



*Well done,*  
*thou good and faithful servant.*

MATTHEW 25:21



# Memorial Service



In Dedication of

## Robert Thomas Onder

October 3, 1954 - July 15, 2025



**Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 11am**

**At St. John's Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA 18201**

*Officiating: Rev. Gordon Naumann*

*Playing the Organ: Mrs. Karen Ann Kowalczyk*

*Please rise*

## Processional Hymn: LSB 570 - Just As I Am

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.



### Psalm 122

**P** I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**C** **Our feet have been standing within your gates,  
O Jerusalem!**

**P** Jerusalem, built as a city that is bound firmly together,

**C** **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,**

**P** As was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**C** **There thrones of the house of David were set.**

**P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
"May they be secure who love you!"

**C** **Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!"**

**P** For my brothers and companions' sake I will say,  
"Peace be within you!"

**C** **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.**

### Remembrance of Baptism

**P** In Holy Baptism Robert Onder 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.

## Kyrie

**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 with your spirit.

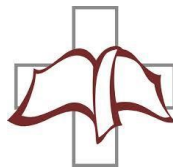
**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving kindness shown to Robert and to all Your servants who, having finished their course of 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.

**C** Amen.

*You may be seated*

## A lesson from Genesis 3:19-23



*"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## **Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross**

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. *[Refrain]*

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. *[Refrain]*

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. *[Refrain]*

### **A lesson from Romans 8:31-39**

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn: LSB 644 – The Church’s One Foundation**

*Please rise in respect of the Gospel*

### **The Gospel Lesson is from John 5:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Christ.**

## **A Message – Access to the Tree of Life at Last!**

*by Pastor Naumann*



## **Hymn: LSB 801 - How Great Thou Art**

## Nunc Dimittis

**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. 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** Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Now it is we who ask for Your comfort; that You would grant us the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, so that we might be joyfully reunited with Bobby and all those we love who have died in the faith, who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Recessional Hymn: LSB 461 -

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives



The Committal of Robert Onder will be held at  
Calvary Cemetery  
49 S Hunter Highway, Drums, PA 18222



## The Committal of Robert Onder

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank You for the blessings of body and soul that You granted this departed brother; whose earthly remains we now lay to rest. Above all, we rejoice to all Your servants, both living and departed, that we shall be raised from death at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### We grieve in hope - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-17*

**P** The Apostle Paul writes: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do; who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we, who are alive; who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we, who are alive; who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

**P** We now commit the body of our brother, Robert Onder to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body; by the power that enables Him to subdue all things Himself. Now 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.

**C** Amen.



## The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction & Final Blessing



**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon  
you, be gracious to you, and give you + His peace.

**C** Amen.

## As the curtain closes Psalm 23 is recited

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*All are welcome to join us at Edgewood Country Club,  
22 Edgewood Rd, Drums, PA 18222  
for a reception after the committal service*

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In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in  
Bobby's name to

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
621 N. Vine Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201.**

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### **One Pair of Hands**

By Robert Thomas Onder

*“Put Faith in One Pair of hands that is so strong!*

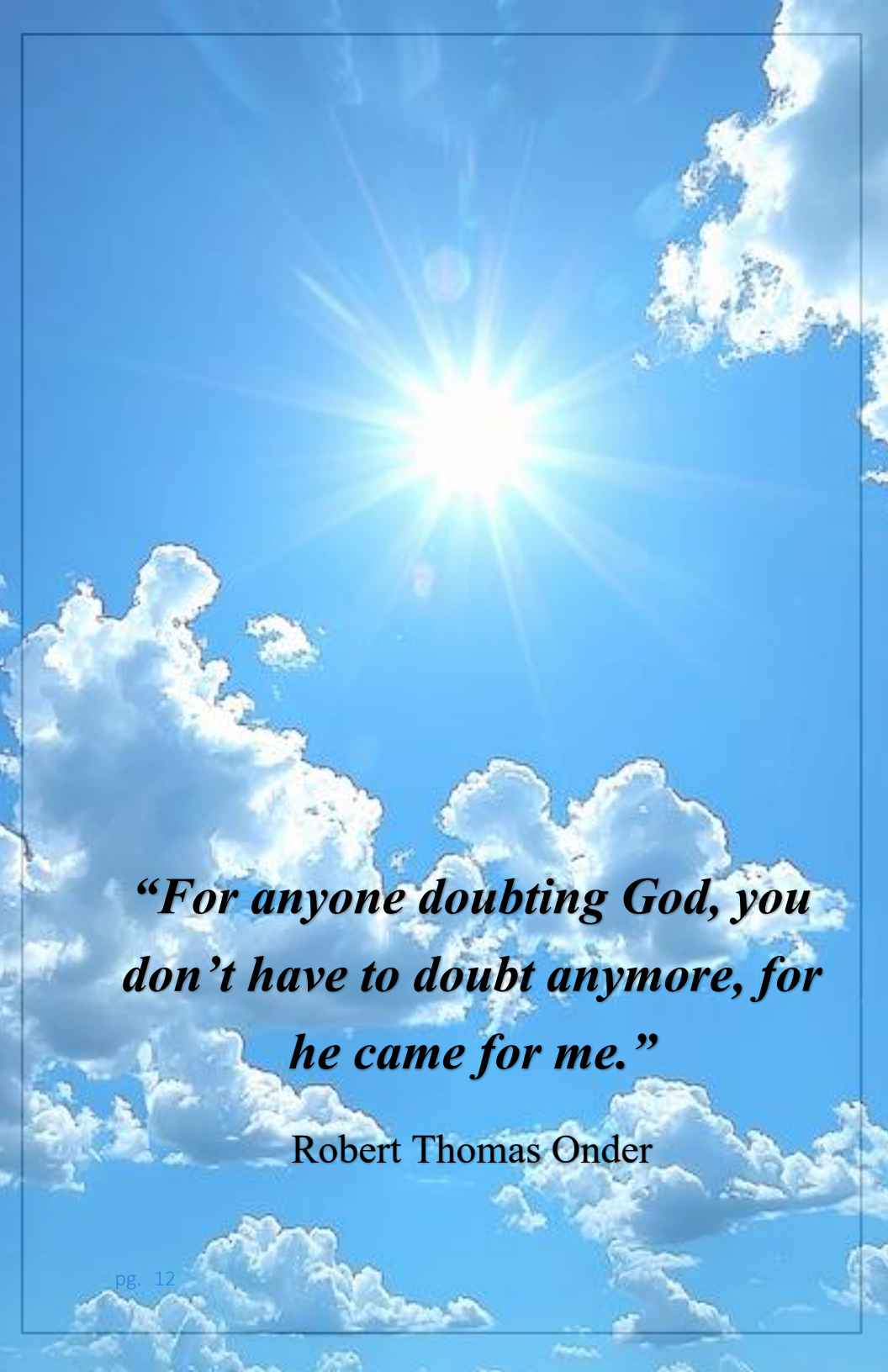
*One Pair of hands formed a mountain, made the sun, moon,  
and sea;*

*One Pair of hands healed the sick, raised the dead, and  
thousands were fed;*

*One Pair of hands were nailed to the cross, so I may have  
everlasting life. One Pair of hands.”*

### **Bobby's Last Wish:**

*“When singing, ‘How Great Thou Art’, my favorite  
song, after the sermon, listen carefully to: ‘When Christ  
shall come with shouts of acclamation, to take me  
home, what Joy shall fill my heart’; for anyone  
doubting God, you don't have to doubt anymore, for he  
came for me.”*

A bright sun with prominent rays is centered in the upper half of the image, shining against a clear blue sky. Large, fluffy white clouds are scattered throughout the scene, particularly concentrated in the lower half and along the right edge. The overall atmosphere is bright and uplifting.

***“For anyone doubting God, you  
don’t have to doubt anymore, for  
he came for me.”***

**Robert Thomas Onder**