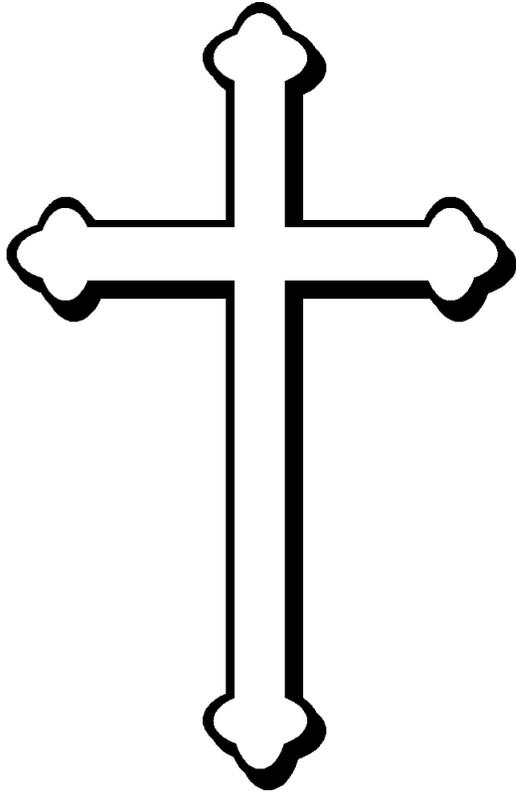


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*Wednesday April 7, 2021 2:00 PM*

*Officiating Minister: The Rev. Rafe Allison*



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Prelude

Mrs. Yvonne Yost

**GATHERING**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *“When Peace Like a River”*    **LBW 346**

## When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -  
 Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate  
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.  
 trum - pet shall sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;

It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 E - ven so it is well with my soul.

CHORUS: It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Carl Pless, Sr. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## PSALM 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 51-57 (ESV)**

<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."<sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**THIRD READING: ROMANS 8: 31-35, 37-39 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 14: 1-6 (ESV)**

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going."<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry" WOV 770**

770 I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to  
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 time and you join your hearts as one,  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

C G

in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with

A<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> G D

find where de - mons dwell."  
dusk till ris - ing sun."  
just one more sur - prise." 4 "I was there to hear your

G D G D G D G D

born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -

G D G D G C D<sup>7</sup> G

joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold."

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Congregational response:* **Hear our prayer.**

**THE 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**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carl. 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.

**DISMISSAL**

In the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, let us go forth in peace.  
In the name of Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

**LBW 229**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**INTERMENT**

Service concludes with committal at graveside

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom  
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They  
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

## OBITUARY GOES HERE...

Carl Daniel Pless, Sr., age 97, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021. He was born in Cabarrus County on April 12, 1923 to the late John Welker Pless and the late Myrtie Walker Pless. He is also preceded in death by his brother, George Pless, Sr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Marie Hagler Pless; his sons, Carl, Jr. (Joyce) Pless and Henry (Lindsay) Pless; his daughters, Elizabeth (Atlas) Baucom and Betty Odell (Richard) Archer; seven grandchildren, Daniel Pless, Jacob Pless, Michelle (Steve) Chadwick, Jessica Baucom, Chris (Hannah) Pless, Robert (Liza) Odell, Jr., Kelly Odell, and four great-grandchildren.

He was a life-long member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. He served on the church council, various committees, taught Sunday School, and was an active member of the Lutheran Men in Mission.

He recognized the need to be a good steward of God's creation, so he worked hard to farm the land to conserve it for future generations. He was a founding member of the Cabarrus Cattlemen's Association. His family was recognized as the Cabarrus County Farm Family of the Year by Concord Rotary in 2000.

Carl served his country in WWII.

Pallbearers: Chris Pless, Daniel Pless, Jacob Pless  
 Robert Odell Jr., David Pless, Tim Sifford

