



# LaVerne T. Bergan

April 26, 2023

October 3, 1927  
birth

October 23, 1927  
baptism

April 12, 2023  
death

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

**AU** **And also with you.**

**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.

**AU** **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

(hymn) 742

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**AU** **Amen.**

## WORD

### READINGS

*Each reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."*

*Please respond "Thanks be to God."*

*First Reading*

Psalm 23

Read by Glenn Schultz, brother-in-law

*Second Reading*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Read by Julie Eberline, niece

*Third Reading*

John 14:1-7

Read by Jill Hendon, niece

### SERMON

### HYMN

(hymn) 608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

### CREED

**A** We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**AU** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end "In your mercy,"  
Please respond "hear our prayer."*

### LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

**All** 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.

## REMEMBRANCES

Julie Eberline, *niece*

## SENDING

### HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

(hymn) 856

### FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

**P** Verne, our companion in faith,  
we entrust you to God.  
Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus who died for you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.  
**All** May you rest in peace and rise in glory,  
where pain and grief are banished,  
and life and joy are yours forever.  
**P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant, LaVerne.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;  
**All** and let light perpetual shine upon him.

### BLESSING

**P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing  
that you may abound in hope.  
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit  
bless you now and forever.  
**All** Amen.  
**P** Let us go forth in peace.  
**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*The congregation is invited to gather for a luncheon and mutual conversation and  
consolation.*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preaching</i>
Karl Starr	<i>assisting minister</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Sara Masters	<i>sound operator</i>

### PALL BEARERS - LaVerne's nephews

Jon Frank	Carl Bergan
Wayne Tietje	David Bergan
Randy Hovley	Jeff Morris
Clinton Hovley	John Morris
Michael Bergan	

### MEMORIALS may be directed to

Central Lutheran's Restoration Center  
Central Lutheran Senior Adult Ministry - OWLS

### INTERMENT

At Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota today.

### THANK YOU

We would like to offer sincere gratitude to all who have provided support and love as we celebrate the life of our brother and uncle, LaVerne T. Bergan. Your prayers, cards, calls, and support have been so touching. Although, our hearts are saddened to have lost LaVerne, we know he is at peace and has been reunited with his dear wife, parents, and siblings. LaVerne's church community was of utmost importance to him and we are honored to be able to celebrate his life amongst this community of friends. Thank you for being with us and sharing your memories of LaVerne.

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1927 – 2023



It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of LaVerne T. Bergan at the age of 95.

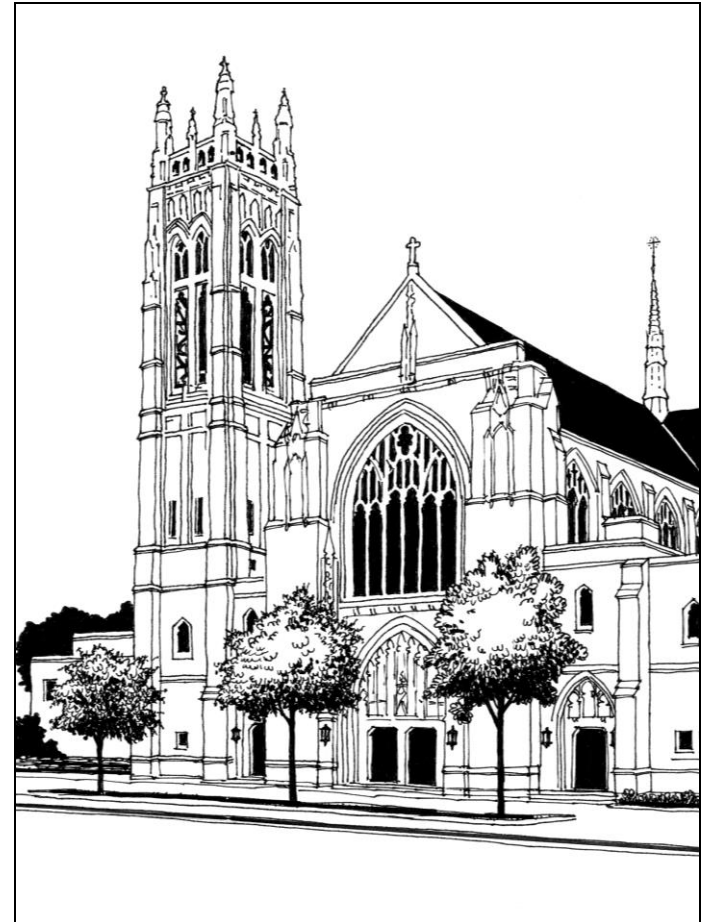
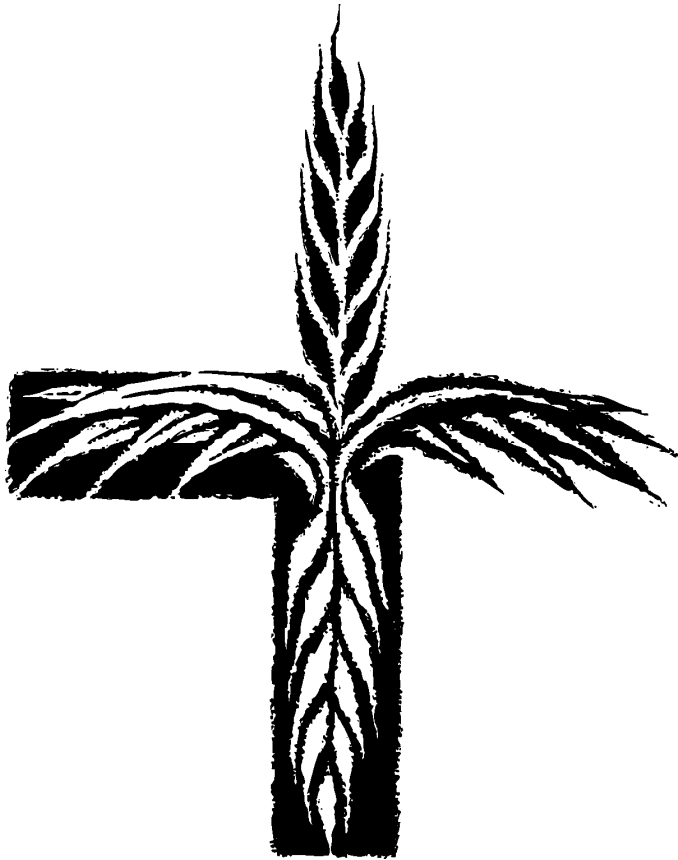
LaVerne was born in Madison Township, Iowa on October 3, 1927, to Carl and Mabel (Kjos) Bergan of Ridgeway, Iowa. He graduated from Ridgeway High School in 1947 and attended Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. In 1953, LaVerne joined the Special Category Army Personnel with Air Force (SCARPWAF) (1953 - 1955) and served in the Korean War. During his time in the service, he

learned skills that he used for the rest of his working career as a carpenter. He was a longstanding member (1956-present) of the North Central States Carpenters Union, Local 322.

He was a longtime member of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where he met and married Lois Larson from Lanesboro, Minnesota on June 15, 1972. They were active members of the Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) group in the church where they made many cherished friendships. Though they lived in Minneapolis, they were both farm people at heart. They had a hobby farm north of the Twin Cities, where they would garden, raise cattle, and enjoy the country air.

LaVerne is survived by sisters: Ethel Tietje, Jean Morris, Janet (Joe) Frank, in laws: Louise (Glenn) Schulz, Evelyn Larson, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his wife Lois Bergan, parents Carl & Mabel Bergan, brothers: Eldon Bergan and Marvin Bergan, sister: Colleen Hovey, in laws: Herb Tietje, Jim Morris, Maynard Hovey, Clarence & Ida Larson, Edith Larson, Charles Larson, and Odell Larson. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



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