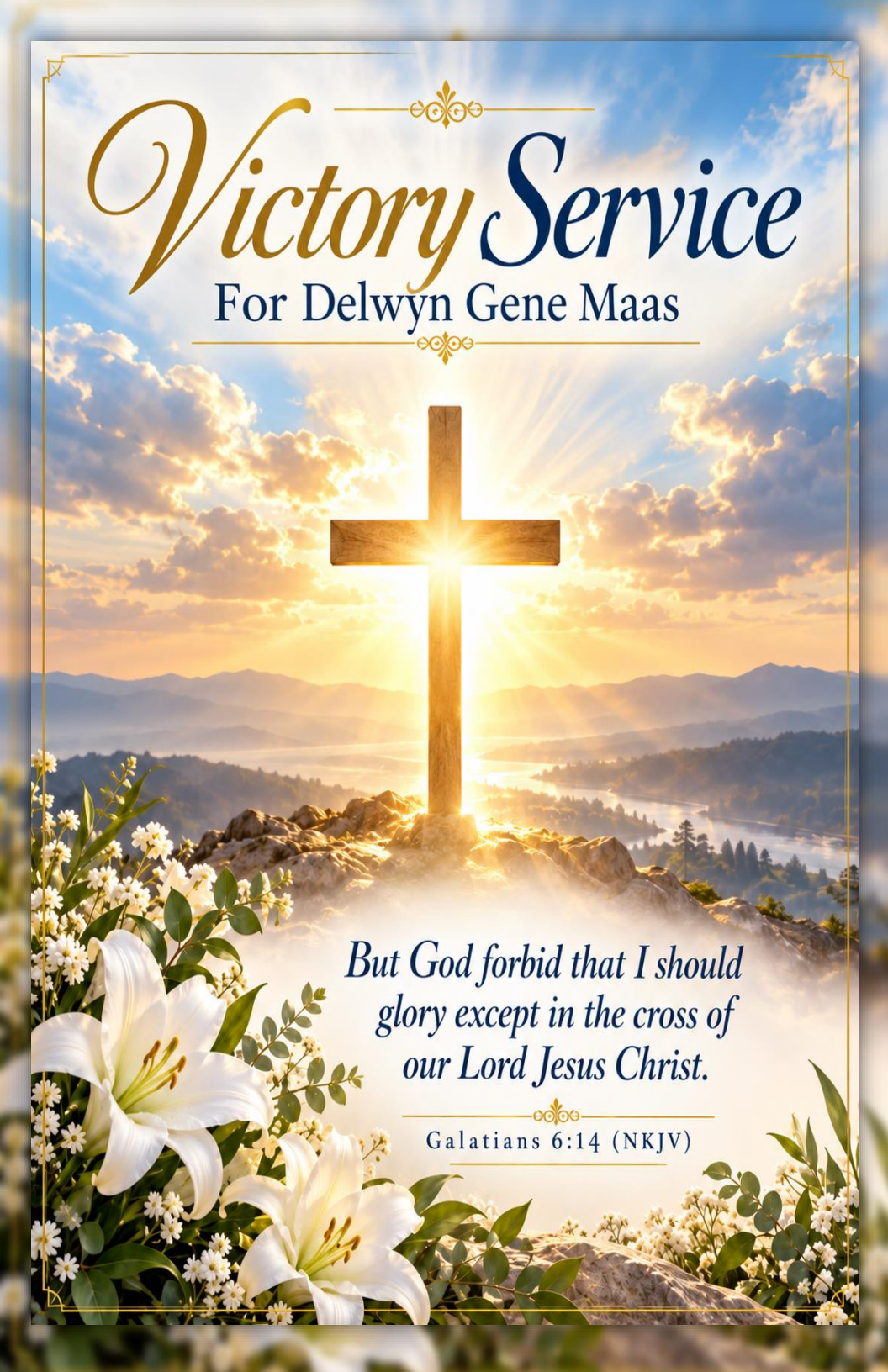




Victory Service

For Delwyn Gene Maas

*But God forbid that I should
glory except in the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

The Victory Service of *Delwyn Gene Maas*

God's earthly time of grace:

October 21, 1955 — August 26, 2026

Victory Service

October 17, 2026 ~ 3:00 p.m.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214

Affiliation: Church of the Lutheran Confession



Bells / Family Entrance

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Welcome

Invocation

Reading of the Obituary

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Psalm 1 Responsive Reading w/Hymns

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Congregation: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Hymn: *Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow*

*Now rest beneath night's shadow the woodland, field, and meadow;
the world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaken,
with prayer and song be taken; let praise to your Creator rise.*

*The rule of day is over and shining jewels cover
the heaven's boundless blue. Thus I shall shine in heaven,
where crowns of gold are given to all who faithful prove and true.*

*Lord Jesus, since You love me, O spread Your wings above me
and shield me from alarm. Though Satan would assail me,
Your mercy will not fail me; I rest in Your protecting arm.*

Psalm 1 (Continued)

P: He is like a tree

C: planted by streams of water

P: that yields its fruit in its season,

C: and its leaf does not wither.

P: In all that he does, he prospers.

**C: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Hymn: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

*Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine!*

*Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.*

*Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, by Your Spirit and Your Word.
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.*

Romans 8: 1-2, 18: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 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.

Hymn: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

*Just as I am, without one plea but that Your blood was shed for me,
and with Your Gospel's surety, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of sin's dark blot,
to You, whose blood has cleansed each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am; Your love has sown the seed within to be Your own.
because I'm Yours, yes, Yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Romans 8 Responsive Reading

P: What then shall we say to these things?

C: If God is for us, who can be against us?

P: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,
C: how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

P: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?
C: It is God who justifies.

P: Who is to condemn?
C: 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.

Hymn: *Beautiful Savior*

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God, and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Romans 8 (Continued)

P: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

C: As it is written,
 **“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

P: No, in all these things

C: we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Hymn: *Grace Alone* (Micah Maas and Neal Radichel on guitar)

1st time through the Chorus Ensemble only, then anyone can join in

Chorus

*Grace alone, grace alone Christ has made my heart His own.
Not by works that I have done, But by grace through God's dear Son.
So I will trust Jesus alone I am saved by grace alone!*

Ensemble:

*Grace has a thrilling sound to each believer's ear;
that peace with God through Christ is found is news I gladly hear.
Grace first devised the way, to save our fallen race;
the Father sent His only Son who came to take our place!*

All:

*Grace first inscribed my name, in God's eternal book,
and grace has brought me to the Lamb, who all my sorrows took.
Grace led my wand'ring feet, to tread the heav'nly road,
and grace supplies each hour I meet while pressing on to God!*

*Grace taught my soul to pray, and made my eyes o'erflow;
His grace has kept me to this day and will not let me go.
Grace all our work shall crown, through everlasting days;
the heav'nly home God gives His own shall echo with our praise!*

Repeat Chorus

Ensemble:

*By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
my soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
by grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain!*

All:

*By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
so long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
what in His Word our God commands,
what our whole faith must rest upon,
is grace alone, grace in His Son!*

*By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; in Jesus' promise I rejoice,
for though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown, since I am saved by grace alone!*

Repeat Chorus

Romans 8: 38-39: ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor 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.

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Psalm 46 Responsive Reading

P: God is our refuge and strength,

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

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

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

P: though its waters roar and foam,

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

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

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

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

C: **God will help her when morning dawns.**

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C: **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah**

Hymn: In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*

Psalm 46 (Continued)

P: Come, behold the works of the Lord,
C: how he has brought desolations on the earth.

P: He 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: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
**C: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress! Selah.**

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Hymn: In Christ Alone

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-58: ⁵¹ Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Hymn: *As the Deer*

*As the deer pants for the water So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You*

*You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You*

*I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver And the apple of my eye*

*You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You*

*You're my friend and You're my brother Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other So much more than anything*

*You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You*

Sermon Text: Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

*But God forbid that I should glory except in the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

He Had a Wonderful Savior!

1. A Savior whose cross removed his sin.
2. A Savior whose cross guaranteed God's promises to him
3. A Savior whose cross gave him eternal life.

Hymn: Raising Praise (Ensemble – BJ Lillo)

*When He was crushed, and oh, His soul so weary,
the soldiers came and nailed Him to the tree.
His blood poured out to cleanse and to redeem me
from all my sins, my poor and helpless state.*

Refrain:

*You raised Him up that I might be raised also.
You raised Him up to seat Him on His throne.
He's there now preparing to receive me.
You raised Him up to live eternally.*

*When life seems long, my heart heavy with sorrow,
I long for You, Your sweet and close embrace.
Then you come near and touch me with Your mercy,
Your peace shall come and carry me each day. **Refrain***

*When heaven's gates await my soul so weary,
There You shall stand arms wide open for me.
Then you come near and take me to be with You,
Forevermore, at Home at once with You. **Refrain***

Prayer



Lord's Prayer



Benediction

C: ♪ *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!* ♪

Closing Hymn Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Servants of the Word

Pastor Neal Radichel and Professor Paul Naumann
Organist: Suzannah Miller

The Obituary of Delwyn Gene Maas



With deep sorrow, yet with the assured hope of his salvation, we announce the passing of Pastor Emeritus Delwyn “Del” Gene Maas (age 70), a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend. Del was born on October 21, 1955, and was called home to his eternal rest on August 26, 2026, following the onset of a rapid neurodegenerative brain disease.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." — Psalm 73:26

The greatest earthly joy of Del’s life was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Jody; his three children, David Maas (Anna), Timothy Maas (Alanna), and Heidi de Leon (Peter); his beloved grandchildren, Micah, Jonah, and Sarah Maas; his step-mother Ellen Maas; and his sister Sharlene Chiappetti (Ed). Del was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley and Darwyn Maas.

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." — Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Del was born in Denver, Colorado to Darwyn and Shirley Maas, and was later baptized on New Year's Day 1956 when he was reborn through water and the Word into the family of God at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, South Dakota. Twelve years later on April 7, 1968, Del confirmed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church in Denver under the mentorship and guidance of his pastor Victor Tiefel. In 1974, he graduated from Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, Wisconsin where his love for the Lord and His Word continued to grow. Del then enrolled in the pretheological program at Immanuel Lutheran College and graduated in May 1977. On July 8, 1978, he was united in holy matrimony to Jody Susan Mueller, to whom he was faithfully married for 48 years. They were blessed with three children, David Gene, Timothy William, and Heidi Spring.

"...but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." — Psalm 1:2-3

Del completed his seminary training through Colorado Lutheran Seminary and was ordained into the public preaching ministry on June 1, 1980, and answered the call to begin serving as the full-time pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Golden, Colorado in July of that same year. In 1990 and 1992, he received and accepted calls from St. Luke's congregation in Denver and St. Matthew's congregation in Colorado Springs, respectively, to serve as their pastor concurrently with his call at St. James. In March 1993, St. James and St. Luke's congregations merged to

form St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Golden, and Del accepted the call to serve as their pastor. In 1998, Del received and accepted the call to serve as pastor of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Arizona after having been received through colloquy into the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Del was deeply passionate about missions. In 2009, Holy Cross began a Gospel partnership with a group of Christians in Emmaus Milimani after Anna Sagala of Kenya and her family attended worship at Holy Cross. Through this providential connection, God worked through those involved to establish a church and school in Moi's Bridge, Kenya.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
— Matthew 28:19-20

After briefly leaving the public ministry in 2012, the Lord called Del back to serve His people. In 2014, he accepted the call to serve Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, North Dakota. In 2019, Del received the vacancy call to serve St. Paul's congregation in Ponsford, Minnesota. Then, in 2020, Del accepted the call from St. Paul's to serve full time while continuing to serve at Gift of God until his resignation in March 2026 when facing worsening symptoms and declining health.

"Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power." — Ephesians 3:7

Throughout his ministry, Del faithfully proclaimed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ and cherished the privilege of serving God's people. His life was a testimony to the grace of God, and his greatest comfort in this life was the promise that, through faith in Christ, he would one day receive the crown of life. Though we grieve his absence, we do so with the Christian hope that Del now rests in the arms of his Savior and awaits the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." — Revelation 2:10

Del's earthly journey has come to an end, but the love, faith, kindness, and memories he shared will remain with his family, friends, and the many congregants whose lives he touched. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

"In Christ shall all be made alive." — 1 Corinthians 15:22

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