



David Chester Johnson

July 15, 2025

January 21, 1933
birth

April 9, 1933
baptism

July 5, 2025
death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

African-American Spiritual,

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Harry T. Burleigh

"Improvisation on "Shall we Gather at the River"

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.

All 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.

All 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All Amen.

HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

(hymn) 627

WORD

READINGS

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

Please respond "Thanks be to God."

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

(hymn) 781

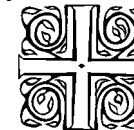
Soloist sings stanza 1 in Swedish,

Then all sing stanzas 1-4 in English

THE PRAYERS

Each petition will end "God of 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.

MUSICAL REMEMBRANCE

“Dwelling in Beulah Land”

C. Austin Miles

REMEMBRANCES

SENDING

HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

(hymn) 618

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** David, 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.
- AU** **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,
and in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection
we commend your servant, David Chester.
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;
- AU** **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.
- AU** **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

AU **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

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

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Brian Gutzmann	<i>preaching</i>
Kirsten Zuppan, <i>granddaughter</i>	
Kristina DuBoulay, <i>niece</i>	<i>readers</i>
Jennifer Zuppan, <i>daughter</i>	
Kent Johnson, <i>brother</i>	
Stephen Johnson, <i>son</i>	<i>remembrances</i>
Robin Helgen	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Sara Masters	<i>sound operator</i>

MEMORIALS may be directed to:

Central Lutheran Foundation
Luther College for its Luther Fund
Gustavus Adolphus College for the David C. Johnson
Scholarship Endowment Fund
UMM David C. Johnson Fund for International Service Learning

INTERMENT

At a future date in the Lutheran Decorah Cemetery, Winneshiek
County, Iowa

THANK YOU

David's family would like to thank you for your thoughts and
prayers. The memories that you have shared with us, along with
your presence here today are greatly appreciated.

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David Johnson

1933 – 2025



David Chester Johnson, born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to Chester and Olga (Resnick) Johnson on January 21, 1933, has died in Minneapolis on July 5, 2025.

He graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1950, Gustavus Adolphus College in 1954, and received an M.A., Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Iowa in 1956 and 1959. He and Gustavus classmate Jean Lunnis of Minneapolis

were married in 1955. They became the parents of Stephen, Andrew and Jennifer.

His career includes founding the Department of Sociology at Luther College, where he taught from 1957-1969, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Dean of Arts and Sciences 1969-1976, St. Cloud State University Vice President for Academic Affairs 1976-1983, Gustavus Adolphus College Dean of the College 1983-1990, and Chancellor of the University of Minnesota Morris (UMM) 1990-1998.

During his career, he was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship to the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol Research in Oslo, a Kennedy Fellowship for research on immigration to Sweden, and the presidency of the Elder Learning Institute (now Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). He and Jean teamed with Luther colleagues and Norwegian friends to lead seven hiking groups in Norway and Sweden and later three such trips in Romania's Transylvanian mountains. He called those treks "liberal arts on the hoof" and "spartan days and decadent nights". In retirement, he has served as consultant to the international offices in the universities of Oslo, Bergen, and Tromsø in Norway, Malmö and Kristianstad in Sweden, and Tampere in Finland as well as the Fulbright offices in Oslo and Helsinki.

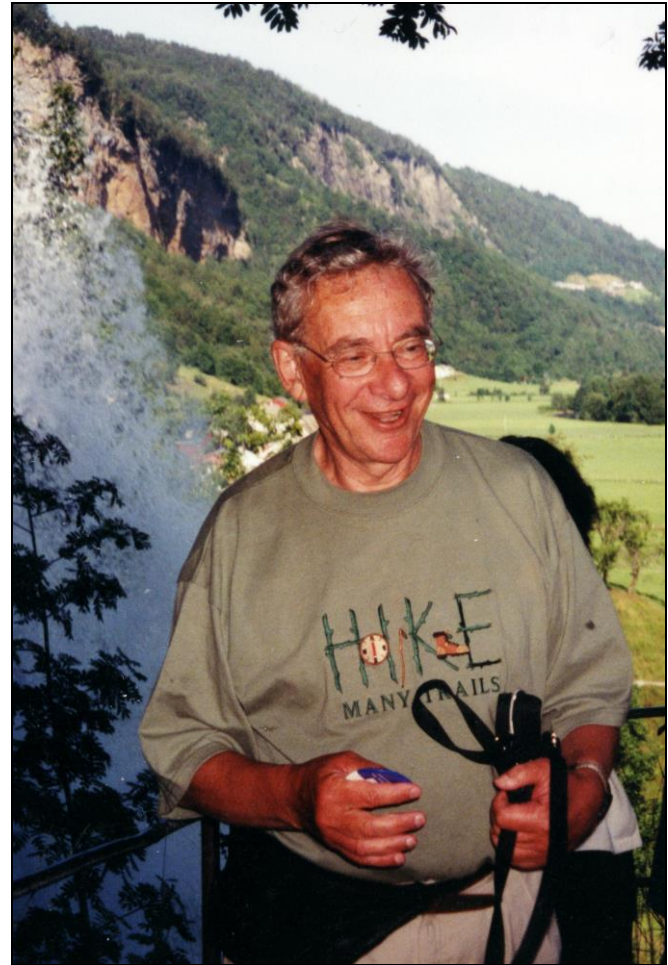
David is survived by his son Stephen (Deborah) and his daughter Jennifer (Peter) Zuppan, grandchildren, Jordan Hout, Karl Zuppan and Kirsten

Zuppan. Also, his brother Kent (Birgit), nephew Eric, niece Kristina (James) DuBoulay and their sons Joseph and Erik, his cousins and foreign exchange student "Norwegian daughter" Marit (Jan) Koren.

He was preceded in death by both parents in 1977, wife Jean in 1996, and son Andy in 2015. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.

David led a life rich with the love of friends and family.





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