



“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE; AND WHOEVER LIVES BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.”

(JOHN 11:25-26)



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF Fred Lawrence

Born: May 31, 1936
Died: October 16, 2024

Crosspoint Lutheran Church
Georgetown, Texas
November 16, 2024

WELCOME – We are grateful you have come today to remember and celebrate the dear life of a family member and friend. Thank you for being here. We pray that our time together would be one of mutual hope and comfort from the words and promises of the One who is the “resurrection and the life”!

Restrooms – Restrooms are located through the entryway, to the left as you exit the worship area.

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A summary of the life of Fred Lawrence:

Fred Lawrence, age 88, of Tampa, died peacefully at home on October 16, 2024. He was born May 31, 1936, in Charleston, WV to Ethel Virginia Hill and Harold Lawrence. After high school graduation he served in the United States Marine Corps. His lifelong career was in the construction industry where he was a general contractor. On June 24, 2006, he married Christine Schofer at the Little Chapel of the West in Las Vegas, NV.

During his three-year military enlistment, he served on the Battleship USS Iowa as a Sergeant. He was a member of the Northdale Lutheran Church in Tampa, FL. He enjoyed many past times such as reading, snow skiing with his children, watching the Texas Longhorn football games and traveling the world. He was very friendly, and he never met a stranger.

He is preceded in death by his ex-wife and friend Mary Ann Lawrence of Georgetown, TX, and his beloved daughter, Pam Lawrence, of Austin, TX and daughter-in-law, Lisa Lawrence, of College Station, TX. He is survived by his loving wife Christine Lawrence of Tampa, FL; his son Barry Lawrence and daughter-in-law Esther Lawrence, of College Station, TX; son Alan Lawrence of Austin, TX; son Lee Lawrence and daughter-in-law Lisa Lawrence, of Georgetown, TX. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; Lindsey Lawrence, of Austin, TX; Kelsey Lawrence-Jones of Austin, TX; Marin Lawrence of College Station, TX; Ryan Lawrence, of College Station, TX; Collin Lawrence of Denison, TX; Mackenzie Lawrence, of New York, NY; Jarrod Lawrence of Jacksonville, FL; and one great-granddaughter, Lorretta Ann Lawrence-Jones.

Greeting and Prayer

Pastor

M: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the God who brought Fred into his family through baptism and sustained him in faith all these years, Amen.

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, draw near to us who mourn for Fred, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought him to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
He guides 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.**

Resurrection Comfort

Pastor & Congregation

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "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."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with him in glory.

M: We will be before the throne of God

C: And serve him day and night in his temple.

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: Never again will we thirst.

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

M: Let us pray. God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG:

“In Christ Alone”

Lesson from Scripture

John 11:17-27

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 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. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

SONG:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Message: “A life built on Christ, is a life well built!”

Ephesians 2:19-22 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

SONG:

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Apostles’ Creed

Spoken Together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Prayers

Minister/Congregation

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved one, Fred, whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear child through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving him to

us as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Closing Blessing

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

C: Amen.

SONG: "Amazing Grace"

The family thanks ALL for coming! They encourage and invite all to join them for lunch at the home of Lee and Lisa Lawrence as a time to connect and build relationships.

*Lee and Lisa Lawrence
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- **Gifts in Fred's honor may be given to the following:**
 - o **Crosspoint Church**
 - **www.crosspointgtx.com Click on "GIVE"** *(note giving page has our former name "Cross & Crown")*
 - **Mail to 3800 Shell Road, Georgetown, TX 78628**
 - o **A charity of your choice.**

SERVING TODAY: *The family thanks those serving us today:*

Preacher: *Pastor Mike Geiger – Pastor at Crosspoint*

Audio/Visual: *Jim Henkel & Tim Schulz – Members at Crosspoint*

***We would love you all to visit again and join us
in the journey of faith to the joys of heaven!***



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