

# Jeffrey (Jeff) L. Zelms

*Born into the world — April 26, 1944*

*Entered God's Eternal Kingdom — January 13, 2025*



Celebration of Life

January 17, 2025

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHAPEL**

*Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr.*

# Invocation

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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.
- P** In Holy Baptism Jeff 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.

## Hymn ~ Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,

2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,

3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied

4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.

Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## **Introit (Recited by ALL)**

**PSALM 139**

### **Psalm 139**

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder fully made.  
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret, intricately woven  
in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every  
one of them,  
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.  
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
If I would count them, they are more I than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end.  
Amen.**

## **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.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Lesson

*Isaiah 43:1-3a, 25*

But now the LORD Who created you, Jacob, and He Who formed you, Israel, says this: "Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you go through the waters, I am with you or through rivers, they will not drown you. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flames will not scorch you. I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel Who saves you.

I, I am the One Who wipes away your wrongs for My own sake and will not remember your sins anymore.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Lesson

*Philippians 1:20-23*

As I eagerly hope there will be nothing for me to be ashamed of. But by speaking very boldly I will now as always glorify Christ in my body by living or by dying since for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I live here in my body, I'll enjoy the results of my work. And which would I choose? I don't know. I find it hard to choose between the two. I want to leave and be with Christ; that is much better.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse

- P** Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
**C** to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia

## Holy Gospel

*John 11:17-27*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When Jesus got there, He found that Lazarus had been in the grave four days already. Bethany was near Jerusalem, not quite two miles away, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

Now, when Martha heard, "Jesus is coming," she went to meet Him, while Mary stayed at home. "Lord, if You had been here," Martha told Jesus, "my brother wouldn't have died. But even now I know God will give You anything You ask Him."

"Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her.

"I know he'll rise again," Martha answered Him, "in the resurrection on the last day."

"I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus said to her. "Anyone who believes in Me will live even if he dies. Yes, anyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe that?"

"Yes, Lord," she told Him, "I believe You are the Christ, God's Son, Who is coming into the world."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 Ghost,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn~**

*When Peace, like a River LSB 763*



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

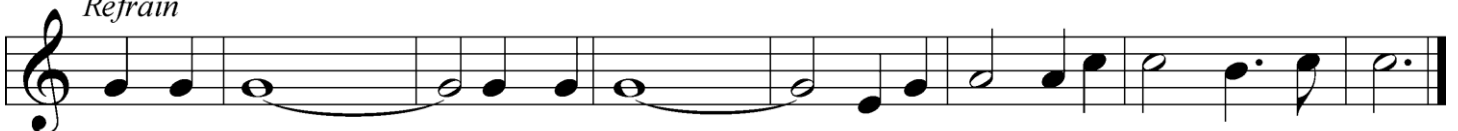


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

# Sermon

*Kneel/Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** 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 peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of Jeff 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive our thanks for Jeff 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,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting 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

**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 Collects**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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. 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.

**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,

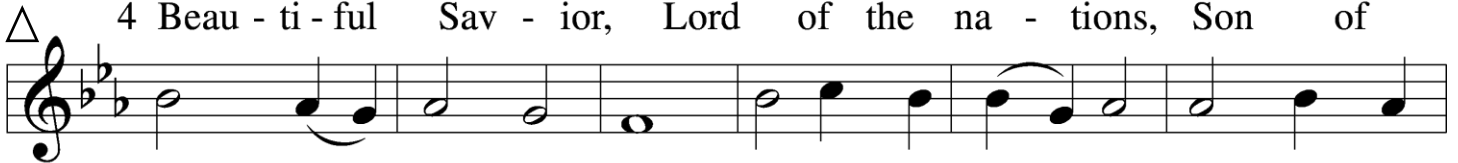
**C** in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ Beautiful Savior

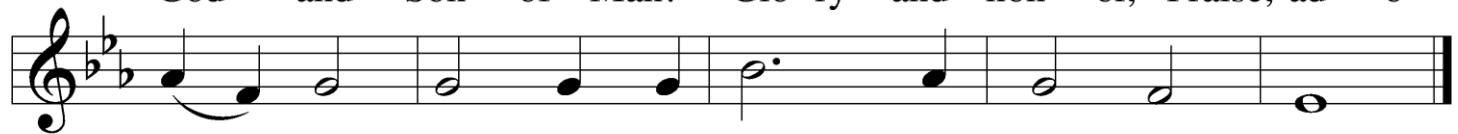
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



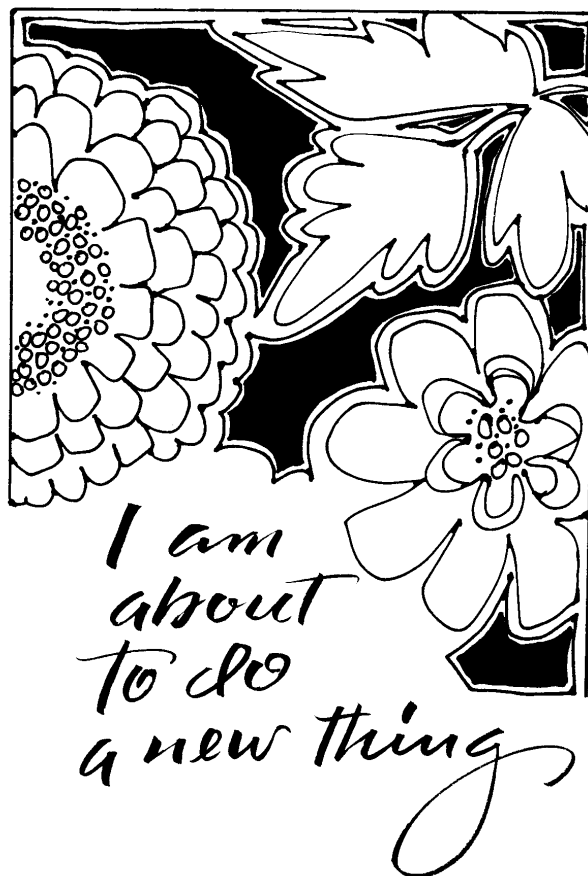
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## ***Obituary of Jeffrey Lynn Zelms***



Jeffrey (Jeff) L. Zelms, age 80, of Camdenton, Missouri, passed away on January 13, 2025 at Lake Regional Hospital. He was born on April 26, 1944 in Quanah, Texas, son of Harold and Mabel (Schalge) Zelms. He was united in marriage to Carol Hulseby on January 25, 1969.

Jeff was a 1961 graduate of Fort Dodge High School in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He attended the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at the University of Missouri at Rolla and earned a Bachelors Degree in Mining Engineering in 1970. He started working at Meramec Mining Company as a mining engineer. Thirty-six years later he retired as President, CEO and Vice Chairman of The Doe Run Company. In 2011, he was honored by his profession by being inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame.

Jeff loved the Lake of the Ozarks. He enjoyed many hours boating on the lake with his family. After his retirement in 2006, he and Carol built their home on the lake in Camdenton. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on cars and generally “tinkering” with things needing improvement. He will be remembered as an excellent storyteller. His stories were partly true, partly fiction, greatly embellished and always entertaining.

Jeff is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Kari Lynn Zelms of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jennifer Ann Crawford (Kyle) of Webster Groves, Missouri, a sister, Galene Morris (John) of Gainesville, Texas, and two grandsons Milo and Tobin Crawford. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Daryl Zelms.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Chapel, 5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hope Lutheran Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, 1270 S Business Route 5, Camdenton, MO 65020 (573) 346-2090. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.hedgesscottmillard.com](http://www.hedgesscottmillard.com).

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