



*Funeral Service for*  
*Theodore Meier*  
*March 11, 1928–November 9, 2020*

*November 17, 2020*

*Theodore Meier*

**Theodore Meier**, 92, of White Lake, SD, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 9, 2020 at Aurora-Brule Nursing Home in White Lake. A private family graveside service will be held, due to COVID, in White Lake Cemetery. Arrangements by Bittner Funeral Chapel.

Theodore (Ted) F. Meier was born on March 11, 1928 to Fred F. and Maude (Mauer) Meier. He was educated in the Aurora County School System. He served in the US Army from 1951 to 1953 during which time he earned his GED. On June 16, 1951, he married Florence Tiede of Parkston, SD. This union was blessed with four children, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He farmed his entire life in the White Lake area, retiring in 1986. His favorite pastime was playing cards. Ted was an active member of his community, having served on the Willow Lake School Board, Farmers Coop Elevator Board, three terms as Mayor of White Lake, Commander of American Legion Post #96, and held numerous offices at Trinity Lutheran Church in White Lake, where he was a member. He also sold corn for the Pfister Association, premix feed for the Kalo Company and was a dealer for Amway and Shaklee products. In 1997, he built the HI N Dri Campground in Oacoma, which they operated for 7 years.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Florence; his four children: Daniel (Karen) Meier of White Lake, SD; Janet (Gary) Huber of Thornton, CO; Kay (Ronald) Sommers of Fishersville, VA and Todd (Barb) Meier of Kennebec, SD; Eight grandchildren: Brenda (Kent) Melcher of Hanover, MN; Scott (Kim) Meier of White Lake, SD; Dustin (Michelle) Meier of Bryant, SD; Jenny (Robert) Romero of Denver, CO; Melissa (David) Sixta of Highlands Ranch, CO, Kyle (Mallory) Meier of Pierre, SD; Megan (Toby) Hullinger of Mitchell, SD; Kevin Meier (Angela) of Sturgis, SD and twelve great grandchildren: Jasper, Skylar, Hannah, Madison, Creedence and Lukas Meier; Layla and Gavin Sixta; Holder and Hallie Hullinger; and Jace and Zoe Romero; one brother, Richard (Glawn) Meier of White Lake, SD and his sister-in-law, Arlene Hanten of Mitchell, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred F. and Maude Meier, his brothers, Ralph, Frederick and William Meier, and sisters, Florence Tingle and Loretta Glissendorf.

FUNERAL SERVICE and COMMITTAL  
THEODORE (TED) MEIER  
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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### 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 *[name]* was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *[his/her]* 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 buried therefore 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.

### 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.  
O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to *[name]* and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### First Reading

*Romans 8:31–39*

<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>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Luke 2:25–32*

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Apostles' Creed

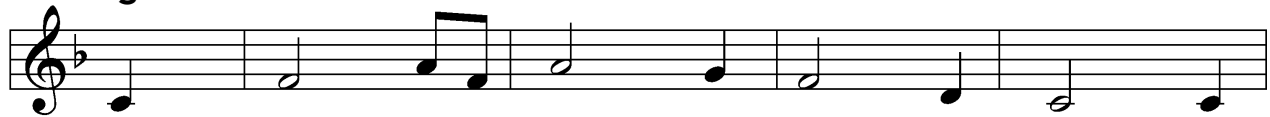
- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

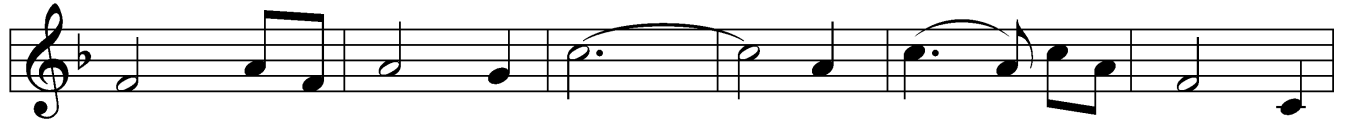
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

# 744 Amazing Grace

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P** Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to the family of *[name]* and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for *[name]* and for all the blessings You bestowed on *[him/her]* in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with *[him/her]* we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Nunc Dimittis

- A** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
- C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- A** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

## Concluding Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

# Committal

## Psalm 118

Out of my distress I called | on the LORD;\*  
the LORD answered me and | set me free.  
It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in man.  
It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to trust in | princes.  
I was pushed hard, so that I was | falling,\*  
but the LORD | helped me.  
Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the | righteous:.\*  
“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,  
the right hand of the | LORD exalts,\*  
the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”  
I shall not die, but | I shall live,\*  
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.  
Open to me the gates of | righteousness,\*  
that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.  
This is the gate | of the LORD;\*  
the righteous shall enter | through it.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## I am the resurrection and the life

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by Your three-day rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You, promising resurrection to our mortal bodies. Bless ✠ this grave that the body of our *[brother/sister]* may sleep here in peace until You awaken *[him/her]* to glory, when *[he/she]* will see You face to face and know the splendor of the eternal God, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Changed in the twinkling of an eye

*1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

<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.

**P** We now commit the body of our *[brother/sister] [name]* to *[the ground / its resting place / the deep]*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

**P** May God the Father, who created this body; may God the  $\text{✠}$  Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**C** Amen.

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

**P** Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou  
 art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
  
- 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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