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*My Hope is
Built*



MARVIN WAGNER



Invocation & Prayer:

Opening Hymn:..... TLH 660: I'm But A Stranger Here

1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
3. There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home;
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.
4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

Brief Biography: With WS 785: Children of the Heavenly Father

The pilgrimage of Marvin Wagner 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 November 24, 1935, in Forbes, North Dakota, the son of Jacob and Christina Wagner. Marvin became a child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27).

**SING(♪): Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

Marvin married Linda nee Rithmiller on July 17, 1952. The Lord blessed them with 55 years of Christian companionship and three children: David, Jackie, and Bonnie. For over 30 years Marvin faithfully served His Lord as a sheet metal worker at Carter Day International in Fridley, Minnesota. While living in Blaine, Minnesota, during his retirement years, he enjoyed time with his family and with his dog, Maggie. He also made his Christian confession before the world through his membership at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, Minnesota, being a charter member. Marvin glorified his Lord Jesus throughout his life, understanding well 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(♪): God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bear them.**

Marvin's soul was summoned to be with his Lord this past Tuesday morning, July 19, 2016, his time of grace here on earth being 80 years, 7 months, and 23 days. He was surrounded by family as he fell asleep in the Lord. His earthly remains will be laid to rest at Morningside Memorial Gardens in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, awaiting the Last Day of the world when our Lord will invite all of His resurrected believers: *"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (Matthew 25:34).

**SING(♪): Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

Marvin was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda; his parents; and his brother, Edwin. He is survived by his children, David (with wife Roxanne), Jackie Ahrens, and Bonnie Stiebling (with husband Mike); eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sister, Esther Geisler; brother, Alvin (with wife Barbara); along with many other family and friends.

We thank the Lord for blessing us with Marvin and allowing him to touch our lives in the way that he did as a husband, father, grandfather, brother in Christ, companion, and friend. *"The LORD gave, the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD"* (Job 1:21).

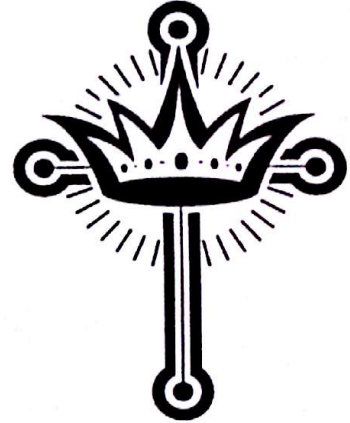
**SING(♪): Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Scripture Readings of Comfort:

Hymn:..... TLH 388: *Just As I Am*

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1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Sermon: *Hebrews 2:14-15, 18*

¹⁴Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ... ¹⁸For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (NKJV™)

"Marvin Now Enjoys His Golden Years"

Hymn:..... TLH 207: *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

1. Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth his glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And Death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.
2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

4. Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

Prayer:

Duet:..... *The Lord's Prayer (Ann & Jackie Radichel)*

Benediction:

Closing Hymn:..... *TLH 463: For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pall Bearers:

Daniel Wagner
Tina Becht

Travis Ahrens
Matt Stiebling

Jess Stiebling
Dana Ahrens

Announcements:

- † Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship luncheon in the church's fellowship hall following the service.
- † A committal service will be held at Morningside Memorial Gardens following the luncheon.
- † Memorials may be directed per the donor's personal wish.
- † Marvin's family extends a word of thanks to all who have been supportive and encouraging during this time of their temporary loss yet Marvin's great gain.