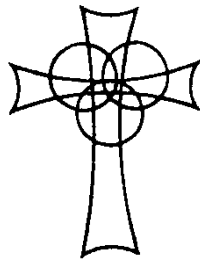


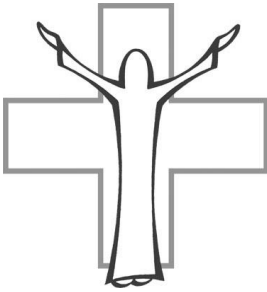


**I**  
**am the**  
**RESURRECTION**  
**and the**  
**LIFE.**

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**He who**  
**believes in**  
**me will**  
**LIVE,**  
**even though**  
**he dies.**

**John 11:25**





**The Funeral Service of Victory  
for  
THE REV. DR. ARTHUR ROBERT SIMON**

*July 28, 1930 ❖ ❖ ❖ November 14, 2023*

December 1, 2023

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❖ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ❖

**The Viewing and Visitation**  
Music for Meditation

**10:00 AM**

**The Service**

**11:00 AM**

***THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH  
FOR ART AND FOR ALL OF US***

The Choral Call to Worship

“How Beautiful” – Twila Paris

*How beautiful the hands that served*

*The Wine and the Bread and the children of earth.*

*How beautiful the feet that walked*

*The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled,*

*That took all my sin and bore it instead.*

*How beautiful the tender eyes*

*That chose to forgive and never despise.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ*

*And as He laid down His life,*

*We offer this sacrifice*

*That we will live just as He died:*

*Willing to pay the price,*

*Willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant Bride*

*Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes*

*How beautiful when humble hearts give*

*The fruit of pure lives so that others may live*

*How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ*

*How beautiful the feet that bring*

*The sound of good news and the love of the King*

*How beautiful the hands that serve*

*The Wine and the Bread and the sons of the earth*

*How beautiful, how beautiful, How beautiful is the body of Christ*

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Invocation and Words of Comfort:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Remembrance of Baptism:

**P** In Holy Baptism, Arthur Robert Simon was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. Saint 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.

*Romans 6:3-5*



The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 669

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be  
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, And ev - 'ry tear be

known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,  
 dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,

Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -  
 We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er

round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.  
 worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*  
 We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;  
 We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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The Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 103 – Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Translated/Paraphrased by Arthur Simon

Led by Amaria Dowling, RJ Dowling, and Amelia James

- L** Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Let everything within me praise His holy Name!
- C** **Bless the Lord, O my soul,**  
**and never forget how good He has been to you!**
- L** He forgives all your sins,  
and heals your diseases.
- C** **He rescues you from death,**  
**and crowns you with love and mercy.**
- L** He satisfies your hunger with nourishing food,  
so your youth is restored like that of an eagle.
- C** **The Lord brings justice**  
**to all who are oppressed.**
- L** He made known that will of His to Moses  
and by His action to the people of Israel.
- C** **The Lord is merciful and forgiving,**  
**slow to anger, but overflowing with kindness.**
- L** He is not eager to accuse us,  
nor does He cling to anger against us.
- C** **He has not given us what we deserve for our sins**  
**or rejected us for the wrong we have done.**
- L** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is His love for those who trust in Him.
- C** **As far as the East is from the West,**  
**so far has He removed our sins from us.**
- L** As a father and mother have compassion on their children,  
so the Lord has compassion on us,
- C** **Because He knows our human frailty;**  
**He remembers that we return to dust.**

- L** We humans live briefly like grass in the field,  
like a flower that blooms, until it wilts in the wind;  
and life goes on without us.
- C** **Not so, the Lord! His unending mercy flows from eternity  
to eternity for those who trust in Him.**
- L** He offers His pure goodness to us  
from one generation to the next.
- C** **Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Let everything within me praise His holy Name!**

The *Kyrie*

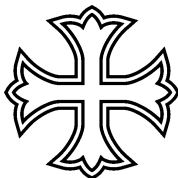
*Lord, Have Mercy*

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day:

- 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 Arthur  
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.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



The Old Testament Reading

*Job 19:23-27*  
Read by Richard James

**L** A reading from Job, chapter 19.

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Response

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 806*

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am



strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of  
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Holy Gospel

*John 3:16*

Read by Leah Dowling

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 575

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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The Sermon

This Life

*The Congregation rises.*

The Prayers:

- 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** Our thanks to You, Lord, for Art, who faithfully served as a shepherd of Your flock here on earth. Grant that we too may be faithful witnesses to Your grace, mercy, and love, always pointing others to know Jesus, the One who loves and saves us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We thank You that You have given Art a long life of grace and pray that You would grant that we, too, may die in peace and receive the crown of everlasting glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give to the family of Art 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** Look graciously upon those who mourn the death of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and bring them to a joyous and blessed reunion in heaven. 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 Art 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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**C** **Our Father in heaven,**

**May Your holy Name be honored,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us each day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Lead us away from temptation,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are Yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**



The *Nunc Dimittis*:

The Song of Simeon: "Lord, now let Your servant depart"

*Lutheran Service Book Page 211*


  
 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All


  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the


  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;


  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is


  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -


  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



The Commendation:

**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 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We commend the body of our brother, Arthur, into the Lord's care, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

**P** May God the Father who created this body; may God the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

*Revelation 14:13*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the Name of the Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

*This Far By Faith Hymn # 157*

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

**1**  
**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

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The Post-Service Music

*Please remain standing as the casket and the family are escorted from the church to the hearse.*

*This Service of Victory will conclude at a later date with a private Service of Committal on the grounds of Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland where the earthly remains of our brother in Christ, Arthur, will rest until the Day of Resurrection of all flesh.*

*Following today’s service, the congregation is invited to greet the family and to share in a time of fellowship and celebration in the fellowship hall on the lower level of the building.*

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠



*The Family of Arthur Simon would like to extend its thanks and gratitude to all of those who shared with them expressions of love and support in many and various ways during this time. Thank you especially to everyone for their thoughts and prayers, the words of encouragement and support, for all of the shared memories, and for the thoughtfulness of those who helped us through this time with their presence and gestures of kindness, help, and support. God bless you all!*

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✠ ***Those Who Serve*** ✠

The Officiant and Preacher:      The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Pallbearers:                      Nathan Simon  
Peter Simon  
Richard James  
Ras-I Dowling  
Martin Simon  
Michael McCoyer

The Choir:                                The Trinity Singers  
The Flutist:                               Susan Kennedy  
The Parish Musician:                  Skip Hall

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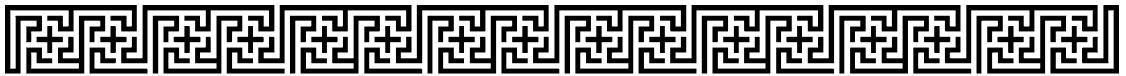
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## ARTHUR ROBERT SIMON

1930 – 2023

Arthur Simon was born on July 28, 1930, in Eugene, Oregon to Rev. Martin Simon and Ruth (Tolzmann) Simon. Art and his brother Paul enjoyed being part of many family efforts, including helping their father with his publications, “The Christian Parent” and “My Chum”.

After graduating from Dana College, he attended Concordia Seminary and was ordained as a Lutheran minister. He later took a call to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church on the Lower East Side of New York City. During his time in New York, Art’s heart for marginalized communities became increasingly evident. He was active in the civil rights movement, marching with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and advocated for people experiencing hunger and poverty. His work with the latter eventually led to the birth of Bread for the World. As the grassroots organization grew, Art moved the organization to Washington DC. After retiring from Bread for the World, Art was the director of Christian Children’s Fund in DC for several years.

Art authored twelve books, including Bread for the World, Faces of Poverty, How Much is Enough, and Rediscovering the Lord’s Prayer. He was the recipient of many awards, including the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, the Presidential Hunger Award for Lifetime Achievement, and the Leadership Award of the Center for Public Justice. Despite all of his accolades, Art will be remembered most for his immovable faith in his Creator and Redeemer, which was evident through his life of service, kindness, gentleness, and love.

Art leaves behind his wife Shirley; children Nathan, Peter (Heather), Richard, and Leah (Ras-D); grandchildren Isaiah, Amelia, RJ, and Amaria; and many other relatives and friends.





Alleluia!

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