

"Well done,
good and
faithful
servant."



SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

April 11, 2026

In Loving Memory of

Donald Lynn Tigges

November 23, 1928 – March 30, 2026

PRELUDE

“Thine Is the Glory”

“In the Garden”

“It is Well with My Soul”

Anna Tigges, solo

We gather here today mindful of two realities at once. We feel the weight of separation and the sadness that comes with death. Yet, at the same time, we come in faith and hope. We place Don into the care of the God who created, redeemed, and sanctified him. In Christ, death does not have the final word. If sorrow and joy can possibly come together, now is the time – as our loved one has passed from this earthly brokenness and tribulation into the arms of his Savior in paradise.

† † †

In Holy Baptism, Don was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul writes: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **(refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” **(refrain)**

INVOCATION

- P** We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.
- C** **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P** In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.
- C** **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Don, our brother in Christ. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn.

Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Don and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word.
(2 Thessalonians 2:16–17)

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 7:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (ESV)

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² 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. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ 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.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 11:20-27 (ESV)

²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

HYMN OF COMFORT

"Beautiful Savior"

Pacific Lutheran University Choir of the West 2020

F. Melius Christiansen

Directed by Richard Nance

MESSAGE **"INSPIRE"**

Rev. Jim Sprengle
1 Corinthians 15:51-57

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.

THE COMMENDATION

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Donald Lynn Tigges. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge him as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed.

Receive him into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

P Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

The Lord bless you 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.

C Amen.

HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

*The family invites you to join them
in the Community Room for a time of refreshment,
remembrance and fellowship.*

Remembrances:
Ascension Lutheran Church Music Program
National Right to Life organization
Oregon Veterans Home – The Dalles/Delta Wing

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Musician: **Brad Hall**
Anna Tigges: **Soloist**
Chris Tigges: **Accompanist**

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CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Donald Lynn Tigges

November 23, 1928 – March 30, 2026



Donald Lynn Tigges passed away peacefully, in his sleep, early in the morning of March 30, 2026, He was 97 years old.

Don was a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Many knew him as a pastor. He served as a shepherd, counselor and presided over many baptisms, marriages and funerals during his 35 years of ministry. He touched countless lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1928, in Clarkston, WA. to Lynn Vernon and Ruth Evelina (Pierson) Tigges. He attended Clarkston schools graduating from HS in 1946. He then attended North Idaho College of Education, Lewiston, ID and Pacific Lutheran College (now University) Tacoma, WA graduating with a BA degree in 1955. He served with the Army of the United States from 1950-1952 with the 40th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea. In 1955 he entered Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

While in the seminary he met his wife, Bette Ann Braun, while directing the choir at her father's Church in St. Paul, MN. They were married in August of 1957. Their first child, Faith, was born just before he graduated from the seminary in May of 1959. He was ordained into the ministry in his hometown of Clarkston, WA at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

His ministry began at First Lutheran Church in Plains, MT. He was also called to organize and start a new congregation in the

neighboring town of Thompson Falls, MT. He served at both First Lutheran and Calvary Lutheran Church from 1959 to 1962. Their second child, Joy, arrived while in Montana.

In 1962 he was called to organize a new mission: Calvary Lutheran Church in Post Falls ID. His small family grew with two more children, Dana and Jon, by the time he left this successful congregation in 1967.

In 1967 he was called to Joplin MT and served at a “2 point parish,” Bethel Lutheran in town and Immanuel Lutheran 30 miles north of town. He was there until 1973.

Don accepted his final call and moved to Trinity Lutheran Church in Silverton, OR In 1974, where he retired after serving 20 years. He could be heard live every Sunday morning, for 19 of the years that he served there, at the radio station (KWBV) in Woodburn, OR.

Some other tasks that he did, in addition to his pastoral duties, were serving on the district councils of the Rocky Mountain and North Pacific Districts of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and on the synod council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) after the merger in the 1980's. While in Montana he also served on the board of Montana Right to Life Association and was instrumental in implementing legislation for life.

He retired in 1994 and he and Bette moved to Gresham OR. In his retirement he served as Chairman of the Northeast Gresham Neighborhood Association and as Vice Chair of the Gresham Neighborhood Coalition for several years. He attended St. Timothy Lutheran of Portland, River of Life Lutheran in Troutdale and Ascension Lutheran in Portland.

Some things that he loved and enjoyed were singing - a song for every occasion; gardening - he created beautiful landscapes wherever he lived; fly fishing - he tied his own flies; camping - Glacier National Park was a favorite place to go. He loved to travel and over the years visited many different countries.

Don and Bette sponsored many tours to various countries around the world. The Holy Land, Israel, was his favorite place to go and in 1979 he was able to take Bette and all 4 of his kids with him to visit. He had many dogs over the years and raised poodles.

After his beloved wife, Bette, passed away in 2006 he acquired another poodle, Shadow, that kept him active. His heart was broken when Shadow passed away, but he decided to get another pup, Skipper, when he was 90 years old. He also had many tropical fish over the years and enjoyed taking care of them.

He was a loving and caring father to his children. He tried to attend all their school and extracurricular activities and was always there to assist them with whatever projects they had going on. He officiated at the marriages of all 4 of his children. After retirement he helped his wife with babysitting their grandchildren.

He was the last of a generation in our family, as he outlived all his siblings. He is survived by his 4 children: Faith Roberts (Rick), Joy Tigges, Dana Meyer (Dave), and Jon Tigges (Chris).

He loved his 14 grandchildren: Derik, Natalie, Marcus, Katie, Joshua, Brita, Brenna, Luisa, Brandon, Joshua, Emily, Joel, Anna and Jonny. He attended many of their activities and graduations and officiated at several of their marriages.

Don was so proud of the 11 great grandchildren: Braiden, Micah, Jonah, Cedar, Eliza, Lumyn, Asher, Ridge, Emery, Ava, Ira, Ivana and Adyn

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was loved and will be missed by many, but we know that he is home with Jesus and is celebrating with his wife Bette and all the other family and friends that have gone before him.

Gone but not forgotten, rest in peace.

These original lyrics, written by Don, were found in the small New Testament that he carried with him throughout his ministry.

COMMUNION THOUGHTS by don tiggis

WE COME, OH KING OF GLORY,
BEFORE THY THRONE OF GRACE,
CONFESSING ALL OUR FAULTS TO THEE
THOU SAVIOR OF OUR RACE.
WITH HUMBLE, CONTRITE, PLEADING HEARTS
WE HIDE OUR FACE FROM THEE,
AND TRUST IN THY REDEEMING GRACE
TO SAVE AND SET US FREE.

for us
WE KNOW, THY LOVE, OH JESUS
IS FAR BEYOND OUR THOUGHT,
WHILE IN OUR NEED AND HELPLESSNESS,
SALVATION FOR US BOUGHT
WHAT AGONY! WHAT PAIN UNKNOWN!
WHAT BOUNDLESS LOVE AND CARE!
THAT FOR THIS DARKENED, SIN-SICK WORLD
THE CRUSHING CROSS DID BEAR!

Great is
AND WITH THE MEANS, OH JESUS,
THY SACRAMENTS AND WORD
THOU GIV'ST TO US SALVATION FREE
WHO HEAR AND HEED THY WORD, *and peace, 'tis understood*
AND WHILE THE STILL SMALL VOICE BOTH CALL
THROUGH EARTHQUAKE, WIND, AND FIRE,
GUARD US, OH LORD, *along the way, thy steadfast love*
AND LET OUR LIVES INSPIRE.

TUNE: BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS.