

Sit
Hymn

“The Tree of Life”

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

C: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Simeon’s Song of Departure

Blessing upon the Fellowship Meal

Dinner will be served for everyone in Loehe Hall, the Academy great room, immediately following the service. Family and friends will be invited to share memories publicly during dinner. All are welcome!

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

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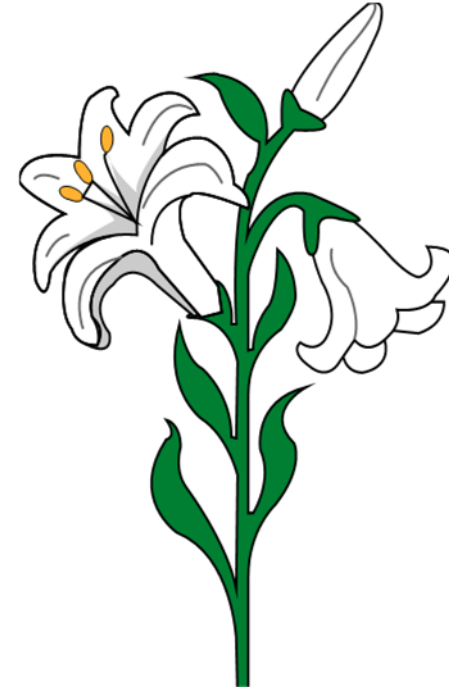
“Abide with Me”

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Officiant: Rev. Peter C. Bender, Pastor

Organist: Kathy May

The Funeral Service
of
Donald Franklin Fell Sr.



*Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
Sussex, Wisconsin*

*January 17, 2026
11:00 a.m.*

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m. January 17, 2026

Donald Franklin Fell Sr.

Born: January 18, 1934, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Baptized: St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Confirmed: November 30, 1948, St. Marcus Lutheran Church

Died in the Lord: January 9, 2026, Hartland, Wisconsin

Don's Confirmation Verse:

Be thou faithful unto death,

and I will give thee a crown of life —Revelation 2:10

Preparation of the Casket

Family Procession and Military Honors

Hymn 430
"My Song Is Love Unknown"

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism *prayed responsively with the pastor*

P: In Holy Baptism, Donald Franklin Fell was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says:

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: We were therefore buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

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Hymn 699
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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Kyrie *prayed responsively*

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the days of earthly life You granted to Don, for the grace bestowed in Christ Jesus, for his adoption and rebirth in Holy Baptism, and for all the good he was permitted to receive and to give. We entrust him to Your mercy in Christ, and pray for the sustaining comfort of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1, 4, 6-9

The Lord Is Faithful to His Promise of Salvation

Hymn 742
"For Me to Live Is Jesus"

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

We shall be raised from the dead in immortality and incorruption.

Hymn 739
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Verses *prayed responsively*

P: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;

C: to Him be glory, power, and dominion forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 5:24-30

He who believes in Christ has everlasting life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed *confessed together (found inside the back cover of the hymnal)*