



**Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV

OBITUARY OF LEE KRUEGER

May 18, 1936 - January 16, 2023

Lee Charles Krueger, age 86 of Markesan, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 16, 2023.

Lee was born in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on May 18, 1936, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hager) Krueger. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Lee's love of gardening and his entrepreneurial spirit began at a young age while helping his grandfather sell produce door to door. In high school, Lee attended Minnesota Boys State and excelled in sports as well as dramatics. He graduated from Sleepy Eye High School in 1954 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota. On March 21, 1959, Lee was united in marriage to Elna Marie Mathesen in Minneapolis. They enjoyed 63 years of marriage together and treasured their time wintering in Sun City, Arizona.

Lee worked for Del Monte Canning for 12 seasons, transferring from Sleepy Eye to Markesan in 1960. He joined Robin Manufacturing in 1964, becoming president in 1971. Later, Lee co-founded Winner Products, Inc., which sold polystyrene packaging and display items along with animal coin banks used to raise funds for animal aid organizations.

Lee was a dedicated, founding member of Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan. He served on the CLC Board of Missions for 20 years. He loved his mission trips to Nigeria and India where he also helped establish orphanages for children in need.

Lee was an integral member of the wider community and worked hard to promote community development. He was a charter member of the Markesan Lions Club, serving a term as president. He was a lifetime member of the Markesan Historical Society and a guide at the Grand River Valley Museum from its inception.

Singing was Lee's passion. He proudly sang in the Kiwanis Spring Musical for 62 years, sang lead for the Royaltones barbershop quartet, and sang robustly in church both in the choir and from the pews. When he wasn't singing (or humming or whistling or yodeling), he often enjoyed telling a good joke or sharing a funny story.

Lee will be remembered for his friendliness, his engaging conversation, his humor, his attention to detail, his frugality, his dependability, his willingness to help, and his beautiful singing voice.

Lee is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elna Krueger; daughters, Elise (John Ladwig) Matthesen, Karyn (Curtis Personke) Krueger; grandson, Bryan (Becky) Personke; great-grandsons, Jalen and Levi Personke; brother, Lynn (Jane) Krueger; brothers-in-law, Michael Winer and James (Judy) Matthesen; nieces, Becky (Justin) Peter and Jennifer Winer; nephews, Sean Heitz, Kerry (Lisa) Heitz, and Peter Matthesen; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Judy Winer; sister-in-law, Mae Little; and other relatives.

ORDER OF SERVICE

#657 "Beautiful Savior"

by Author Unknown, 1677

1. 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.

2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

GREETING AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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 Lee Krueger, 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.
Amen

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ Yea, 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 runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

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. Amen

READINGS

John 14:1-7 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ "And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can

we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

1 Corinthians 15:1-4,20-26 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures . . . ²⁰ now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an

end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

How Great Thou Art

Author: Carl Gustav Boberg;

I O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

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!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 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; [Refrain]

4 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!" [Refrain]

SERMON

Matthew 25:20-21 ²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

ONLY ONE TALENT MATTERS

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

#376 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

by Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-1778

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,--
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

PRAYERS THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Choir: Now The Day Is Over



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