



*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want*

He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures

*He leadeth me beside the
still waters*

He restoreth my soul

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

*Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil*

for thou art with me;

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

*and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever*

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Celebration of Life Service

For

Dale L. Simonette



July 9, 1935 – August 10, 2025

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August 21, 2025

11:00 a.m.

It is Not Death to Die



1. It is not death to die, to leave
2. It is not death to close the eye
3. It is not death to bear the wrench



this wea-ry road. And midst the bro-ther-
long-dimmed with tears and wake with glo-ri-
that sets us free. From dun-geon chain to



hood on high, to be at home with God.
ous re- pose to spend eter- nal years.
breathe the air of boundless li- ber- ty.

Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement.

Summary of Life

Dale L. Simonette was born on July 9, 1935, in Montgomery, to Leonard and Elsie (Polak) Simonette, and was baptized into the Christian faith, on August 11, by Rev. R. J. Bastyn. Dale graduated from Montgomery High School and entered the U.S. Navy, serving from 1953 – 1956. After his service, he was delivering a car to Harley Meyer, when he noticed Harley's daughter, Eileen, sitting on the porch eating an apple. So began a lifetime love affair. Dale was taught and confirmed in the Christian faith by Rev. Martens at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lanesburgh, on February 9, 1958. The following year, on October 5, 1959, Dale married Eileen at Friedens. The Lord blessed the couple with 3 children, and later with grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He spent his career as a heavy-duty tow truck driver and was a member of the Teamsters Union.

Dale was a people-person, readily engaging in conversation with anyone he met. He thrived during the times spent with his grandchildren and enjoyed fishing--especially anywhere with his son, Paul. A good game of Euchre and going to garage sales filled other leisure activities. While Eileen was still alive, they enjoyed trips to Bayfield, WI, and many happy winters in Rockport, TX. After Eileen's untimely death from ALS, Dale also experienced health challenges, including a month-long stay at the VA Hospital, where he engaged nurses in conversations as to where all the best bakeries were! His optimism, sense of fun and love of people are sadly missed. On Sunday, August 10, 2025, the Lord called Dale Simonette at the age of 90 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Remembrance of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In Holy Baptism, Dale L. Simonette was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *his* sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

God's Comfort

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ, who is our life, appears,
then we also will appear with him in glory.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of Dale, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Dale to faith and giving *him* the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

Matthew 6:25-34 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

²⁵“For this reason I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

²⁷“Which of you can add a single moment to his lifespan by worrying? ²⁸Why do you worry about clothing? Consider how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin, ²⁹but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not clothe you even more, you of little faith?

³¹“So do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For the unbelievers chase after all these things. Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

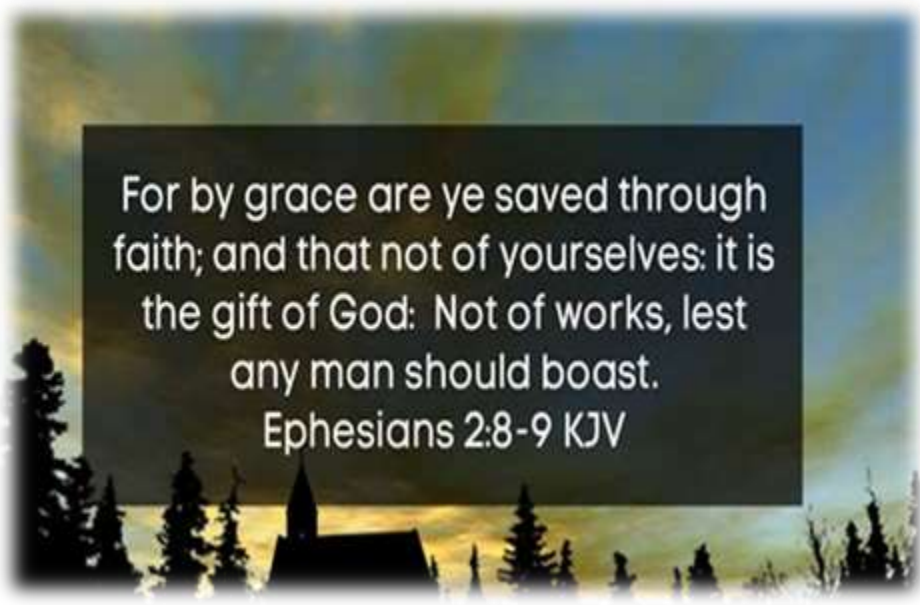
Romans 14:7-9 (EHV)

⁷In fact, not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself. ⁸Indeed, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this reason he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Revelation 22:1-5 (EHV)

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ³In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.



For by grace are ye saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves: it is
the gift of God: Not of works, lest
any man should boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

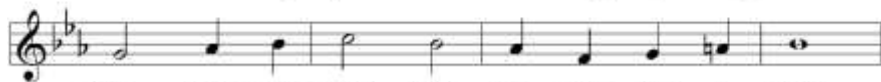


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Abide with Me



1 A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide,
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me!
O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me!
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid with me.
On to the close, O Lord, a - bid with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

SERMON

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Prayer

Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in

your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.



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How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,
And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,
When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, "How great thou



art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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