

*“The LORD is my
shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me
lie down
in green pastures.
He leads me beside
still waters.
He restores my soul.”*

-Psalm 23:1-3-

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FOR
DON GUTZ**

Born: August 21, 1947

Entered into Eternal Rest: January 19, 2021

OPENING HYMN. LSB #770

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INVOCATION/REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM page 278

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In Holy Baptism Don was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

PSALM - Psalm 46

P: ¹God is our refuge and strength,

C: **a very present help in trouble.**

P: ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P: ³though its waters roar and foam,

C: **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: **the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P: ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C: God will help her when morning dawns.

P: ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C: he utters his voice, the earth melts.

P: ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C: how he has brought desolations on the earth.

P: ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**C: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

P: ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.

**C: I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P: ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAYpage 278

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving kindness shown to Don and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING - Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING - Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL - John 14:1-6

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth

chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES’ CREED page 279

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints.**

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN LSB #547

SERMON “The Gardener”

HYMN LSB #805

(stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH page 280

P: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P: Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give to the family of Don and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope

and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our thanks for Don and for all the blessings You bestowed on him in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with him we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYERpage 280

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS page 281

A: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

A: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

CONCLUDING COLLECTpage 281

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who loves and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTIONpage 281

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

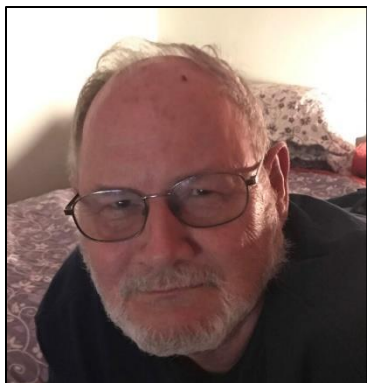
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN LSB #878



Donald Walter Gutz, 73, died January 19, 2021 from complications from surgery.

Don was born in Osmond, NE on August 21, 1947 to Richard and Geneva (Arnold) Gutz whom proceeded him in death along with his brothers Leland Gutz and Steven Gutz.

He is survived by his faithful and loving wife, Sharon (Hart) Gutz, his loving daughters Heather Blake (Michael) and Desiree Casey-Motley (Rev. David) and his grandchildren: Brittany (Blake) Lyons, Jacob Casey-Motley, Catherine Casey-Motley, Elizabeth Blake, and Charlotte Casey-Motley. He is also survived by his brothers Luther (Stella), Daniel Gutz, and his sister Susan Gutz-Fletcher (Jamie) along with many nieces and nephews,

Don graduated from Wayne State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in teaching. Don taught foreign language and English until his retirement in 2008. Don was an avid gardener, he enjoyed baking and canning his various fruits and vegetables that he grew in his garden. He also enjoyed reading and adding books to his library. His greatest joy was spending time with his loving family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Donald Walter Gutz, please visit the Powers Funeral Home floral store on their website.