

Hope Lutheran Church
4456 42nd Ave. S.W., Seattle, Washington 98116

May 28, 2006
The Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord

IN MEMORIAM

Ruben Edward Spannaus
May 31, 1913 – May 24, 2006

In the Name of Jesus

Pre-Service Music

Some of the pre-service music will be sung or played by family and friends. Selections include *Now the Light Has Gone Away (Müde Bin Ich)*, and other music that was special to Ruben.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Procession. *The people stand*

Reader: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.

For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.

So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Hymn Lutheran Book of Worship 157: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Greetings

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

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. 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.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Ruben. 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.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 46 *Read in unison*

Antiphon: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn Lutheran Book of Worship 135: *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Gospel

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

Matthew 5:1-11 (The Beatitudes)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn Lutheran Book of Worship 406: *Take My Life, that I May Be*

Homily

Pastor Keith Eilers

Hymn Lutheran Book of Worship 419: *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son].
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

The Prayers

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage through life, who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us into a new time of peace.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

C: **Hear us, Lord.**

L: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall 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.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Grandchildren bring the gifts to the altar.

Violin Solo: Katherine Winterstein

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a series of chords in the bass and a vocal line that starts with a half note G4.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

The second system of musical notation. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are "ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:". The music ends with a double bar line.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

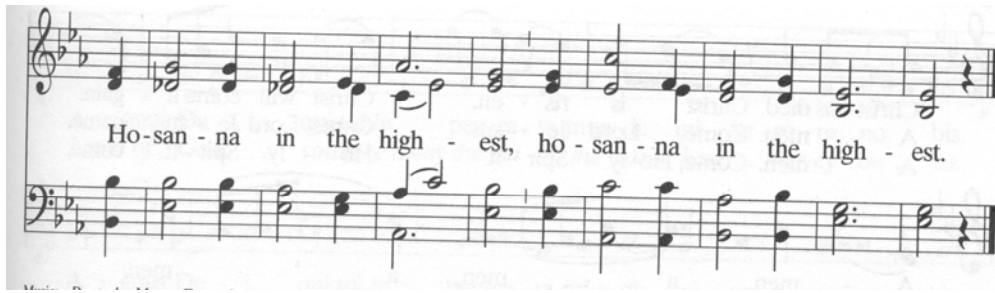
The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The system ends with a double bar line.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The piano accompaniment continues. The system ends with a double bar line.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth and final system of musical notation on this page. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.". The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.



P: Holy, living and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

P: Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! Amen!

(With One Voice 617b "Amen")

Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Distribution

Hymns during Communion:

"Lamb of God"



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn: Taize 7: *Eat This Bread*

Hymn: With One Voice 702: *I am the Bread of Life*

Hymn: Taize 3: *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Hymn: With One Voice 801: *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. Amen.

Benediction

Sung by family choir.

Lord, I know Thou hear'st my prayer, this I feel deep in my heart.
I will go and witness for Thee, Tell the world how great Thou art.
Yes, I know that Thou art with me Everywhere and all the time,
In all places is Thy temple where we live a life sublime.
Bless us, Lord, me and my loved ones, Be with us through every day.
All our being, work and living may be guided in thy way,
May be guided in thy way.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to serve the risen Christ!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn Lutheran Book of Worship 174: *For All the Saints*

To God Alone Be Glory!

Ruben selected music and the readings; this service is as he designed it, an expression of the unity of the Church as the Body of Christ..

A **reception** will immediately follow the service downstairs, in the church Fellowship Hall. All are invited to greet the family, share a bite to eat, and remember Ruben. .

Celebrant: The Rev. Keith Eilers

Deacon: Dan Jackson

Lectors: Members with Ruben of the West Seattle Text Study Group: The Rev. Kendall Baker (retired UCC), The Rev. Peter DeVeau (Rector, St. John the Baptist Episcopal), The Rev. David Kratz (Pastor, Fauntleroy UCC), The Rev. Terry Teigen (Pastor, Admiral Congregational UCC), the Rev. Susan Towner-Larsen (Pastor, Fauntleroy UCC), The Rev. Erik Kindem (Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church), The Rev. Keith Eilers (Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church), The Rev. Paul Winterstein (Pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church), Michelle Steen (Artist in Residence, Hope Lutheran Church).

Organist: Linda Knebel

Bread bakers: Paul Winterstein and Tim Spannaus

Memorials

In place of flowers, memorials may be given to Lutheran Community Services Northwest, designated for the Village at Angle Lake, 433 Minor Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109; and the Hope Lutheran Church Foundation, 4456 42nd Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116.

Notes on the Music

As a child, Ruben learned *Müde Bin Ich (Now the Light Has Gone Away)* from his mother. Ruben sang it in German at the end of evening prayers several nights during his last hospitalization.

In his 1940 letter accepting the call to the church in El Monte, California, Ruben asked that the hymns include *Take My Life and Let It Be*, which he described as a hymn that guides his life.

Olive Wise Spannaus wrote the words to *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*.

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