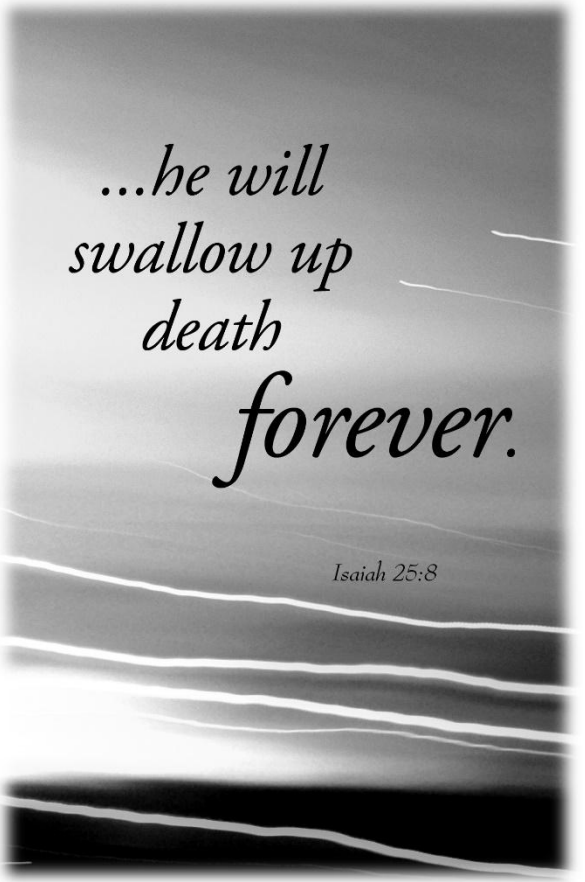
✢ Fredrick Lee Cooksey ✢

August 10, 1942 – December 16, 2025



FUNERAL SERVICE

December 22, 2025

12:00 pm

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Pastor Eric Edwards

Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, organist

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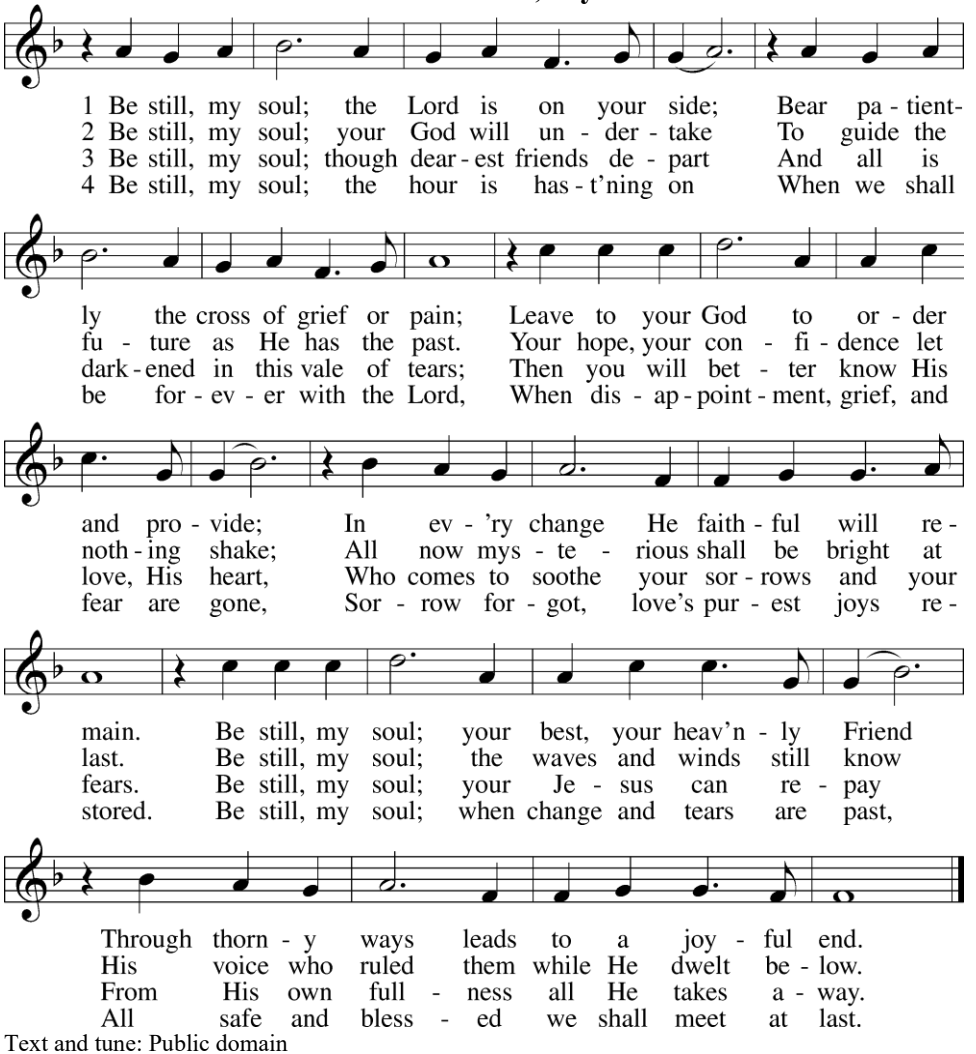
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN – LSB 752– Be Still, My Soul

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INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism Fred 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.**

INTROIT – Psalm 65:1-4; antiphon: Liturgical text

P Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

C **Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.**

P O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

C **When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.**

P Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

C **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.**
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy

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… through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16 – spoken by all

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust…
Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING – Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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

VERSE – Hebrews 11:1

A Now faith is the assurance of things hope for,
C **the conviction of things not seen.**

HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:1-7

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

[Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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

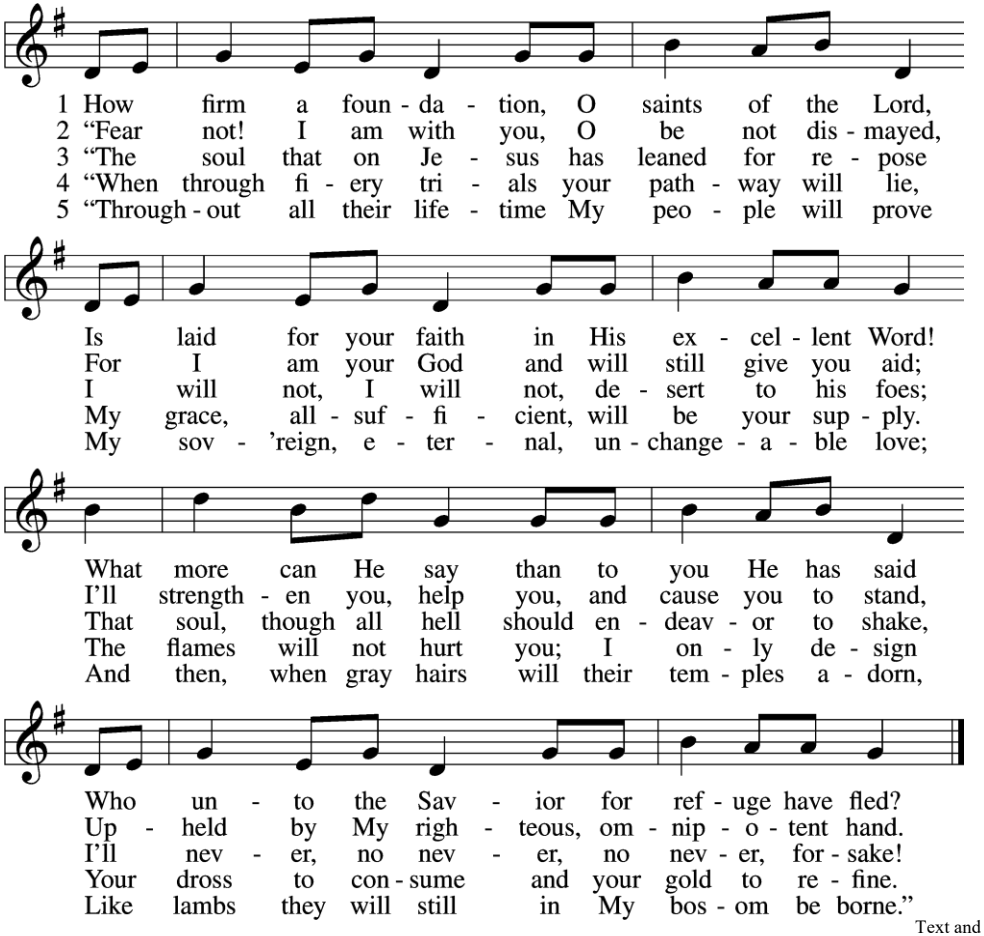
APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 – LSB 728 – How Firm a Foundation

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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 Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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 – Song of Simeon

P "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.

P "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."

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray….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 and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

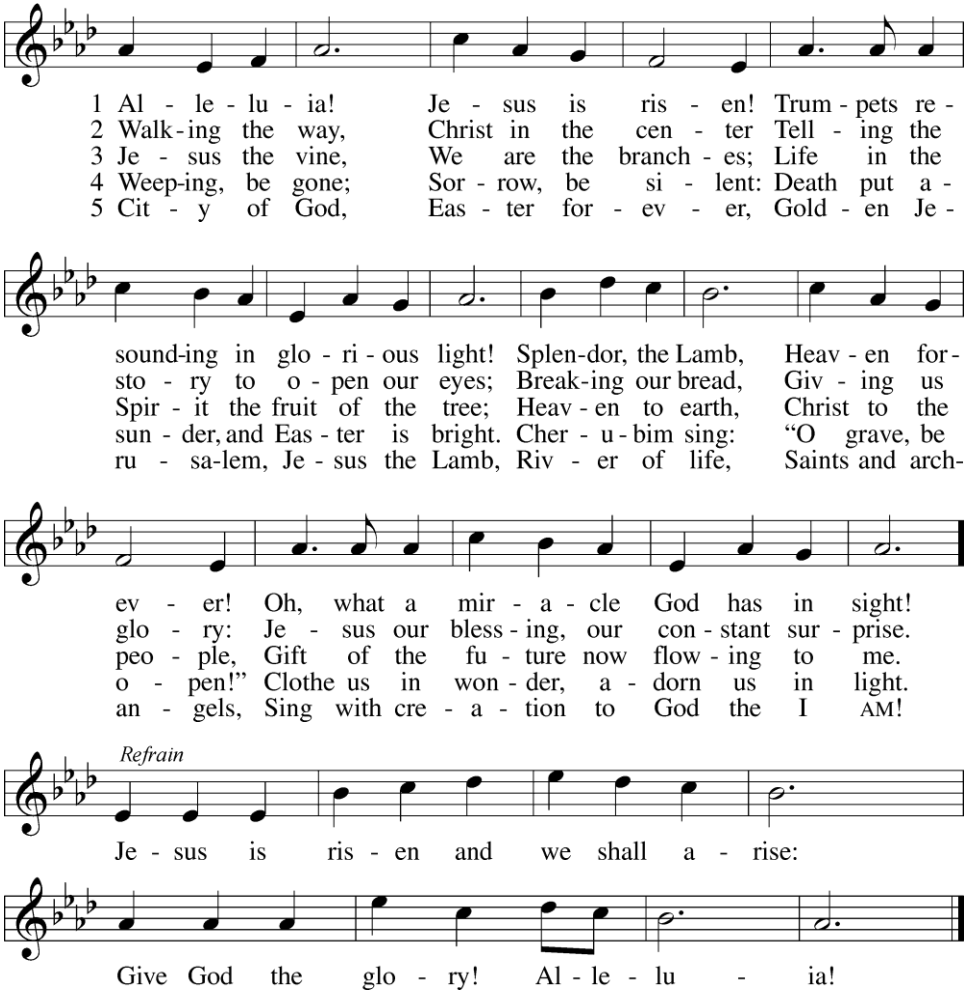
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 TO DEPART – LSB 474 –Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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Fredrick Lee Cooksey, 83, entered into eternal rest with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Fred was born on August 10, 1942, in Owen County, Indiana, to Argle L. Cooksey and Shirley J. (Jones) Cooksey. A proud graduate of Gosport High School, Class of 1960, Fred went on to attend Central Technical Institute, earning his associate degree in 1963. That same year, on December 7, in Kansas City, Missouri, he married the love of his life, Laraine (Pope) Cooksey, beginning a devoted partnership that would span 62 years.

Fred served his country honorably in the United States Army, spending two years stationed at Fort Bliss in Texas. Following his military service, he began a long and dedicated career at General Electric, where he worked as an electronic technician for 33 years. Known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and attention to detail, Fred retired early in 2001—leaving behind a legacy of diligence and pride in a job well done.

A man of deep faith, Fred's love for the Lord guided every aspect of his life. He and Laraine were active members of Faith Lutheran Church, where Fred also faithfully assisted with accounting duties. His quiet service and steady commitment were a reflection of his belief that faith is lived out through action.

Fred was well known for his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, always ready with a clever remark or a smile that could lighten any room. He was a lifelong golfer who loved time on the course, but above all else—aside from his faith—his greatest devotion was to his wife and family. Fred had an extraordinary gift for making people feel welcome; he collected friends wherever he went and often folded them into his family as his own.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Laraine Cooksey; his daughter, Tonya Cooksey; his son, Lee Cooksey; and his uncle, Ernest Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gary Wayne Cooksey.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Faith Lutheran Church.

✢ ✢ ✢ THE COMMITTAL ✢ ✢ ✢

(Valhalla Memory Gardens, Bloomington, IN)

PSALM– Psalm 121

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

P …one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

COMMITTAL

P …keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.

COLLECT and BENEDICTION

P …even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

C **Amen.**

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.**