

Funeral Service

MARLIN JAMES DEPPERMAN

May 9, 1955 – January 15, 2012

Ebenezer Lutheran Church – Port Hudson

Saturday, January 21, 2012

11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER: As the church celebrates this Epiphany season we rejoice that Christ has come to dwell with us in his Holy birth and continues to be with us in Word and Sacrament. Marlin cherished Christ's presence and comfort that was with him throughout his earthly life. Christ has conquered death for us, and His life means new life for His saints. Today we gather for a service of praise for the life of one of His saints, Marlin who has been given eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

INVOCATION AND GREETING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade---kept in heaven for you. *1 Peter 1:3-4*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from death through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. *Romans 6:3-4*

All of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27

People: Alleluia!

HYMN "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Jesus, our confidence is in You.

People: We know that You have won the victory over death.

Pastor: Even in the midst of our sorrow, we know Your love never fails.

People: We know that even death is but the gate to life immortal.

Pastor: Grant us the grace to see that nothing can sever us from You and Your love.

People: Grant us the comfort that comes from confident trust in Your life-giving power. Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord of comfort, in the resurrection of Your Son You have given us a sure hope of the new life to come. Now, we pray, grant that this hope cheer us, and give to all who mourn consolation and peace. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25:6-9 (*The Lord will swallow up death forever.*)

PSALM 23 & 121

EPISTLE 2 Corinthian 5 (*We will live with Christ.* Marlin's requested reading)

VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia

People: to Him be glory and power forever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL John 11:21-27 (*Jesus---the resurrection and the life*)

HYMN “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Jesus lives! The victory’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus Lives! To him the throne
There above all things is given.
I shall go where he is gone,
Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me he died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living.
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And I am sure
Neither life nor death shall sever
Me from him. I shall endure
In his love, through death, forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

HOMILY

Pastor: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with all the saints.

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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord of life, fill us with Your comfort.

People: **Risen Lord, grant us peace.**

Pastor: To our fearful and troubled hearts, send the same message the angel gave to those who came to Jesus' tomb: Do not be afraid.

People: **Risen Lord, calm our fears.**

Pastor: To consciences troubled by sin and guilt, send Your assurance of forgiveness.

People: **Risen Lord, Your death and resurrection confirm the forgiveness You give.**

Pastor: To those of us who remain faithful yet still having doubt and uncertainty,

People: **Risen Lord, come as our sure and certain salvation.**

Pastor: As You conquered the grave in Your glorious resurrection,

People: **give us also the victory over death, and bring us at last to our home with You in heaven. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN " For All Your Saints, O Lord"

For all your saints, O Lord,
Who strove in you to live,
Who followed you, obeyed adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord,
Who strove in you to die,
Who counted you their great reward,
Accept our thankful cry.

For this your name we bless
And humbly pray anew
That we like them in holiness
May live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever blest,
The One in Three, the Three in One,
Be endless praise addressed.

THE WITNESS OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ONE OF GOD'S SAINTS

MARLIN JAMES DEPPERMAN

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brings life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Marlin. Marlin was given life by his Creator and was born on May 9, 1955 the child of Rube and Dalphine who still live in Lyon. On June 5, 1955, he received the gift of Holy Baptism and became a child of God. On May 26, 1968, he publicly confessed his faith and was confirmed. Marlin received the precious gift of the Lord's life-giving Body and Blood. On May 13, 1983 Marlin received the gift of a beloved companion in his beloved wife Donna (nee Healey). Marlin was blessed with the gift of children, two sons, Joshua Deppermann, St. Charles, and Kyle Deppermann and special friend Katie Yenzer, New Haven; two daughters, Dr. Kristen Deppermann Strasser and husband Dr. Mathew, Kansas City, and Megan Deppermann and special friend Tim Kemp, Columbia; dear brother of Dennis (Anne) Deppermann, Denver, CO and Gary (Peggy) Deppermann, Lake St. Louis, MO; dear grandfather of Malin Strasser and other relatives and many friends. God blessed Marlin's life with many special people as he served God in his vocations at home, work, and community. Finally, on January 15, 2012 God blessed Marlin with a holy death at the DeGreeff Hospice House in St. Louis and took him home to rest in the arms of Jesus until the resurrection of the dead.

May God in His grace comfort those who mourn, as they look in faith to Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the Resurrection and the Life, whose victory over death we share in faith.