

Rev. Jon Forrest Leider

Born: September 11, 1944; Baptized: October 5, 1944

Confirmed: March 30, 1958; Died: January 23, 2023

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12 – Jon’s Confirmation Verse

+ Order of Service +

Please stand. Area clergy will lead Jon’s body and his family into the nave.

Processional Hymn

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“For All the Saints” – *Stanzas 1-5*

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

P: In Holy Baptism Jon Forrest Leider 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 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. 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.

Kyrie

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. Almighty God, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to your servant, the Rev. Jon Leider, who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rests from his labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3

“Fear not, I have redeemed you!”

Psalm 23 *prayed responsively*

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for His name’s sake

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:11b-16

Fight the good fight of faith

Hymn

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“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Verse *prayed responsively*

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

C: to Him be glory and power forever. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16, 27-29

“My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me.”

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

printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day

578

“Thy Strong Word”

Sermon

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

Greetings from the South Wisconsin District

Simeon's Song of Departure

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.

Hymn

"For All the Saints" – *Stanzas 6-8*

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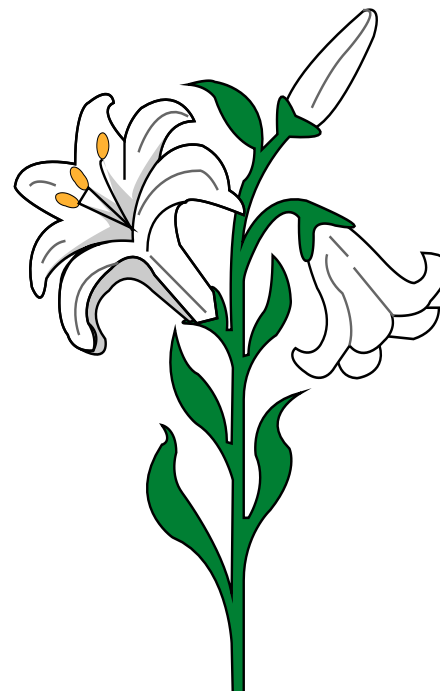
Officiant: Rev. Peter C. Bender

Organist: Katherine May

Trumpet: Jim Scheuer

Interment will be in Wisconsin Memorial Park, 13235 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the family center immediately following the committal service.

Funeral Service of **Rev. Jon Forrest Leider**



Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
Sussex, Wisconsin

January 27, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Rev. Jon F. Leider
September 11, 1944 – January 23, 2023

By the grace of God, Jon Leider's life has been filled with many blessings. He was born during the last years of WWII and lived with his parents in Rhode Island where his father was in the Navy. They returned to Manitowoc where he spent his growing-up years. Following high school graduation, he attended the University of Wisconsin and studied biochemistry. It was at UW that he met Lynn.

Upon graduation, Jon was asked to serve on the hospital ship HOPE during its stay in Corinto, Nicaragua. He ran their "iron cow" that reconstituted milk and packaged it for distribution in the poor areas of the city. He returned home in December 1966, at which time he joined the US Army. Jon was commissioned as an officer in November 1967. His specialty was air defense and nuclear weapons.

Later that same month, Jon and Lynn were married. They lived in New Jersey for the first 2 years of their marriage. Upon returning to Wisconsin, he worked in the malting and dairy industries. It was during those years that he became very active in his LCMS church and took lay ministry classes at Concordia. In 1979, he and his family which now included Lisa and Jeff, moved to Ft. Wayne where he attended Concordia Theological Seminary. During those years he remained an officer in the Army reserves.

After his vicarage in St. Louis and 4th year at the seminary, Jon graduated in 1982. His ordination was at the family's home church in Milwaukee. He was installed at his first congregation, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Union City MI. Jon transferred from the Army artillery into the chaplaincy. Their youngest son, Erick, was born in Michigan. When Erick was 2 years old, Jon was called to serve at Hope Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Jon enjoyed working in the central city. His outreach to the Hmong community ended in the establishment of Hmong Hope. He was proud to mentor Faiv Neng Her through his seminary training to become that congregation's first pastor. He also had the opportunity to help mentor African and African-American candidates for ordination and ministry in Milwaukee. When Hope and Bethlehem became a dual parish, he became their pastor also.

In 1990-1991, Jon was called to active duty in the Army. He was attached to a unit from Michigan as their chaplain. Their mission was to prepare other units called up for duty in Desert Shield/Desert Storm and deployment to Saudi Arabia. Besides being a chaplain for the soldiers, and establishing a family support network for their dependents, he was an instructor on Islam and its customs.

Jon retired from the Army in 1996 and from full-time ministry in 2007. But since pastors never really retire, he continued to serve congregations that were vacant whether it was for just a couple weeks or many months. Jon became involved in the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries, serving in several district offices over the years. He was active in the American Legion and had just begun serving a term as their chaplain.

Besides the opportunity to proclaim Christ in the church and community, Jon's blessings extended to his family. He and Lynn marked their 55th wedding anniversary in November 2022. His 3 children are grown and have flourished in their own lives. He has 6 grandchildren, some already of college age. An unexpected blessing was his "honorary" daughter, Angelica, from Bogota, Colombia. He became the only "dad" she ever knew. Parenting her into successful adulthood was a blessing he never expected to have. He beamed as he walked her down the aisle at her wedding.

What most people comment about in their memories of Jon is his smile. It is a genuine, heartfelt smile that has been a blessing to us all.