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The Christian Funeral of Monte Green

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LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome Loved Ones of Mr. Monte Green

Today, death is before us. We have lost a husband, a father, a grandfather, a son, a brother, a friend in Monte's passing. It is a harsh reality that is compounded by the fact that we too have to deal with our own mortality, for "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

However, God Almighty, the one who made heaven and earth and each and every one of us, has a solution, one which Monte believed. The rest of the Romans passage reads, "But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." By the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, he has taken away our sins and made us right with God so that we would live forever with him in heaven.

"The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death." (Isaiah 57:1-2) Today, we ponder why the Lord has taken Monte to his heavenly home. With the Word of God, the Christian church comforts the bereaved family and friends of Mr. Monte Green and confesses its lasting hope in the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

Serving in Worship

Music: Gail Vander Wal

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Klein



Light of the Valley Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

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*All are welcome to participate in the service as indicated. The parts of the service marked **M** are spoken by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken by everyone in the congregation.*

Greeting and Prayer

M: In the name of the Father and the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn for Monte, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

Resurrection Comfort

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: We will be before the throne of God

C: And serve him day and night in his temple.

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: Never again will we thirst.

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

M: Let us pray:

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of humans. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Philippians 4:12-13

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

The Apostles' Creed

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

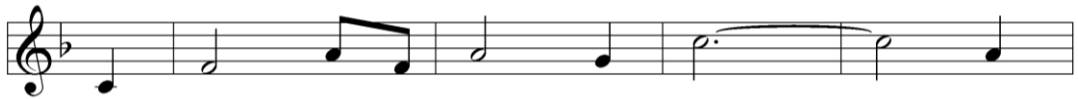
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: *Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
will my shield and por - tion be
grace has brought me safe thus far,
no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.
Than when we'd first be - gun.

Sermon

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent,

we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Obituary (p. 11-12)



Prayers

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Monte Green, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Remove our fears and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**All: 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.**

Blessing

As we close our funeral service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Following the singing of the last hymn, the family will exit the front entrance and proceed to Lindquist Cemetery (1867 N Fairfield Rd in Layton) for a graveside committal. All are invited to attend. Please take your worship folder home with you or place it in the blue recycling bin outside the sanctuary doors.

Hymn: On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a-
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in his shad-ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the

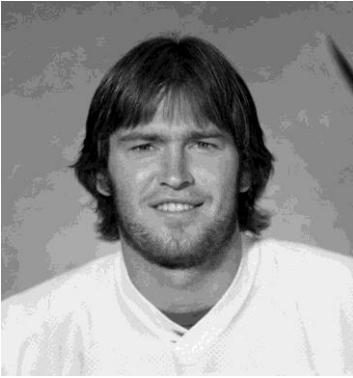


breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

Monte Alan Green



Monte Alan Green was born April 3, 1959 in Ogden, Utah, the son of Marly and Mary Halland Green. On April 26, 1959, God adopted Monte into his family through the holy waters of baptism – washing away all his sins and clothing him with Jesus' perfection. On May 13, 1973, he professed his Christian faith and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Layton, Utah.

Monte graduated from Layton High School and was an outstanding athlete having achieved several awards and accolades including: Outstanding Senior Athlete (1977), five varsity letters, and a full-ride scholarship to play football at Dixie State University which led to a subsequent full-ride scholarship to finish playing football at Southern Utah University. He graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Physical Education with a minor in History. One of Monte's most notable athletic accomplishments was his not one but three hole in ones. Throughout his professional career, Monte coached, mentored, and employed thousands of Layton youth and adults, including his three sons.

He married Tori Dee Vought on July 17, 1981 in Layton, Utah.

Monte attended Trinity Lutheran Church and Light of the Valley Lutheran Church. He also was a member of The Golf Dogs.

Monte loved football - his favorite team being the Raiders, enjoyed wrestling with his grandchildren, and being with his family. He enjoyed spending time at the Evergreen cabin



in Bear Lake with his family, especially running around with his beloved grandchildren. Monte was kind and compassionate and always befriended anyone who crossed his path. He left a legacy of kindness that will always be remembered.

Monte passed away Sunday, June 14, 2020 at Davis Hospital in Layton, Utah.

Surviving are his wife Tori; children: Taylor (Rachel), Jordan (Dani), Gavin (Jeni); five grandchildren: Hunter, Ella, Maddex, Mason, and Finley; his parents: Marly and May; brother Matt Green; three sisters: Monica (Danny) Barton, Michelle (Greg) Pryor, and Melanie Karol.

The time of grace allotted to Monte was 61 years, 2 months, and 11 days.

We who remain behind – his wife, his sons, his parents, his siblings, his grandchildren, all his friends and relatives - cling in faith to Jesus Christ, our only Savior, and await that great day when we, together with our brother gone on ahead, will rise from our grave and follow the Savior out of this life into a better and perfect one. God has made it so that our best times are yet to come. To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his blood, be honor and power now and forever. Amen.

