

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Memorial Service for Rev. John F. Pope

*Born on April 7th 1943
Ft. Smith, County Sabastian, Arkansas*

*Passed Away on August 6th 2026
Anthem, Arizona*

“Jesus Lives, and So Does John!”

September 12, 2026

1:00 PM

PRELUDE

“Medley of John’s Favorite Hymns”

PASTORAL WELCOME

INVOCATION

LSB 278

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Rev. John F. Pope 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?”

People: **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.**

OPENING HYMN

**“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”
LSB #673, v. 1-6**

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.**
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.**
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.**
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.**
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare**

**For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.**

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

LSB 278

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 278

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to John 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.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces

character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: 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.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-8

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Soloist: Marshann Donahue

VERSE (Spoken)

LSB 279

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;

People: to Him be glory and power forever, Alleluia.

SERMON READING

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things

to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

LSB #490, v. 1-5

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.**

**Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!**

SERMON

Rev. Seth Moorman

APOSTLE'S CREED

LSB 279

**Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the
Apostle's Creed.**

**People: 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LSB 280

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead.
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 Your peace.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: 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:

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: 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,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Give to the family of John 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,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that

within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Amen.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for Rev. John F. Pope 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,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*) **LSB 280**

People: 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 (*Spoken*) **LSB 281**

Pastor: "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."

People: 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 **LSB 281**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

COMMITAL

LSB 281

Pastor: May God the Father, who created this body; may God the † Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 281

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and †
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB #740, v. 1-3

- 1 I am Jesus’ little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

EASTER PROCLIMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

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Thank you all for attending this Celebration of Life for Rev. John F. Pope. The family invites you to join them for a cookie and coffee reception in fellowship hall.