

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RICHARD CONRAD SEEDROFF**

September 22, 1943 to September 18, 2023

A Service of Thanksgiving & Praise to Our Gracious God

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brandon, Florida

September 30, 2023

Officiant: Rev. Dave Haara

Organist: Kathy Hogue

Hymn: #744 "Amazing Grace"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This was the name God put upon Richard in Holy Baptism.

People: **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.**

(Romans 6:4)

Pastor: We say goodbye to a brother in faith until we meet inside heavens gates who was blessed in life.

People: **Blessed with a living wife, children, grandchildren and many friends.**

Pastor: We seek light and direction on this day.

People: **When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

Pastor: Jesus, give us light today because it is dark.

People: We walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Pastor: When we face death we look to the one who has conquered death.

People: **Jesus said 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” (John 11:25-26)**

Pastor: Lord, give us faith and strengthen our feeble limbs. Remind us that we have been adopted as children of God by the grace of the cross.

People: **For I am the Lord you God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, “Do no fear; I will help you.” (Isaiah 41:13)**

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Special Music: “How Great Thou Art”

Soloist - Danielle DeCosmo

Gospel Reading - John 11:1-36

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)

³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.

¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN – The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share

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Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
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SERMON *Pastor Dave Haara*

MEMORIES OF RICHARD

PRAYERS

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.**

CLOSING MUSIC: LSB #677 "For All the Saints"

Verses 1, 2, 4 & 7

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord make his face
shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look
upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

The family invites everyone to a time of food and fellowship together in the Youth Room.

Richard SEEDROFF Obituary

SEEDROFF, Richard Conrad passed away peacefully at his home in Valrico, FL on September 18, 2023. Richard was born in Denver, CO and lived in southeast Denver for more than seventy years before retiring to Florida. The highlight of his life in Florida was becoming a Master Gardner and sharing his knowledge with others. He is survived by his wife, Lise; children, "Chip" and Ket Seedroff; daughter-in-law, Katie Seedroff; stepsons, Brad and Adam Blann; as well as 13 grandchildren and two great-grandsons. A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2913 John Moore Rd., Brandon, FL at 11 am on Saturday, September 30, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Chapters Health Foundation, 3010 W. Azelee Street, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33609 or at chaptershealth.org/give/donate to support the wonderful hospice care they provide.

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Jesus, You said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" I am mourning: send me Your comfort now. Wrap Your arms around me and hold me tight. Send angels of mercy to me. Shower Your comfort on me through those around me, and keep far from me those whose words and actions are no comfort. Amen.

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

Sunday Worship:

8am Traditional Communion Service

9:15am Bible Study and Sunday School

10:15am Family Worship Communion Service

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

11:30am Santo Servicio