



***“Do Not Be Afraid. I Am The First And The Last, The Living One.”***  
***By Rudolf Schärer***

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# *A Service of Thanksgiving Celebrating God's Gift of Eternal Life For*



***“The Lord Is Risen!” by Nesterov***

*James Edgar Worthing*  
*May 1, 1933 - December 5, 2021*

COVER ILLUSTRATION – “I Am The First And the Last” by Dr. Rudolf Schäfer presents the awesome vision of our Lord Jesus as He revealed himself to the apostle John in the opening scene of the Book of Revelation. There Christ was standing amid the seven golden lamps which signified the church. Schäfer captures the essence of the vision as Christ upon the cross, shedding His precious blood to win forgiveness for the sins of mankind, dominates the entire image. Our Lord’s humble entrance into this world as the Babe of Bethlehem is shown in the left foreground. A joyful choir of angels proclaims the Christmas gospel above the stable and a gleaming star announces the Savior’s birth. In the right foreground stands the empty tomb with its resplendent guardian angel so that all might know that Jesus has conquered death for us. The beautiful life promise of the rainbow extends from the cross to the open door of the tomb. The risen Lord walks in the nearby garden behind the tomb awaiting the arrival of the women. The angels ascending from the empty tomb are carrying home the life harvest of God’s people. Over all is the extended hand of God the Father surrounded by the countless hosts of heaven, prophets and apostles, faithful men and women of God (including Martin Luther), those who have already received their share of God’s gracious gift of eternal life. Schäfer painted this masterpiece for the altar of the village church in Oberjesigen, Germany.



# Opening Hymn

## JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

Text: Charlotte Elliott; Tune: William B. Bradbury – “Woodworth”; LSB #570 © 2006 CPH



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, 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 ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Invocation

## Opening Prayers

## *Scripture Readings*

### ECCLESIASTES 3:1–8, 11

- [1] For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
[2] a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
[3] a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
[4] a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
[5] a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
[6] a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
[7] a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
[8] a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.  
[11] He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

### ROMANS 8:18–19, 28, 31–35

- [18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [28] We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. [31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

### ST. MATTHEW 6:25–33

- [25] "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26] Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27] And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? [28] And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, [29] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [30] But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? [31] Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. [33] But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

# Sermon Hymn

## ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Text: William Whiting; Tune: John B. Dykes – “Melita”; LSB #717 sts. 1, 2a, 3a © 2006 CPH



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
4 Lord God, our pow - er ev - er - more, Whose arm doth reach the



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
o - cean floor, Dive with our men be - neath the sea; Tra -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
verse the depths pro - tec - tive - ly. O hear us when we



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
pray, and keep Them safe from per - il in the deep.

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*There is no more poignant or powerful opportunity for the proclamation of the Biblical message of Law and Gospel than the moments in which Christians celebrate the home-going of a loved one to eternal life in the mansions of heaven. The funeral sermon is designed to declare that wondrous Gospel and to set before all present this day the truth that every believer is a sinner saved by grace alone. Salvation cannot be earned. It can only be given as a free gift by the God whose love for us moved Him to give His only Son to die in our place upon the cross so that we might live with Him forever.*

# Sermon

## ST. MATTHEW 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be added to you.

# Hymn

## JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

*Text: Edward Hopper; Tune: John E. Gould – “Pilot”; LSB #715 © 2006 CPH*

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush  
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will  
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -  
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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# Prayers



## *The 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*

## *Closing Hymn*

### ANCHORS AWAY

Stand Navy out to sea, fight our battle cry!  
We'll never change our course so vicious foes steer shy-y-y-y!  
Roll out the TNT, anchors aweigh!  
Sail on to victory, and sink their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh!  
Farewell to Foreign Shores, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay;  
Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam,  
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

Blue of the mighty deep, Gold of God's great sun;  
Let these our colors be, Till All of time be done-n-n-ne;  
On seven seas we learn, Navy's stern call:  
Faith, courage, service true, With honor over, honor over all!

## JIM WORTHING



James Edgar Worthing, 88, of Houston, TX, passed away on December 5, 2021. He was born May 1, 1933 in Reading, Michigan. The son of Gladys Lucille Schmucker Worthing and Clarence Leroy Worthing, he graduated from Corona High School, in California June 16, 1951.

Jim joined the US Navy, June 19, 1951, attended Fire Control School in San Diego graduating as Honor Man, and volunteered for submarine duty. After Submarine School in New London Conn., he was assigned to the USS Runner SS 476 and qualified in submarines in Havana harbor in Cuba, in Jan. 1953. He attained the rating of Fire Control Technician First Class and was discharged from the US Navy in Orange, Texas, in June of 1955.

After leaving the US Navy he was employed as an electronic technician by General Dynamics Corp. in Pomonca, California to test and trouble shoot Terrier guided missiles for the US Navy. He attended Oregon State College for one semester and left to pursue the love of his life, Dorothy DuBois, in Houston, Texas. He joined the IBM Corp. as a Systems Customer Engineer Jan. 16, 1956, and he and Dorothy were married on Feb. 3, 1956.

He embraced the IBM beliefs of Excellence, Customer Service and Respect for the Individual and found his life's work of computer service. His service success was recognized early in IBM, and he became a manager in 1957, and upon his promotion to Field Engineering Branch Manager in Houston in September 1965, he became the youngest large office Branch Manager at that time. He was most proud of his contribution to the NASA Gemini and Apollo missions, being responsible for the IBM systems in Mission Control from the start of the Houston Manned Spacecraft Center in 1963 until after the Apollo 13 mission was completed. He continued as Area staff manager and Branch Manager of many different division offices in Houston and retired from IBM on Jan. 1, 1992.

His active career continued as a business process and quality consultant to small businesses until 2001.

He was involved in employment and training for needy individuals for over 20 years. He began this involvement with SER Jobs for Progress and was the first non-Hispanic to serve as President of the Board of Directors. He was on the board of Houston Works for seven years retiring in 1994. He was active in his Church, Bethany and Our Savior Lutheran and served in many capacities for over 30 years including stewardship, education, treasurer, vice president and president.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Worthing; son, Roger Worthing and wife Clarissa; granddaughters, Caitlin and Brianna Worthing; brothers, Jerry, Jack, and Mike Worthing.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Clarence and Gladys Worthing; daughter, Jamie Wilson; sister, Nancy; brothers, Bill, Dick, and Tom Worthing.

Visitation and service will be on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5000 W. Tidwell, Houston TX 77091. Visitation will begin at 10:00am, and the service will follow at 11:00 am. Interment will be held at Brookside Memorial Park at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make all donations to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33