconsin.

He graduated from Rhinelander High and in 1978 from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. Van loved to read and travel, visiting Europe and often Mexico. He also loved to cook and was a renowned chef working at various locations including Woolleys at the Embassy Suites, St. Paul and Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts,

Minneapolis/St. Paul where he later became a Chef Instructor. He was highly regarded by his peers, students, and the food and beverage industry in the area who appreciated his wit and altruistic nature. Van was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

Van is survived by two brothers, Vernon Keszler (Cindy), Georgia, and Verle Keszler (Jennifer), Washington; two sisters, Valerie Malangko (Mark), California, and Vicki Kalvelage (Jim), New Mexico; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Van was preceded in death by his parents. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



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