

Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fjeld

*July 13, 1933—October 12, 2026*

*Witness to the Resurrection*



Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

*October 23, 2026*

Prelude Music

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

**Pastor Todd Bertani**

**Accompanist: Ann Knipping**

**Ushers: Mike Wold, Randy Huber**

**Communion Setup: Tara McConnell**

**Communion Assistants: Dan Mangler, Carolyn Mangler, Roxy Hause**

**AV: Bruce Adams**

**Reception Coordinator: Roxy Hause**

*Rev. Dr. Roger Willard Fjeld*

*A Celebration of Life in Christ*

## **Welcome and Gathering: *Pastor Todd Bertani***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism: *Pastor Todd Bertani***

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. 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.



**Greeting: *Pastor Todd Bertani***

The grace of our Lord 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: *Pastor Ron Bockhaus***

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Roger. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)*



# Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" Hymn 856 ELW

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*  
 Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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*(Please be seated)*

## **Message from Wartburg Theological Seminary - Kirby Snitker**

### **Remembrances**

***Doug Fjeld, Roger's son***

***Karen Fjeld, Roger's daughter***

### **Readings**

#### **Philippians 4:4-7 - *Hunter Fjeld, Roger's grandson***

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

#### **Psalms 46 - *David Burrack, Roger's nephew***

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)*

**Gospel Reading - *Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer, former seminary student***

### **Matthew 10:5-13**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon: *Reverend Todd Bertani***

## Sermon Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" Hymn 787 ELW



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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## **Apostles' Creed: *Pastor Todd Bertani***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession: *Pastor Ron Bockhaus***

After each petition: "God of mercy"

Congregation Response is "hear our prayer."

## **The Lord's Prayer: *Pastor Ron Bockhaus***

**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.**

## Great Thanksgiving & Preface: *Pastor Todd Bertani*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom  
our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by  
the glorious promise of his risen life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution: *Pastor Todd Bertani*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

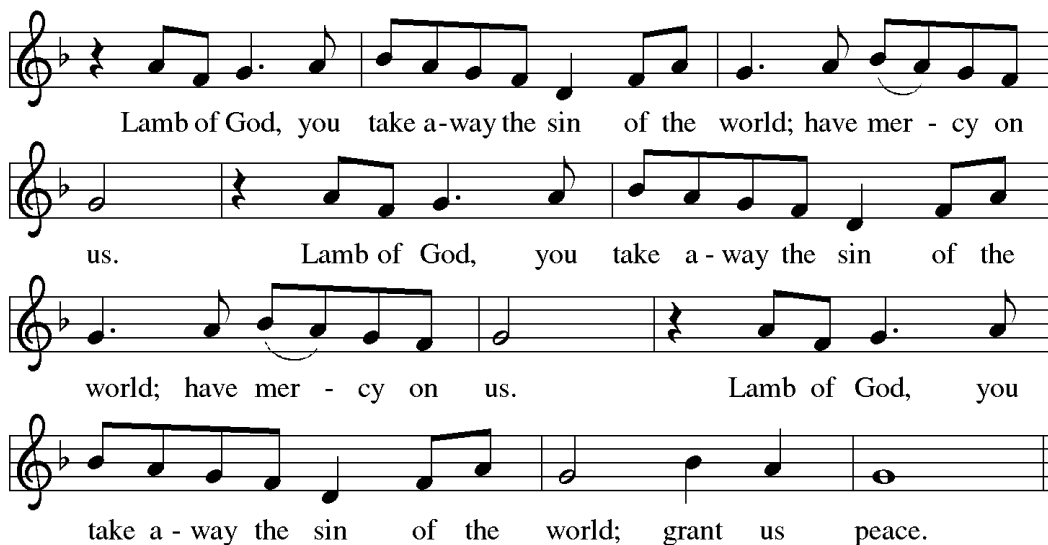
## Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We are all guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.  
We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.  
The ushers will direct you forward.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: “Borning Cry” Hymn 732, ELW



- 1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”  
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”  
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



- 4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.”

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## Post Communion Prayer: *Pastor Todd Bertani*

Holy God, thank you for your great love by which you feed us, strengthen us, and comfort us. You have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and renewed our hope in your everlasting reign, where there is no more crying, but only joy, in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)*

## Closing Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Hymn 773 ELW

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular

### **Commendation: *Pastor Ron Bockhaus***

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Roger.  
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: *Pastor Ron Bockhaus***

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you always.       **Amen**

### **Postlude: *Accompanist, Ann Knipping***



**Please Join Us**

**Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a reception where  
there will be an opportunity to share memories/stories of Roger  
at an open mic.**

## **The Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fjeld, Obituary**

*Roger Fjeld was born on July 13, 1933 in Primghar, located in northwest Iowa. He was the eldest son of Oscar and Alice (Berntson) Fjeld. He attended school in Primghar and worked on the family farm. Music was important in the household and Roger learned piano, and went on to play trombone in high school.*

*He was baptized at Siloam Lutheran in Paullina and confirmed at Grace Lutheran in Primghar, where he played organ, which he taught himself, and was otherwise active in the church. He graduated as the valedictorian of class.*

*He attended the University of Iowa, in Iowa City where he initially intended to study Pharmacy and ultimately graduate with a BA in General Science in 1955. Once at the University he was active with Lutheran Campus Ministries, which ultimately changed his life. It was through Lutheran Campus Ministries that he became interested in studying theology and equally as important he met his future wife, Marilyn Burrack. He was asked to pick up some new students so they could attend a Lutheran Campus Ministry event. Marilyn was one of those students. Roger said on the way to the event she sat in the backseat on the way back she sat in the front seat, and the rest was history.*

*Roger and Marilyn were married in April 1955. Roger continued his education at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1959. They spent the first year of their marriage coordinating between Iowa City, where Marilyn was finishing her nursing degree before reuniting in Dubuque in 1956. They traveled to San Francisco in 1957 for Roger's internship year, and returned to Dubuque where he completed seminary and was ordained in May 1959.*

*Roger's first call was to a mission congregation, Christ Lutheran Church in Sedalia, Missouri where he served from 1959 to 1965. During that time Roger and Marilyn adopted two children Stuart Alan and Karen Kay. His second call was also to a mission congregation, Atonement Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado from 1965 to 1969. Douglas Dean, their youngest was adopted during this time.*

*During this time in Denver, he attended the University of Colorado - Boulder where he completed a Master of Reformation and Renaissance History and a Ph.D. in American Intellectual History in 1971 with the Thesis: Human Nature in Question: Protestant Responses to Selected Political and Social Issues.*

*Roger was then called to more administrative church duties when he became an Executive Assistant to Bishop Archie Madsen, of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church from 1970-1971. Then in 1971-1973 he was excited to be called back to Wartburg to be the Pastor to the Seminary Community and Coordinator in Internships.*

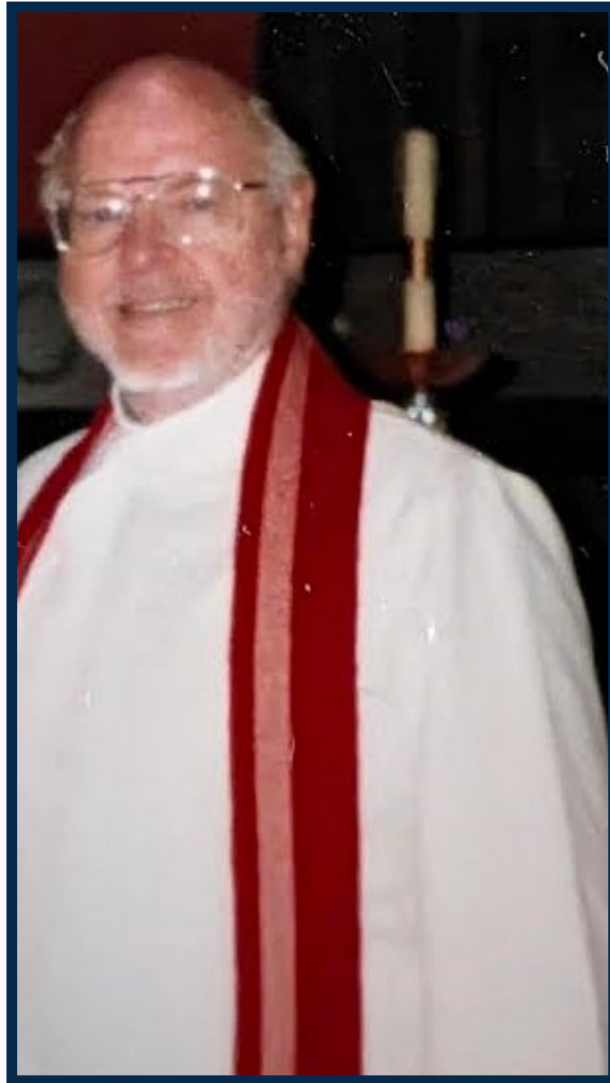
*In 1973, Roger was recruited by the Presiding Bishop to establish a new office in the American Lutheran Church; thereby becoming the first Director of the Office of Support to Ministries until 1982. He then became an Executive Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) with specific responsibilities to work on the merger and develop a new Lutheran Church: the ELCA*

*Roger was called back to become the President of Wartburg Seminary, where he served from 1983 until his retirement in 1999. This offered him the opportunity to mentor and teach Church history to the seniors, which he loved. Throughout his career he would say it was a joint effort between himself and his wife. Each call he accepted was accepted for them together. This was especially true at Wartburg Seminary where Marilyn became the campus “Mom” and mentored many pastor’s spouses.*

*Roger and Marilyn then moved to Estes Park, Colorado in 1999. They said someone had to retire into the Mountains, so why not them? They had already fallen in love with the town during many trips to Rocky Mountain National Park when they lived in Denver. Travel was another Fjeld family value, which continued into retirement when Roger and Marilyn enjoyed numerous trips together – often cruising with friends and family to various ports all over the world.*

*Once the opportunity arose to move into the newly established Good Samaritan Retirement community, they jumped at the chance! They moved in while most of the community was still under construction, and lived there for over twenty-years. Roger was also instrumental in helping establish another new mission congregation: Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, this time with fundraising.*

*His memory will be cherished by his sister Beverly, his daughter Karen and granddaughter Jenesis from Alexandria, VA, his son Doug and partner Michelle, from Bernard, IA and grandchildren, Cassidy, Hunter, Rosalie and great granddaughter Coraline of the Denver Metro Area, Colorado. He goes on to join his beloved wife Marilyn, his son Stuart, his parents, and his brother Charles.*



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