

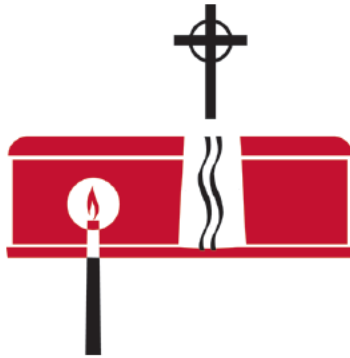


The Holy Eucharist
and the Funeral of
The Reverend Peter J. L. Perella

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 2014
3:00 p.m.

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Funeral



Gathering

Prelude

Prelude in E-flat Major BWV 552A Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV 656 Johann Sebastian Bach

The ministers meet the coffin and the bereaved at the entrance to the church. The assembly stands and faces them.

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Peter, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Peter was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn We Know That Christ Is Raised ELW 449

As the procession enters, the assembly is sprinkled in remembrance of baptism.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly is seated after the prayer.

Word

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

At the end of the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Response Psalm 46:1-7 Setting by Mark Mummert

The following refrain is sung first by the choir, then the assembly repeats it and sings it throughout the psalm.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

The choir sings the verses:

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18

At the end of the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands. All sing these alleluias, then the proper verse is sung, then all repeat the alleluias.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition the assembly responds:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds **Amen.***

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering

Memorial donations may be made to the Peter J. L. Perella Student Scholarship Support Fund, which provides seminarians and other students seeking church vocations with complimentary registration to the Institute of Liturgical Studies gatherings at Valparaiso University. More information is on the bottom of the last page.

While the offering is being received, the choir sings.

In the Midst of Earthly Life

13th century chant, adapt. Johann Walter, 1496–1570

Text: German adapt. Martin Luther, 1483–1546; English adapt. by and © Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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| <p>1 In the midst of earthly life
fear and death beset us;
who attends and hears our cry,
who does not forget us?
You only, God, you only.
In you our forebears put their trust,
hoped in you and were not crushed.
Holy and righteous God!
Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all-merciful Savior!
Everlasting God!
Though death would torment us,
let us not sink in the dust.
Lord, have mercy.</p> | <p>2 In the midst of death's dark vale,
shade and still affright us;
who will light us through the pale,
comfort us and guide us?
You only, God, you only.
To you our forebears cried in need;
you, God, were their light indeed.
Holy and righteous God!
Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all-merciful Savior!
Everlasting God!
Though despair would smite us,
let us not its shadow heed.
Lord, have mercy.</p> |
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3 In the midst of deep despair,
 bane and battle taunt us;
 is there not a refuge, where
 terror cannot haunt us?
 In you, O Christ, you only,
 with glory from God's loving face,
 and the Spirit's peaceful ways.
 Holy and righteous God!
 Holy and mighty God!
 Holy and all-merciful Savior!
 Everlasting God!
 Though the grave would daunt us,
 safe we shelter in your gaze.
 Lord, have mercy.

Hymn O God beyond All Praising ELW 880

The assembly stands to sing this hymn as the table is set.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy . . .

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . .

. . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Communion

The assembly is seated.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW 531

At the Font We Start Our Journey



1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas-ter faith bap - tized;
2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas-ter tale re - told
3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas-ter gift of bread;
4 At the or - gan we are shar - ers, as the Eas-ter an - thems ring,
5 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas-ter vic - t'ry's won,



doubts and fears no long-er blind us, by the light of Christ sur - prised.
in - to wit - ness - es and proph - ets, by the pow'r of Christ made bold.
in our break - ing it to piec - es see the love of Christ out - spread.
in a joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion of the reign of Christ the King.
to re - store a world di - vid - ed to the peace of Christ as one.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 Praise re - sounds and prayer takes wing.
 Eas - ter's work must still be done.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Peter identified this hymn text as one that was very meaningful to him. Robert Farlee wrote this tune and dedicated it to him.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

Stanza 1, cantor; stanza 2, choir; stanza 3, all

When all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Commendation

Let us commend Peter to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Kontakion for the Departed

Choir: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Refrain



All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we make our song:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

You alone, O God, are immortal,
the creator and maker of all that breathes;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” *Refrain*

Text: Eastern Byzantine Rite, attrib. Thesphanes, died c. 842

Music: Mark Mummert, b. 1965

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Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Peter.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

Canticle Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in



peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -



veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



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Blessing and dismissal

Almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fugue in E-flat Major BWV 552B Johann Sebastian Bach

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Preacher The Rev. Dr. Gordon W. Lathrop

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The Rev. Mark L. Russell

Organist Mark Mummert

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at the Pequea Valley Public Library following the service.
The Library is located at 31 Center Street, Intercourse, PA 17534.*

The Rev. Peter J. L. Perella, 35, died on February 24, 2014 at home after a long battle with sinus cancer. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on August 25, 1978 and was raised in Intercourse, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Pequea Valley High School class of 1996 and graduated from Millersville University with the Bachelor of Science degree in music education. An honors graduate of Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, he was a candidate for the Master of Sacred Theology degree in liturgy, focusing on the formation of the community of faith through the worship of the church.



Pastor Perella was an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and most recently served as its Director for Worship Formation and Liturgical Resources at its national headquarters in Chicago. As the Director for Worship, Pastor Perella oversaw the ministry of word and sacrament on behalf of the Presiding Bishop, and directed the work of the churchwide worship staff. This work included the development of worship resources and leading the continuing conversation about worship renewal in the life of the ELCA.

Pastor Perella also served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in New Baltimore, Michigan and as vicar of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He presented workshops, seminars and taught classes on worship planning, leadership, and practice—great passions of his. He served on the Advisory Council of the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University, and was a member of the Consultation on Common Texts and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Although he recently moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to be closer to his extended family, he last lived in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights.

Peter married Kathryn Deveney on December 27, 2003 and was a devoted and loving husband and father to his three young children. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn (Katie) Perella, Carlisle, PA; his children, Elizabeth (8), Cecilia (6), and Peter Isaac (2); his parents, Thomas and Margaret Perella of Intercourse, PA; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Michele Perella of Leola, PA, and L. Joseph and Anne Perella of Morgantown, WV; and 3 nieces and 2 nephews.

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