

Celebration of Life in Christ



Daniel Patrick Pfeiffer

July 27, 1977 – September 26, 2025

October 4th, 2025

*Thank you for your presence today as we gather to celebrate Dan's life and the promise of continuing life in Christ. You are invited to participate fully. The order of service is printed below. Hymns not printed below are in the red **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** book which can be found either in front of you or under your seat. Congregational spoken portions are in boldface type. An asterisk * indicates times when you are invited to rise.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

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 God,
we too might live a new 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. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn ***"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*** #779

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Dan.
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.

Illumine our lives, 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. **Amen.**

Word

Reflections

*Megan Hansen, sister
Rico Morales, friend*

Solo

“To Lay Me Down”

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16a

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely in my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#659

Prayers of Intercession

*At the conclusion of each petition, the pastor will say “God, in your mercy,” and the people will respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”*



*The Prayer of Jesus

With the people of God throughout the ages and with the saints surrounding us,
let us pray with confidence.

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sending

*Commendation

If We Live

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth - er we die, we are the Lord's.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103

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Let us commend Dan to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Dan.

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. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

God bless you and keep you,
God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
God look upon you with favor and give you peace + now and forever. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

"How Great Thou Art"

#856

All are invited to a reception in the Hospitality Center.

Serving in Worship

Clergy: Rev. Martha Schwehn Bardwell and Rev. Esther Sianipar

Readers: Gavin Hansen and Nate Melster

Musicians: Kent Goodroad and Alyssa Schwitzer

Hospitality: Mike Troutman, Dorothy Bass, Cynthia Devereaux

Obituary

Daniel P. Pfeiffer passed away peacefully on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the age of 48. Dan was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen Pfeiffer of La Crosse, WI. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings, John Pfeiffer of Madison, WI, and Megan Pfeiffer Hansen (Eric) of Minnetonka, MN, as well as his cherished nephews and niece, Charlie, Gavin, and Hailey Hansen. He is also survived by his Aunt and Uncle Don and Sue Melster, his cousins Janel London (Brian), Travis Melster (Jennifer), Nate Melster (Elisa), and Dan's good friend, Rico Morales. Born on July 27, 1977, Dan graduated from Logan High School, where he excelled in wood shop and 3D art. His love for working with his hands led him to the Wisconsin Conservation Corps, where he built bridges and shelters that continue to serve others today.

Throughout his life, he embraced adventure and hard work, holding jobs as a fisherman in Alaska, a lumberjack, and a construction worker before ultimately becoming a master carpenter. Truly a jack of all trades, Dan could fix anything—cars, snowblowers, or whatever needed care—and he took pride in making the world around him more beautiful and functional.

Dan also had a deep love for animals and shared his life with many loyal dogs over the years. They were his constant companions and a source of comfort and joy. His kindness toward animals reflected the same generosity and compassion he showed to people.

Beyond his many skills, Danny will be remembered for his generous spirit and kind heart. He had an innate ability to see the dignity in every person he met, whether family, friend, or stranger, and he never hesitated to lend a helping hand. His intelligence, talents, and compassion left a lasting mark on all who knew him, and the world is brighter because of his time here.

Dan's family and friends will carry his memory with deep love and gratitude, forever inspired by the way he lived—with generosity, craftsmanship, and heart. Please join us for a Memorial Service at 10:00am on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2315 Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis, MN 55404. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or the Animal Humane Society.



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