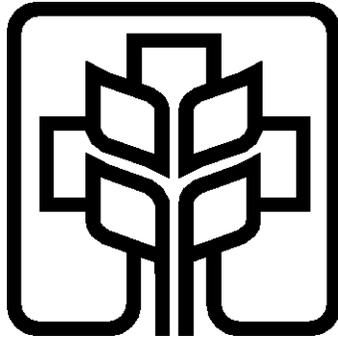


*St. Mark's Lutheran
Church
Asheville, North Carolina*



*“If we have died with Christ, we shall
also live with him; if we are faithful
to the end, we shall reign with him.”*

**The Service of Celebration of Resurrection of our Lord's Servant
Edward Allen Lassiter**

April 7, 1933 – August 13, 2020

Service—August 16, 2020—2pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Asheville, North Carolina

*Congregation stands

Prelude Music

*Gathering

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27a

²³"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Psalm

Psalm 46:1-7

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

*Gospel Readings

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

John 1:1-5, 9-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Homily

Pastor Matthew Smith

Hymn

Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

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I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends "God of Mercy" and congregation responds:

C: Hear Our Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Commendation

Closing Hymn

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

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

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Matthew Smith—Pastor
Katie Rivers—Deacon
David Anderson—Cantor/Organist

“In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.”



Edward Allen Lassiter, 87, of 2533 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 13, 2020. Surviving are his beloved wife of 61 years, Dorene Elaine Olson Lassiter, formerly of Rapid City, SD; two daughters, Kathleen E. Wells and her husband, Craig A. Wells; granddaughter Emily M. Anderson and husband Aaron A Anderson; and grandsons James A Wells and Stephen E Wells of Atlanta, GA; Daughter Carole A. Dennis, grandsons Andrew S. Dennis, and Michael P. Dennis of Hickory, NC. Colonel Lassiter was preceded in death by his son, David Allen Lassiter.

Ed Lassiter was born April 7, 1933 in Gates County, NC, 5th of the 7 children of William Herbert and Dolna Harrell Lassiter. Also surviving is one of his three brothers John C. Lassiter and his sisters-in-law Norma Lassiter and Evelyn Lassiter of Sunbury, NC, in addition to several nephews, nieces, and many cousins.

In addition to his son David, he was also preceded in death by his three sisters, Mary E. Lassiter, Margaret L. Hires, Dorothy H. Carter, and two of his brothers, Fred R. Lassiter and William H. Lassiter, Jr.

He graduated from Sunbury High School, Sunbury, NC in 1951; from Wake Forest College at Wake Forest, NC 1955 and from Wake Forest School of Law at Winston-Salem in 1957. He was admitted to practice law before the North Carolina Supreme Court, the United States Court of Military Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He was an Army Judge Advocate, and served 30 years, retiring in 1987.

Military assignments included Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, CO; US Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany; The Judge Advocate General’s School, Charlottesville, VA, Fort Eustis, VA; US Army, Vietnam; 1st Armored Division, Ft. Hood, TX; Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, Washington, DC; 193rd Infantry Brigade, Panama, Canal Zone; Fort Sill, OK; Fort Stewart, GA; and Fort Riley, KS.

Military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After retirement, Colonel and Mrs. Lassiter moved to Charlotte, NC in 1990, to serve as volunteers with Wycliffe Bible Translators [“JAARS”]. In 2003, they retired again and relocated to Asheville, NC.