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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MEMORIAL: CURT MIESEN

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## THE ORDER OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE † CURT RICHARD MIESEN †

Invocation & Prayer:

Opening Hymn: ..... TLH 457: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a Friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

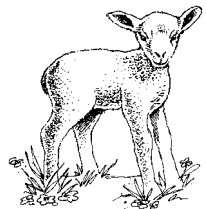
## **Brief Biography: ..... With TLH 648: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

The pilgrimage of Curt Richard Miesen through this world of sin and sorrow into the victorious glory of heaven may be summed up as follows: His earthly pilgrimage began when he was born on March 30, 1960, in Salt Lake City, UT, the son of Richard and Jenettie Miesen. On April 12, 1960, Curt became a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism. He made his public confession of faith with his confirmation vows on June 30, 1974, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD, his memory passage being the words of our Savior Jesus Christ found in John 14:6: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

**SING(♩): I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me every day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.**

Curt married Nancy Dummer and blessed their union with two children, Andrea and Matthew. Curt worked for the United State Postal Service as a postal carrier, beginning in 1984 and mostly serving the area of Brooklyn Park. Curt enjoyed sports and was an active bowler and golfer. He also enjoyed trivia and hanging out with his children. Curt was a member at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley since 1979, believing in the payment His Savior made for his sins: *"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"* (1 Corinthians 6:20).

**SING(♩): Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.**



Curt was summoned to be with his Savior on January 13, 2013, after experiencing and being treated for leukemia, his time of grace here on earth being 52 years. His earthly remains await the resurrection on the Last Day of the world when our Lord will invite all of His believers: *"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34).

Curt was preceded in death by his father, Richard. He is survived by his daughter, Andrea; son, Matthew; mother, Jenettie; and brother, Dale (Dianne); niece, nephews, and many other friends. We are thankful for the Lord blessing us with Curt in our lives. *"The LORD gave, the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD"* (Job 1:21).

**SING(♩): Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

**Responsive Psalm of Comfort: .....Psalm 23**

*P: The LORD is my shepherd;*

**C: I shall not want.**

*P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;*

**C: He leads me beside the still waters.**

*P: He restores my soul;*

**C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.**

*P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;*

**C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

*P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

**C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**

*P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;*

**C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.**

**Scripture Readings of Comfort:**

**Duet: ..... Jackie Radichel & Barbara Fleischer**

**Sermon: ..... John 14:6**

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (NKJV™)*

**"Jesus Christ: The Correct Address"**

**Opening Hymn: .....TLH 657: Beautiful Savior**

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **Prayer and Lord's Prayer:**

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.

## **Benediction:**

**Hymn:**..... TLH 199: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

## **Announcements:**

- † Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal in the church's fellowship hall following the funeral service.
- † Curt's family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss yet Curt's great gain.
- † Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church and/or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.