

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
REVEREND KENNETH WALTER FARNSWORTH**

June 13, 1960 to June 4, 2023

*A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise to our Gracious God*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Brandon, Florida  
June 16, 2023*

*Officiant: Rev. Dan Ritter  
Organist: Kathy Hogue  
Acolyte: Molly Wilcox*

**The Welcome:** *(from the back of the Church)*

Pastor: “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.” *2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

Pastor: “Do you know that 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 the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.” *Romans 6:3-5*

“He that believes and is baptized, shall be saved.”  
*Mark 16:16* Pastor Farnsworth was baptized and he confessed his faith in Jesus through the rite of Confirmation; his confirmation verse was *Romans 1:16*: “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.”

**Processional: LSB #537 “Beautiful Savior”** *(Please rise)*

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

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in Flo’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing

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.

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

**The Invocation**

**Pastor:** We gather today to give strength and comfort to  
one another in the name of our living God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Let us share and speak the Word of Life to one  
another.**

**Pastor:** You give us the gift of life, Almighty Father, and  
so we live. You love us and so we are Your  
people.

**People:** **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall  
be, new life in the God made known through  
Jesus, the Christ.**

**Pastor:** Grace and peace to you from Him Who is, Who was and Who is to come, from the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and Ruler of the kings of the earth.

**People:** **To Him Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**  
*(Revelation 1:4-6)*

**Pastor:** Let Us Pray

**Hymn: LSB #465** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”  
*Verses 1-3*

### **Psalm 100**

**Pastor:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

**People:** **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs**

**Pastor:** Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.

**People:** **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

**Pastor:** Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

**People:** **Give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

**Pastor:** For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

**People:** **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Choir Anthem:** “The Borning Cry”  
*(Jointly Immanuel Choir and Christ the King singers)*

**Words of Reflection:** Rev. James Rockey – President  
FL/GA District LCMS

## God's Word of Comfort

### Reading of the Obituary

#### **First Reading: Job 19:23-27** *(Rev. Kent Fuqua)*

<sup>23</sup> “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 & 55-58**

*(Rev. David Haara)*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

<sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<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.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Third Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 & 13** (Rev. Kevin Yoakum)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel Reading: John 10:14-18 and 22-30**

*(Please rise)*

*(Rev. Miguel Sanabria)*

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

<sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn: LSB # 802** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**The Message of Comfort:** “Living the Promise” *John 10:27-28*

*Rev. Dave French*

**The Litany of Christian Faith** (Read responsively)

Pastor: Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

People: **The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: May the God of all grace, who has called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you.

People: **Even 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.**

Pastor: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

People: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

Pastor: But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(please rise)*

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.

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

Amen.

**Closing Hymn and Recessional:**

**LSB #578** "Thy Strong Word" *Verses 1-5*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

- 2    Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
      Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
      Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia without end!
- 3    Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
      Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
      And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia without end!
- 4    From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
      Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
      All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia without end!
- 5    Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
      Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
      Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
      May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
      Alleluias without end!

*Family and friends are welcome to a reception immediately after the service, in the Gym (FLC).*

*In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Michaela Farnsworth, Pastor's youngest daughter, to help with upcoming college expenses.*



## **Obituary for Kenneth Walter Farnsworth**

Kenneth Walter Farnsworth, 62, of Brandon, FL entered the arms of his Savior June 4th 2023.

He was born in Mount Clemens, MI on June 13th 1960, son to Kenneth and Delphine Farnsworth. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Tammie Farnsworth, his 6 children, Michael Farnsworth (Danielle) Krista Farnsworth Noda (Jose) Neysa McGowan (Matthew) Sasha Powell (Tim) Helena Flynn (Austin) and Michaela. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Jacob, Nicholas, Emma, Akeelah, Reagan, Margaret, Jane, Elias, Poppy, Tobias and 2 sisters, Sue Lowe (Phil) and Kristen Curlee (Greg). He is preceded in death by his father Kenneth, brother Mark and mother Delphine.

Ken had a passion for cooking and joined the Culinary Institute of America in 1978 with aspirations of becoming a chef. However, just shy of two semesters away from his degree, he felt a calling to pursue pastoral work within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod completely changing the trajectory of his life.

Finally, in 1991 Ken would be ordained from the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

Pastor Farnsworth began his ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica MI where he would shepherd over a large congregation for five years before receiving a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon FL. Pastor Farnsworth faithfully led Immanuel Lutheran Church for 23 years and during this time would baptize countless babies, catechize the youth of Immanuel, counsel families, officiated weddings, visit the sick and dying and faithfully preach the gospel every Sunday morning.

Pastor Farnsworth did not keep his clerical work simply within the church walls though. He was well known within his community to share the love of Jesus with just about anyone he came in contact with often times making friends all over Brandon. Anywhere from Publix to coffee houses to cigar shops...everyone knew Pastor Farnsworth and everyone had a story about “how” they knew him. In addition, Pastor loved his children and grandchildren. He bragged about them to anyone who would listen. They were the source of his pride and joy.

A lifelong hockey fan, although Pastor Farnsworth loved his Red Wings, he adopted our Tampa Bay Lightning and loved taking his youngest daughter to games.

A self-proclaimed “best seafood bisque maker in all the world”, Pastor Farnsworth loved to share his culinary expertise within his church and community making meals for his parishioners or auctioning off dinners for school fundraisers.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday June 16th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2913 John Moore Rd, Brandon FL 33511. Family and friends are welcome to a reception immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Michaela Farnsworth, Pastor’s youngest daughter, to help with upcoming college expenses.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth” (Romans 1:16).

*Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.*

*- Vienna Cobb Anderson*



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**Pastor**

Rev. Dan Ritter, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. Miguel Sanabria, Jr., Hispanic Pastor

Kathy Hogue, Music Director

**We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**Sunday Worship:**

8am Communion Service

9:15am Bible Study and Sunday School

10:15am Family Worship Service

10:30am Estudio Biblico and 10:30am Escuela Dominical

11:30am Santo Servicio